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Our Mission:

“To assure the highest possible level of health for the people of the communities we serve.”

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Serving you since 1936

2024

Financial Report

Revenue By Source:

Fees & Lincenses -	\$204,591.00
Insurance 3 rd Party -	\$365,968.00
Federal/State -	\$2,727,193.00
Local Effort -	\$617,560.00
Other -	\$290,345.00
Total -	\$4,205,657.00

Expenses By Division:

Agency Support -	\$1,031,362.00
Community Health -	\$2,704,544.00
Environmental Health -	\$469,751.00
Total -	\$4,205,657.00



Community Health Programs

The health department provides a wide range of services to the general public and special populations. A few of the agency's programs are highlighted below:

WIC

In 2024, the Women, Infants, and Children Program provided nutrition education and supplemental food benefits for more than 757 infants, children, and breast-feeding women.

MIHP

In 2024, the Maternal Infant Health Program conducted 1,473 visits by registered nurses, registered dietitians, and social workers to high-needs families with pregnancies or infants.

Hearing & Vision Screenings

In 2024, more than 3,997 hearing and vision screenings were conducted in preschools and K-12 schools throughout Dickinson and Iron counties.

Family Planning

Family planning clinics served 395 clients in 2024, providing clinical exams, education, communicable disease testing and free or affordable birth control.

Immunizations

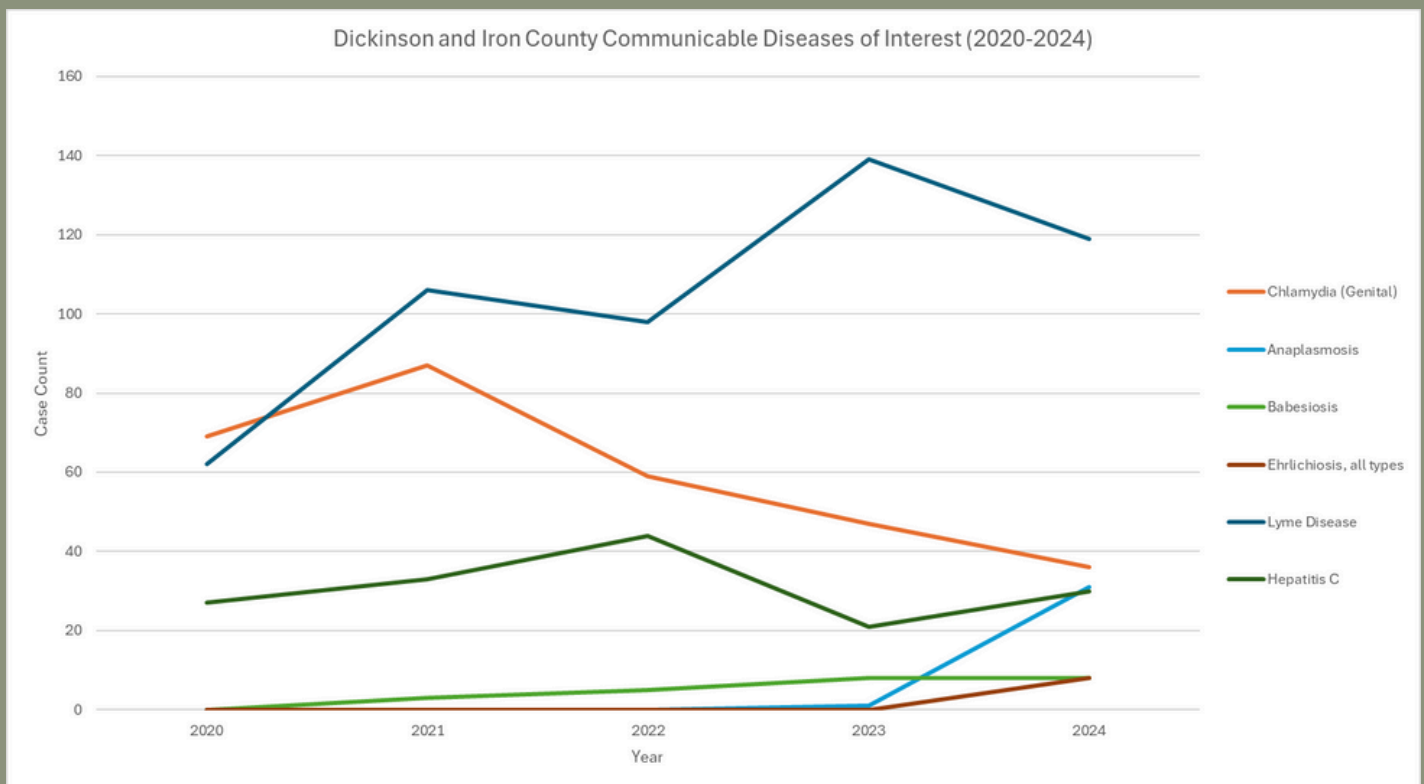
1,990 vaccines were administered to **1,442** clients.



Community Health Status Indicators

Local public health departments track, analyze and publicize rates of disease, health care access and utilization rates, demographics and other community health indicators.

