

# Perry County Health Department

## Annual Report 2005

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Message from the Health Department Administrator...

We are pleased to make the 2005 Annual Report available in this new and easy to read format. This report represents the entire volume of work produced by the Perry County Health Department staff and Board of Health members. The Perry County Health Department greatest gift is the continued safety and health of our citizens. We enjoyed many achievements last year and look forward to continued success with your support. Please keep up to date with our success stories and event calendar through our new web site at [www.perryhealth.net](http://www.perryhealth.net)

Douglas D Corbett, MPH  
Administrator  
Perry County Health Department

**WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES**  
PAT BOEHLER

Pat Boehler, RN, delivers women's Health Services. Mrs. Boehler saw a total of 131 clients in FY 2005. Pat has given over 992 packs of birth control pills and 28 Depo Provera injections. Mrs. Boehler's main goal was realized by bringing in a new lab service company to read pap tests at a reduced cost. The reporting timeliness of a new lab service was also a critical decision factor. After long hours of research Mrs. Boehler found an improved Lab Provider. Mrs. Boehler also gave out 85 pregnancy tests for FY 2005.

One of Mrs. Boehler's responsibilities is to provide women of reproductive age the opportunity to discuss reproductive health, sexual health, STD prevention, and family planning questions.

FAMILY PLANNING

Clinic Visits	
Women	795
Men	27
TOTAL	822

37 New Clients

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Chlamydia	12
Gonorrhea	5
Syphilis	1

**EDUCATION & INFORMATION**

VITAL RECORDS - SANDY PHILLIPS, DIANA MAJEWSKI, TERESA HOPP

The local Registrar's Office of Vital Records (Birth and Death Certificates) for Perry County is located at the Perry County Health Department. Certified copies of birth or death certificates may be obtained from the local Registrar.

Number of Deaths Registered	195
Number of Births Registered	0
Certified Birth Certificates Issued	42
Certified Death Certificates Issued	1,426

**HEALTH EDUCATION &  
HEALTH PROMOTION**  
SUSAN COOPER

Thanks to the 2004 tax referendum passing we were excited to reopen our Du Quoin office location at 109 S Division Street on the first floor. The Health Department rehired Mrs. Susan Cooper, RN, BSN, CEC to run the community health education services from the Du Quoin location. Mrs. Cooper officially reopened the doors in November of 2005. Since the reopening, Mrs. Cooper has been developing our women's health fair, giving educational presentations and finalizing the new lab services we will be offering at both locations shortly.

The Health Department contributes a great deal to the community through its work on health promotion and protection. We were hosts of the first Southern Illinois full-scale Bioterrorism exercise in June and again participated in a smaller statewide Strategic National Stockpile (SNS Pharmaceutical dispensing) testing exercise in October. The exercises are designed to allow us to practice our training plans in the event of man-made or naturally occurring emergencies along side our fellow first responders in Perry County.

Perry County Health Department began a new program for Perry County residents under the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities state grant. The "break the habit" program enables us to offer free nicotine replacement therapies to those who choose to quit smoking. Program participants are required to call into the American Lung Association Quitline (866) QUIT YES to receive weekly counseling to enhance their commitment to quit smoking. Perry County had over a 400% increase in QUIT LINE calls over the prior FY 2004. The Perry County Health Department has formed a "Citizen's for Smoke Free Perry County Illinois" coalition to adopt clean indoor air acts throughout Perry County. Residents are welcome to join the coalition by attending our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 3pm at the health department.

**BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING**

Frequent monitoring of your blood pressure will help your health care provider in treating not only hypertension but other chronic disease as well. Consistent patterns of blood pressure reads provide us the ability to find out if you are potentially at risk of stroke, heart attack and other fatal events. It is also important to know your glucose, triglycerides, and cholesterol numbers. The Perry County Health Department will be able to administer a number of common lab-testing services in the very near future.

Number of Blood Pressure screens: Pinckneyville 510 Du Quoin 376 Total 886

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**  
KRIS ROBINSON, R. HAP BROWN III

Perry County Health Department's Environmental Health Division made some great strides in 2005. In February a digital camera was purchased so all EH field activities and complaints can be well documented. In March Kris Robinson, Director of Environmental Health, became a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner as regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. That completed the Health Department's state requirement to have one on staff. In September the EH Division added another staff member, Ron Brown, greatly increasing our

capabilities to inspect and cover the three core programs of food protection, private sewage and private water. With the addition of a staff member we were able to completely overhaul the food and sewage programs. New inspection schedules, a new database of record keeping and permitting were developed. Everything is now fully automated and electronic. All permits and permit applications were revised and updated. A new food construction review system was also put into place. A pilot program called “Thumbs Up for Food Safety” was introduced, allowing the public to see just how well their favorite restaurants rate based upon critical violations observed during inspections. Also, the department’s entire set of program policies were revised and updated and collated into a binder for ease of use. Finally, the entire offices of the EH Division were cleaned and reorganized.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

