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St. Clair County Health Department 2022 Annual Report

Meet the St. Clair County Health Department 2023 Board of Health Directors

The St. Clair County Board of Health provides guidance and leadership to the St. Clair County Health Department under the direction of the Honorable Mark Kern, County Board Chairman. Board of Health members are volunteers appointed by Chairman Kern and our County Board.



Meet the St. Clair County Health Department Executive & Program Directors

The St. Clair County Health Department consists of 5 divisions related to a variety of public health services. These divisions utilize specially trained staff and funding sources that are uniquely related to their public health objectives and overall, share a common goal of working together for the health of all St. Clair County residents.



ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The 2022 year continued to present challenges in public health as the COVID pandemic was ongoing, the United States experienced a new monkeypox virus outbreak and conducted planning for potential Ebola cases.

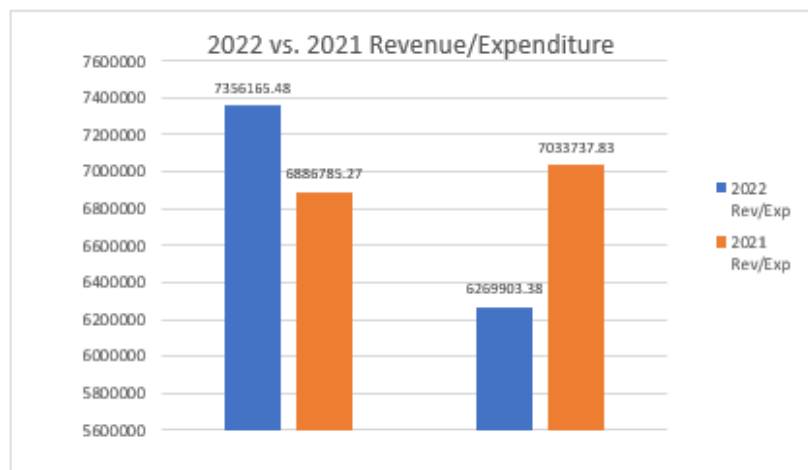
The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) continues to meet these new challenges, while managing the routine public health needs of St. Clair County residents.

Twenty twenty-two brought several positive milestones. The Health Department received PHAB re-accreditation, a national standard for public health agencies. In addition, the health department received a 5-year re-certification by the Illinois Department of Public Health with the completion of a community health assessment and improvement plan (IPLAN).

The William Scrivner Public Health Foundation continues to support Public Health initiatives with annual workforce scholarships and fundraising, hosting the annual golf tournament every fall.

INVESTMENT IN HEALTH

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2022 vs. 2021 Comparative Revenue & Expenditures



In 2022, St. Clair County Health Department realized an increase in revenues of \$469,380 (7%) and a decrease in expenditures of \$763,835 (11%) in comparison to year 2021. The 2021 Audit was completed without findings. The Scrivner Public Health Foundation golf fund-raiser, realized over \$4,829 in proceeds.

HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS

2022 Health Promotion and Wellness (HPW)

A COVID-19 waiver has been in place for the WIC program throughout the pandemic which allows WIC agencies to waive certain certification requirements for the program. St. Clair County Health Department issued 18,190 food instruments in 2021, and 17,922 in 2022. The health department is currently serving 71% of our assigned caseload of 1,950 individuals. WIC participation has fallen nationwide. We anticipate participation to rise as the SNAP emergency allotments will end effective March 1, 2023.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program participation has dropped slightly to 325 clients in 2022 from 386 clients in 2021.

Childhood immunizations have increased slightly; 1,510 vaccinations were administered in 2021, 1,570 vaccinations were administered in 2022. These numbers do not include COVID vaccinations; 4,564 COVID-19 vaccinations were given in 2022, compared to 128,834 in 2021. The availability for COVID-19 vaccine increased at most community providers, and the demand for the vaccine has decreased this year.

2023 GOALS

The Health Department, having identified social media and its website as frequently used platforms for communication with the public, launched a new, interactive website in December of 2022, and will complete a rebranding process with a new logo release during the 2023 calendar year.

The Infectious Disease division will continue to work toward the Implementation of 3rd party billing for HIV testing, adult influenza, and Mpox vaccine, implement rapid gonorrhea and chlamydia testing, work toward the establishment of a comprehensive STI clinic, continue to establish MOUs with colleges, middle schools, and high schools in SCCHD's jurisdiction, to provide sexual health education and HIV testing/safer sex supplies where applicable, improve data collection and monitoring efforts to inform quality improvement projects and social media marketing activities, target individuals and communities most at risk for acquiring communicable diseases, including HIV/STI's to reduce the rate of transmission. The Division will compile a current and comprehensive listing of all medical offices within its jurisdiction to ensure medical

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION

2022 Infectious Disease

SCCHD continued to contract with fifteen agencies to provide Ryan White services to over 689 unduplicated People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

- 636 People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) received Ryan White Case Management services across the 12-County region.
- 28 clients received emergency financial assistance,
- 403 received food bank/home delivered meals,
- 75 received medical transportation,
- 165 received oral health care,
- 107 received assistance with out-of-pocket HIV related medical costs, and
- 197 received supportive transportation.