The Health Department monitors reports from physicians and laboratories for a variety of communicable diseases, and is alert to possible disease outbreaks. Below are statistics/trends over the last five years (2020-2024) for several common conditions, including Chlamydia, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, Lyme Disease, and Hepatitis C. These numbers include confirmed, probable and suspect cases.



Disease	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Chlamydia (Genital)	69	87	59	47	36
Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	1	31
Babesiosis	0	3	5	8	8
Ehrlichiosis, all types	0	0	0	0	8
Lyme Disease	62	106	98	139	119
Hepatitis C	27	33	44	21	30

Environmental Health Programs

Environmental health (EH) programs prevent illness from contaminated food, water and other environmental sources. Permitting, inspections, education, and when necessary, enforcement actions protect the public's health. A few EH programs are highlighted below:

Food Safety Program

The focus of the food program is to assure a safe, clean food product for the public through regular inspections and education. Efforts in this program are key elements in assuring the meals we consume outside of the home are safe. Agency sanitarians conducted 554 evaluations at restaurants, schools and temporary food events in 2024.

On-Site Sewage Disposal Management

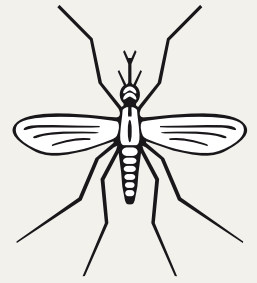
One of the most important methods of preventing the spread of disease and viral infection is the proper treatment of human wastewater. This program provides guidance and oversight for on-site sewage disposal. Site and soil assessments, construction permitting, and inspections are conducted by Health Department sanitarians to prevent environmental contamination. In 2024, 157 construction permits were issued for new on-site sewage systems. During the year sanitarians inspected 124 systems that were installed and approved for use.

Private & Non-Community Water

A fundamental objective of public health met by these programs is the protection of our lakes, streams and the water we drink. Sanitarians monitor the quality of non-community public water supplies such as schools, restaurants and campgrounds. Last year, construction permits for 78 new wells were issued. Sanitarians did 62 well finals with water sampling to ensure well construction and water quality requirements were met.



New Environmental Health Program added in 2024



Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance Project

We have joined the MDHHS Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance Project! Throughout the summer of 2024, our staff set mosquito traps and dragged for ticks in highly recreated areas. The goal of this project was to identify threats and invasive species to better educate and protect local communities from potential disease risk. We are most concerned with mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis; however, during the project, many mosquitoes were sent to a state lab for further Arbovirus testing. Any “black-legged ticks” that were collected were sent to a CDC lab at the end of the season for additional testing for Lyme Disease, Anaplasma, and Babesia. We are very excited to be the first county in the UP to provide data for this project! DIDHD does plan to continue the project in 2025.



STAFF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAININGS

DIDHD Community Health Services staff had the opportunity to attend the following trainings and meetings in 2024:

- Early On Conference
- WIC Peer Conference
- Hearing and Vision Conference
- Family Planning Coordinator Meeting
- Maternal Infant Health Coordinator Meeting
- WIC Coordinator Summit
- KOHA Coordinator Meeting
- Michigan Home Visiting Conference
- All Staff Training Day (on-site) included a guest speaker and a presentation on strangulation.



WIC Conference:

DIDHD staff had the opportunity to attend the State WIC conference in May 2024. They brought back the latest updates and information to better serve our clients in Dickinson and Iron counties.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Community Health Improvement Planning Team (CHIP) provided a Teen Tent at the Gus Macker in July 2024. It supplied healthy snacks, cooling towels, candy, and glow-in-the-dark bracelets as well as a place for teens to sit and cool off. The tent ran a survey to gain teen input on what they need from our community.



DIDHD provided a Lactation Station/Parent Pit Stop at the Iron County Fair in August 2024 and the Dickinson County Fair in September 2024. The lactation station is a great place to feed your baby, change diapers, or learn about other health department programs.



DIDHD staff had a booth at the annual Big Day for Healthy Kids event held at the Imagination Factory. Information about health department services were provided.



The Environmental Health Division at DIDHD applied for a grant to supply Temporary Food Event vendors with necessary items for food safety. With funds received from the Dickinson Area Community Impact Grant, we were able to put together 50 kits which include a probe thermometer, fridge thermometer, gloves, hand soap and paper towel to promote safe food preparation and service.

Emergency Preparedness

A Year in Review

In 2024, the Emergency Preparedness Program provided several preparedness presentations and participated in exercises with community partners to ensure the safety and preparedness of our staff, partners, and community. Here are some key initiatives provided in the last year:

- Participated in a closed point of dispensing tabletop exercise with a long-term care facility. Several community partners including long-term care staff, assisted living staff, emergency management, and public health worked together through a scenario to test local emergency plans. Identified gaps help us better prepare for public health emergencies in the future.
- Preparedness presentations were provided to 270 people in 2024. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator informed families and students about the importance of preparedness and how to prepare for emergencies at home, in the car, or on the go.
- Conducted a measles tabletop exercise with DIDHD clinical staff. Several public health capabilities were exercised including: Emergency Operations Coordination, Emergency Public Information and Warning, Nonpharmaceutical Interventions, and Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration. Identified gaps help us better prepare for public health emergencies in the future.

Through these initiatives and ongoing preparedness efforts the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department strives to prepare both Dickinson and Iron County residents for any type of emergency that may arise.