Private Water Supplies Inspected	2
Water Samples Collected	7
Water Supplies Reported Safe	4
Water Supplies Reported Unsafe	3
Water Quality Tested	0
Wells Drilled	2
Wells Sealed	5

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Plans Reviewed	74
Permits Issued	71
Private Sewage Systems Installed	64
On-Site Inspections	113
Pending Legal Action	1

MORTGAGE SURVEYS 10

FOOD SANITATION

Establishments Inspected	34
Complaints Received	4
Plans Reviewed	10
Temp Establishments Inspected	0
Annual Operating Permits Issued	108

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

PAT BOEHLER

The disease surveillance has changed with the advent of INEDSS, an electronic reporting system for the State of Illinois. During the past year, county hospitals and labs are reporting notifiable diseases online. This semi automated process accounts for more timely reports with far less errors. Through the INEDSS system we investigated 41 cases of communicable disease in individuals living in Perry County. Perry County was outbreak free in FY 2005. Confirmed reportable case quantities are as follows:

Campylobacteriosis	2
CNS Non Bacterial Aseptic Meningitis	1
Giardiasis	1
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	10
Histoplasmosis	1
Pertussis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Staphylococcus (MSRA)	21
Streptococcal Invasive Group A	1
Streptococcal Pneumoniae Invasive	1

## IMMUNIZATIONS

ELLICE WICKWIRE

The Perry County Health Department reported an increase for children and infants receiving flu vaccination. Over 100 children were immunized; nearly double the number in FY 2004.

With the reopening of the DQ office, immunizations are offered now at least 10 days per month. The “no show” appointment rate was higher in our Du Quoin office. Ms. Ellice Wickwire, RN, is our immunization nurse. Ms. Wickwire works closely with the WIC office, school nurses, and head start programs to try and reach out to the harder to reach population of children.

Despite vaccine supplier delays of our shipment, the 2005 flu vaccination clinics were very well organized and effective. In all we administered over 1800 vaccines to Perry County residents in the span of several days.

The total immunizations administered in FY 2005 was:

Td (Tetanus diphtheria)	289
DtaP (Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular Pertussis)	271
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	281
HIB (Haemophilus b conjugate)	401
HBV (Hepatitis B)	88
DT	1
IPV (Injectable Polio)	169
HAV (Hepatitis A)	16
VZVV (Chicken Pox)	164
Comvax (HIB/HVB)	6
Pneumovax	58
Prevnar (Pneumococcal conjugate)	346
Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B)	8
FLU	1,845
Pediarix	302
Menomune (Menigitis)	1
Total	4,246

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

BRENDA EPPLIN, BETTIE ASHAUER, MARILYN FISHER, ELAINE SILBE

### WIC SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded supplemental nutrition and educational program. The program serves pregnant women, breast-feeding women, postpartum women and infants and children up to age five. WIC provides food coupons for milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, 100% juice, peanut butter and dry beans. Breast feeding women receive additional food such as tuna and carrots. Farmer's Market coupons for fresh fruit and vegetables are issued during the summer months. Our in-house Registered Dietitian, Mrs. Bettie Ashauer, is always available to teach anyone about the new food pyramid guidelines.

WIC does lead screening, developmental screening, immunization monitoring of clients, referrals for health care and other services in the community. Applicants must meet income and nutritional risk guidelines. Eligibility for the program is determined during a clinic visit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Late hours are on the first Wednesday of each month until 6pm. Clients also benefit by signing up for our free NRT QUIT YES program.

The WIC caseload was increased from 708 to 746 by the State of Illinois because we were achieving over 100% of our predetermined client goal. The staff works very hard to keep our volume of client's high and grocery stores in Perry County benefited by taking in \$663,670.49 worth of coupons. Through our educational classes, continued community support and breast pump offers we can achieve our goal for the maternal and child health department getting more WIC clients to breast feed their infants until they are one year old.

