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PUBLIC HEALTH
CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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2024 Annual Report

Our Mission: "To Promote, Protect and Improve the Health and Safety of our Citizens"



2024 Local Board of Health Members

Board of Health	
	Dr. Chris Ciotta
	Susie Pryor†
	Michele Starkey
	Megan Long
	Dr. Dallas Bowditch
	Rachel Taylor
	Marcus Glover

2024 Health Department Staff

Employee Name	Employee Position
Dr. Dori Ditty	Health Officer
Serenity Alter	Administrator
Bettia Titus	Vital Records Registrar
Michelle Elliott Elizabeth Beunaventura	Reception/Clerical Support/ Translator
Tonya Smith PHN	Public Health Nurse
Jessica Mullins PHN	Public Health Nurse
Lori Browning PHN	Public Health Nurse Extra
Dan Musselman	Environmental Health Services
Mike Collins	Environmental Health Services
Debbie Grimes	Health Educator
Kacy Hopper	School Liaison

2024 Finances



FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
1161	HFI	\$456,980.95

FUND	NAME	EXPENDITURES
1161	Administrator	\$71,000.00
	PHN	\$71,000.00
	Environmentalist	\$99,000.00
	Deputy	\$39,500.00
	Overtime	\$3,194.19
	Building Improvements	\$7,426.90
	Perf	\$32,059.47
	Social security	\$21,392.72
	Office Holder	\$4,049.24
	General Office Supplies	\$9,694.72
	Training	\$2,265.40
	Computer Equipment	\$8,325.48
	Furniture/Fixtures	\$9,509.75
	Printing	\$4,133.13
	Contractual Services	\$5,702.87
	Total	388,253.87

2024 Finances



FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
1159	Property Tax	\$229,078.73
	Excise	\$14,179.66
	FIT (<i>Federal Income Tax</i>)	\$716.10
	CVET (<i>Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax</i>)	\$619.47
	Food Permits	\$28,875.00
	Vital Records	\$32,798.00
	TB Testing	\$990.00
	Septic Permits	\$4,835.00
	Paternity Affidivats	\$270.00
	Tattoo Permits	\$825.00
	Travel Vaccines	\$440.00
	Total	\$313,626.96

FUND	NAME	EXPEDITURES
1159	Office Holder	\$27,247.00
	Social Security	\$1,606.86
	Perf	\$2,480.10
	Group Insurance	\$153,230.00
	Worksman Comp	\$967.43
	Other Supplies	\$8,045.03
	Fuel	\$2,016.42
	Food	\$84.39
	Utilities	\$22,139.13
	Insurance	\$18,129.00
	Equipment Maintenance	\$2,353.52
	Total	\$238,298.88

2024 Finances



FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
4110	TB	\$5,196.70

FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
9122	PHEP	\$250,00.00
		Carry forward
		\$62,652.03

FUND	NAME	EXPENDITURES
9122	Social security	\$1,316.96
	Extra help	\$17,216.00
	Other supplies	\$8,222.42
	Equipment supplies	\$2,899.00
	Contractual services	\$8,977.10
	Training	\$200.00
	Total	\$38831.48

FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
8999		\$220,000.00

FUND	NAME	EXPENDITURES
8999	Social Security	\$5,674.59
	Perf	\$5,832.70
	School Liaison	\$15,272.74
	PHN	\$36,804.46
	Extra Help	\$24,007.00
	Training	\$1,046.50
	Other Supplies	\$516.96
	Total	\$89,154.95

2024 Finances



FUND	NAME	RECEIPTS
8931		\$127,741.00

FUND	NAME	EXPENDITURES
8931	Social Security	\$5,403.91
	Perf	\$7,951.93
	PHN	\$71,000.00
	Other Supplies	\$679.65
	Travel	\$2,506.89
	Training	\$2,136.44
	Furniture/Fixtures	\$7,938.98
	Total	\$97,617.80

2024 VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

BIRTH STATISTICS

January	51
February	40
March	44
April	51
May	32
June	51
July	56
August	53
September	46
October	61
November	44
December	54
TOTAL	583

GENDER

Male	286
Female	297

PATERNITY AFFIDAVITS

TOTAL: 10

DEATH STATISTICS

January	14
February	15
March	15
April	13
May	17
June	16
July	13
August	16
September	13
October	23
November	11
December	14
TOTAL	180

GENDER

Male	95
Female	85

MANNER OF DEATH

Suicide	6
Other	174

2024 ANIMAL BITES REPORTED

All Animal Bites have been reported to the Animal Warden, Dr. Christopher Ciotta, DVM and the Indiana State Department of Health.