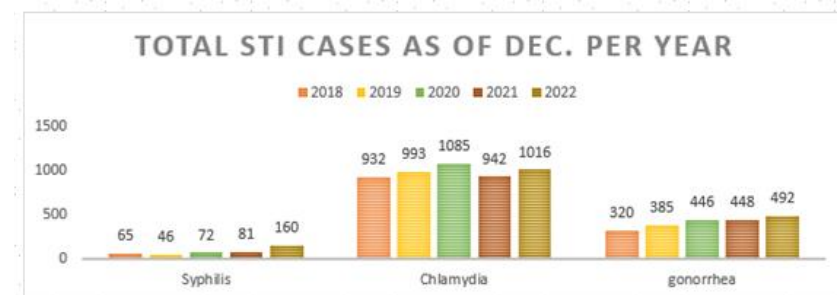
Through three (3) HUD funded housing programs, SCCHD provided permanent housing services for 39 homeless PLWHA.

SCCHD implemented Routine HIV screening on August 17, 2022. Routine HIV testing is offered to any individual who receives immunization, MPV vaccination, and TB screening services. Risk-Based HIV testing continues to be offered to individuals engaging in behaviors that increase the possibility of HIV transmission.

SCCHD provided 88 HIV tests, notified one individual of HIV positive status, and opened 112 HIV surveillance cases.

SCCHD has administered 105 doses of Mpox vaccine.

SCCHD conducted disease investigations, partner services, monitoring, and/or provided education and mitigation strategies for the following cases: 1,016 Chlamydia, 12 E-Coli, 492 Gonorrhea, 11 Invasive Streptococcal, 3 Hepatitis A, 59 Hepatitis B, 80 Hepatitis C, 9 HIV, 2 influenza, 34,010 COVID-19, 14 Salmonella, and 160 Syphilis.



SCCHD conducted 98 Tuberculosis (TB) related field visits for Directly Observed Therapy and 487 Video Observed Therapy sessions. There were 1,100 TB related clinic visits, 26 referrals were made for diagnostic chest x-rays, and 510 TB skin tests were completed, with 40 positive tests. Twenty TB positive patients were seen by the Medical Director.

SCCHD conducted 4,541 illness investigation consultations, 30 of which took place in office.

SCCHD provided CPR certification for 63 St. Clair County employees. Ensured AED equipment across county departments were replenished and in working condition.

SCCHD distributed over 20,000 COVID-19 test kits and 24,000 units of PPE to long term care facilities, medical providers, and other county partners.

Eighty-nine MRC volunteers participated in 48 activities, completing 141.5 volunteer hours at an estimated economic value of \$5,998.96. Activities included scheduling COVID-19 vaccination appointments, providing a first aid table at the Millstadt Autism Walk, and assembling care bags for the homeless population.

COVID-19 Testing & Results									
Agency	2019-December 30, 2022			November 2022			December 2022		
	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent	Total Tests	Positive Results	Percent
SCCHD	709,786	74,323	10.47%	9,214	980	10.64%	8,149	1,520	18.65%
ESHD	237,372	11,999	5.05%	9,746	183	1.88%	8,956	306	3.42%
TOTALS	947,158	86,322	9.11%	18,960	1,163	6.13%	17,105	1,826	10.68%

community awareness of infectious disease prevention services, education, and regulations, and identify new funding opportunities to assist in expansion of Infectious Disease Prevention services.

Environmental Health Programs will conduct an assessment of compliance with the FDA Retail Standards and intends to document compliance with a minimum of two standards. The Division has applied for grant funding to help offset the costs. In addition, the FDA training curriculum has been adopted and will be implemented for Sanitarians. The Department continues to encourage Sanitarians to pursue their Environmental Health Practitioner's license (LEHP).

The Health Promotion and Wellness (HPW) Division and the newly created Clinical Services and Systems (CSS) Division are working to increase grant funded initiatives while expanding the Health Department's scope of clinical services.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NATIONALLY ACCREDITED
BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB)**

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) established in May 1986 by the St. Clair County Board, is charged with carrying out basic health protection and disease prevention services, as well as serving as a resource to work collaboratively with health providers, community organizations, and the public. The department covers 18 of the 22 townships within St. Clair County; the remaining 4 (Stites, Canteen, E. St Louis and Centreville) are within the jurisdiction of East Side Health District.



Our department is one of 98 certified local health departments in Illinois and over 2,800 local health departments across the nation that provides core functions of Assessment, Policy Development and Assurance through 10 essential services necessary to protect the public, prevent disease, and promote good health.

On September 16, 2014, The St. Clair County Health Department was PHAB accredited. PHAB's national public health department accreditation process seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments. Accreditation standards define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited. National public health department accreditation has been developed because of the desire to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders.

The goal of the voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of Tribal, state, local and territorial public health departments.

The St. Clair County Health Department was awarded PHAB reaccreditation on March 9, 2022, after completing an extensive review process.