	WOMEN	INFANTS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
Nutrition Class Visits	565	647	503	1715
Clients Certified	329	144	799	1272
Total Clients Seen				2987
Number of Clinics Held: Pinckneyville				241

### FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT

Family Case Management (FCM) provides coordination of health and social services for low-income pregnant women, infants, and children. The program goals are to increase health outcomes by ensuring early and consistent prenatal care for women throughout their pregnancy, to facilitate well baby checkups and to assist with compliance of required immunizations for children. Eligible families get help in obtaining an ongoing source of medical care and are connected to the nutrition services, health education, transportation, mental health services and substance abuse treatment they may need.

Women and children come into FCM through Department of Human Service referrals, requests for pregnancy tests, and referrals from physicians, agencies or individuals. The number of infants and children appropriately immunized continues to increase and is above the state average.

In response to the Governor's All Kids initiative, the Perry County Health Department will sign up any uninsured child by filling out an application with the Family Case Management staff. By collaborative efforts on part of individuals and agencies alike, the Perry County Health Department FCM staff will continue to provide this necessary service to the women and children of Perry County Illinois.

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE

Clients Served 766

HEALTHY MOMS/HEALTHY KIDS

Home Visits 418

**LEAD POISONING**

PAT BOEHLER

We have increased our testing by 63 children over last year. Du Quoin has become a Lead Poisoning high-risk zip code. Screening is mandated by the state for all kindergarten students. High lead levels can cause decreased brain function and diminished motor skills. It has also been proven to manifest behavioral problems throughout adulthood.

BLOOD SCREENINGS

Lead Screens 188  
hgb 136

**VISION AND HEARING PROGRAM**

PAT BOEHLER

Vision and hearing screenings are provided without charge to all preschool children attending private or public licensed preschool and day care facilities. The Health Department is contracted to provide vision and hearing screening in all Perry County school districts. Mandated grades to be seen for vision are preschool, Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, special education, new students and teacher referrals. Mandated grades to be seen for hearing are preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, special education, new students and teacher referrals.

VISION SCREENS 287

HEARING SCREENS 359

**HOME HEALTH**

CINDY LACY, BETTY GAETZ

The Home Health department remains a very popular and important service to those who meet the homebound status guideline and are under the care of a licensed physician. The quantity of visits remained consistent with FY 2004 even with the Swing Bed program in use by the Hospitals. The Perry County Health Department added the Occupational Therapy service to our FY 05 license.

Financially the Home Health department took in \$139,578.65 from Medicaid reimbursements, \$320.00 from Public Aide reimbursement and \$12,639.18 from private pay insurance for a total of \$152,537.83 in earned revenues.

Skilled Nursing Visits	667	(MC-562 IDPA- 67 Insurance -38)
Home Health Aide Visits	43	MC
Physical Therapy Visits	469	(MC-410, IDPA-0, Insurance 59)
Occupational Therapy Visits	24	MC
Speech Therapy Visits	17	MC
Medical Social Services Visits	5	MC
 Total Home Health Visits	 1,225	

**TUBERCULOSIS**  
BRENDA EPPLIN

A separate TB board in Perry County runs the Tuberculosis program. The health department administers TB tests and prophylaxis to those who test positive for the TB skin test.

T. B. SKIN TESTS

673

**JAIL NURSING**  
NANCY KNOPE

Our nursing staff sees the inmates at the Perry County Jail. Upon arrival the newly incarcerated inmate is tested [twice] for TB, and general health screening questions are administered to the inmate. The jail nurse sees patients weekly on every Tuesday morning. The Perry County Sheriff's office reimburses the health department a \$60.00 fee per day / visit. Service is free of charge to the inmate in most cases.

547 Inmates seen

## Health Department Service Fee Schedule

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICES**

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC (\*\*CHILD)

Td (Tetanus, diphtheria)	\$12.00
Adacel (Tetanus, pertussis)	\$16.00
DtaP (Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular Pertussis)**	\$12.00
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	\$12.00
HIB (Haemophilus b conjugate)**	\$12.00

HBV (Hepatitis B)	\$45.00
Ped DT**	\$25.00
IPV (Injectable Polio)	\$12.00
Ped HAV (Hepatitis A)**	\$25.00
HAV (Hepatitis A)	\$40.00
VZVV (Chicken Pox)	\$12.00
Comvax (HIB/HVB)	\$12.00
Pneumovax	\$35.00
Prevnar (Pneumococcal conjugate)**	\$16.00
Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B)	\$60.00
FLU	\$25.00
Pediarix**	\$16.00
Menomune (Menigitis)	\$12.00
VCF**	\$12.00
Tubersol (TB skin test)	\$12.00

Drug test (Preemployment screen)	\$45.00
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## FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Pregnancy Test	\$5.00
Lead screen	\$30.00
Hearing screens	\$3.00
Vision screens	\$3.00