January	8
February	7
March	11
April	10
May	7
June	16
July	13
August	5
September	6
October	11
November	10
December	6

2024 IMMUNIZATIONS

Covid-19	40
DTaP	294
DTap,IPV,Hib,HepB	584
DTap-Hib-B-IPV	80
DTaP-Hib-IPV	211
DTap-IPV	200
HIPV9	92
Hep A, Adult	11
Hep A, Ped Adol 2 Dose	772
Hep B adole or pediatric	179
Hep B Adult	12
Hib	189
IPV	214
Influenza	293
MMR	228
MMRV	320
Meningococcal B	44
Pneumonia	989
RSV	37
Tdap	383
Meningococcal MCV4	361
Rotavirus	285
Varicella	321
Zoster Recombinant	1

TOTAL 6140

Total Patients Immunized 1658

Total Off-Site Clinics: 11

*These include any clinic completed outside of Cass County Health Department location such as schools, Correctional Facilities, Assisted Living, Special Immunization Clinics etc.

Lead

Twenty-six children were reported with levels of 5mcg/dL or higher in 2024. Twenty of the children's levels have decreased and closed out. The remaining six children will be followed until the desired lead levels are obtained.

Tuberculosis

Four cases of active TB were reported in 2024. This involved many hours of contact investigation and testing. With any active case of TB, household, social and workplace contacts are always identified and tested. With one of these cases, the health department staff along with Dr. Ditty, met with the patient's employer and put a plan in place to test all possibly exposed coworkers. With both cases, all contacts testing positive were properly followed and treated if necessary. Much time was also put into ensuring that both patients were receiving and taking medicine as prescribed. Many hours were also spent completing and submitting numerous reports to ISDH.

Fifty-two cases of latent TB cases were also reported in 2024. These patients were also followed and treated through the health department. Reports on all latent TB cases are also required to be submitted to ISDH. 354 PPD tests were placed at the health department and off-site clinics in 2024. Increases in both active and latent TB cases may continue to increase due to the large diverse population in Cass County.

2024 FOOD PROTECTION REPORT

TYPE	2024
TOTAL RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS	358
TOTAL TEMPORARY PERMIT	76
TOTAL FARMERS MARKET PERMIT	33
TOTAL PROBATIONARY PERMITS	0
Tattoo	9
TOTAL	476

2024 ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

COMPLAINT TYPE

COMPLAINT TYPE	2024
Insects	21
Lead	15
Meth	11
Mold	8
Trash/Garbage	38
Unsanitary Living	14
Total Inspections	107

2024 Wastewater Report

The Wastewater section of the Health Department ensures that owners of residential and commercial properties follow proper procedures when seeking a permit to install an onsite sewage system. This is accomplished through the issuance of specifications based on soil and site characteristics, the plan review process, and multiple inspections to ensure proper installation.

WASTEWATER SECTION STATISTICS

Permits

Types	2024
OSS, Residential Permit	33
OSS, Commercial Permit	3
Total	36

Type	2024
New Construction/OSS Repair / Replacement	46

Type	2024
Pre-Permit Site inspections	56
Soil Reports Evaluated	65
Existing septic system record searches	126
Final septic system inspections	49
OSS installers Certified in Cass County	13

2024 Health Education/School Liaison Report

The following presentations are currently offered by the Cass County Health Department Health Educator and/or School Liaison:

- Hand Washing
- Cover Your Cough and Germs
- Dental Hygiene
- Poisons
- Hygiene and Disease Prevention
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Smoking/Vaping
- Bedbugs

Presentations were made to approximately 2865 students consisting of pre-school age through high school.

Monthly presentation has been arranged with the Cass County Council on Aging and also conducting yoga classes twice a month. The presentations have been well received and attendance at yoga has increased.

During the fall of 2024, the CCHD assisted all interested County Employees and families with the flu vaccine.

The Cass County Health Department had 2 booths at the Cass County 4-H Fair. During this fair week, the CCHD educated the public on bed bugs, septic tank information as well as information on our Sleep Safe and Child Passenger Safety programs. The CCHD worked to ensure all needs were being met including vital records and most environmental calls were dealt with on the same day basis. Bed bugs continued to be an issue throughout the year. The CCHD environmentalists worked diligently to assist with area schools as well as the public to educate on prevention and termination of these bugs.

In 2024, the Cass County Health Department continues to be Cass County's only Child Passenger Safety Install Station backed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This allows the CCHD to inspect installation of child passenger safety seats and educate regarding car and booster seat safety.

Debbie Kacy have developed lesson plans, acquainted themselves into the community and continue to provide education and information to all Cass County Schools, Senior Center, Assisted Living Facilities as well as many community events. The School Liaison has been a great addition to our team in 2024. We look forward to growing this program in the years to come.