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

Depo Injection	\$65.00
Contraceptive pills	\$15.00

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

Any food establishment, retail food store, caterer or mobile unit	\$150.00
All bars/taverns	\$100.00
Seasonal permits	\$75.00
Temporary permits	\$20.00

### WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

Water Sample (drop off bottle at health department)	\$15.00
Water Sample (taken by health department)	\$20.00
Well Permits	\$100.00

### WASTEWATER PROGRAM

Septic Permit	\$150.00
Mortgage Survey	\$150.00

## VITAL RECORDS

### BIRTH CERTIFICATES

First certified copy	\$10.00
Additional copies	\$2.00 each

### DEATH CERTIFICATES

First certified copy	\$10.00
Additional copies	\$2.00 each
State of Illinois IDPH EDC fee	\$2.00 each

## COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wayne Bigham, Chairperson  
Bobby Kelly  
Jim Booker

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Bonnie Tolbert, RN, MS, President  
Bryce Harsy, Secretary  
Beth Bigham, MD  
Wayne Bigham, Perry County Commissioner  
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## PHONE DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

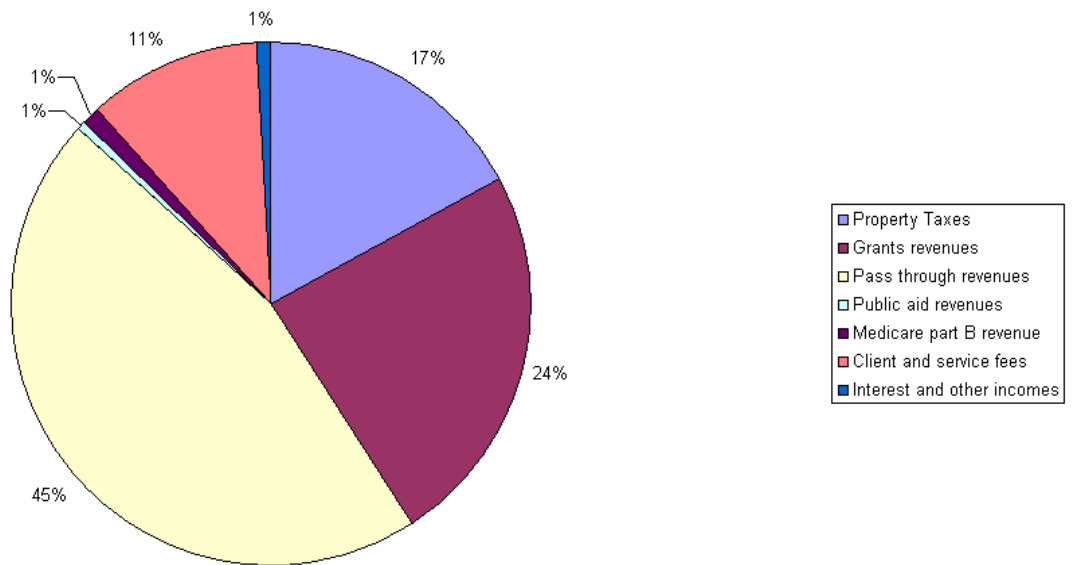
Environmental Health	Ext. 115
Restaurant information	Ext. 114
WIC appointments	Ext. 104
FCM questions	Ext. 107
Communicable Disease	Ext. 109
Registered Dietitian	Ext. 105
Immunizations	Ext. 108
Family Planning	Ext. 109
Vision & Hearing	Ext. 109
Lab testing services	Ext. 106
Home Health	Ext. 111
General questions	Ext. 100
QUITLINE information	Ext. 106
Community Education	(618) 542-6701
To report a civil health threat	Ext. 103

# PERRY COUNTY HEALTH FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

## REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$135,090.49	17.2%
Grants revenues	\$185,623.08	23.7%
Pass through revenues	\$358,042.57	45.7%
Public aid revenues	\$5,026.80	0.6%
Medicare part B revenue	\$7,621.94	1.0%
Client and service fees	\$86,291.97	11.0%
Interest and other incomes	\$6,077.59	0.8%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$783,774.44</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**FY 2005 Revenue Sources by percent**



EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$379230.33	59.7%
Medical supplies	\$33988.82	5.3%
General & Administrative	\$57530.04	9.1%
Equipment	\$17448.05	2.7%
Training	\$6037.68	1.0%
Contracts	\$37565.24	5.9%
Fringe benefits	\$103883.76	16.3%
Total Expenditures	\$635683.92	100.0%

**FY 2005 Expenses by Source & Percent**

