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**JENNINGS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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HEALTH OFFICER

This annual report for 2024 is published with the intent of keeping the public informed of the efforts put forth by the Health Department to improve the conditions which affect the residents of Jennings County. Much of this is accomplished by the prevention of disease with immunizations, by the studies of communicable diseases, by improving sewage disposal and by the supervision of food handling establishments and groceries.

The Health Department is operated under the direct supervision of the Board of Health composed of seven members. The director of the Health Department is the Health Officer, who carries out the direction of the Board. There is one Clerk-Registrar, three Environmental Health Specialists, one full-time and one part-time Nurse.

Without the continued support of the county officials and the Jennings County residents our programs and services would not be such a success.

Gregory K. Heumann M.D.

BOARD MEMBERS

Curt Scheifinger	Chairman
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STAFF MEMBERS

Dr. Gregory K. Heumann	Health Officer
Peggy Roe	Office Manager/EHS I
Pam Petry	Public Health Nurse
Lisa Carmer	Part-time Nurse
Missy Pappenheim	Clerk/Registrar
Nancy Rosales	Environmental Health Specialist II
Kenny Pearson	Environmental Health Specialist III

Health Dept. Revenues and Disbursements

1159 fund	2024
2024 county budget	\$281,729.00
Fee Revenues	2024
Vital records	\$15,056.00
Nursing	\$7,443.90
Food	\$23,065.50
Septic	\$11,875.00
Vaxcare	\$3748.54
COVID Vaccine Reimbursement carryover	\$175,321.62
Grant Revenues	2024
Local Health Maintenance Fund carry over	\$17,767.19
Indiana Local Health Department Trust Account	\$27,340.89
Public Health Coordinator Base Grant	\$25,000.00
Health First Indiana	\$333,208.74
Disbursements	2024
1159 county budget	\$268,470.43
Covid vaccine reimbursement carryover	\$18,960.65
Local Health Maintenance Fund Carryover	\$0
Indiana Local Health Department Trust Account	\$0
Health First Indiana	\$198,819.93

Covid Vaccine reimbursement, Local Health Maintenance Fund, Indiana Local Health Department Trust Account are all carryover funds from previous years. Once they are spent, they do not get replenished.

Office Management/EHS

Submitted by Peggy Roe, Office Manager/EHS

The office manager assumes many of the responsibilities delegated by the Health Officer.

Budgeting and all finances are done through the office manager and the Board. We are always looking for new programs that would benefit our community through awareness and education.

According to countyhealthrankings.org Jennings County is faring slightly worse than the average county in Indiana for Health Outcomes, and about the same as the average county in the nation.

Health Outcomes			
	Jennings County	Indiana	United States
Length of Life			
Premature Death	11,000	9,300	8,000

Quality of Life	Jennings County	Indiana	United States
Poor or Fair Health	17%	16%	14%
Poor Physical Health Days	4.1	3.5	3.3
Poor Mental Health Days	5.7	5.2	4.8
Low Birthweight	7%	8%	8%

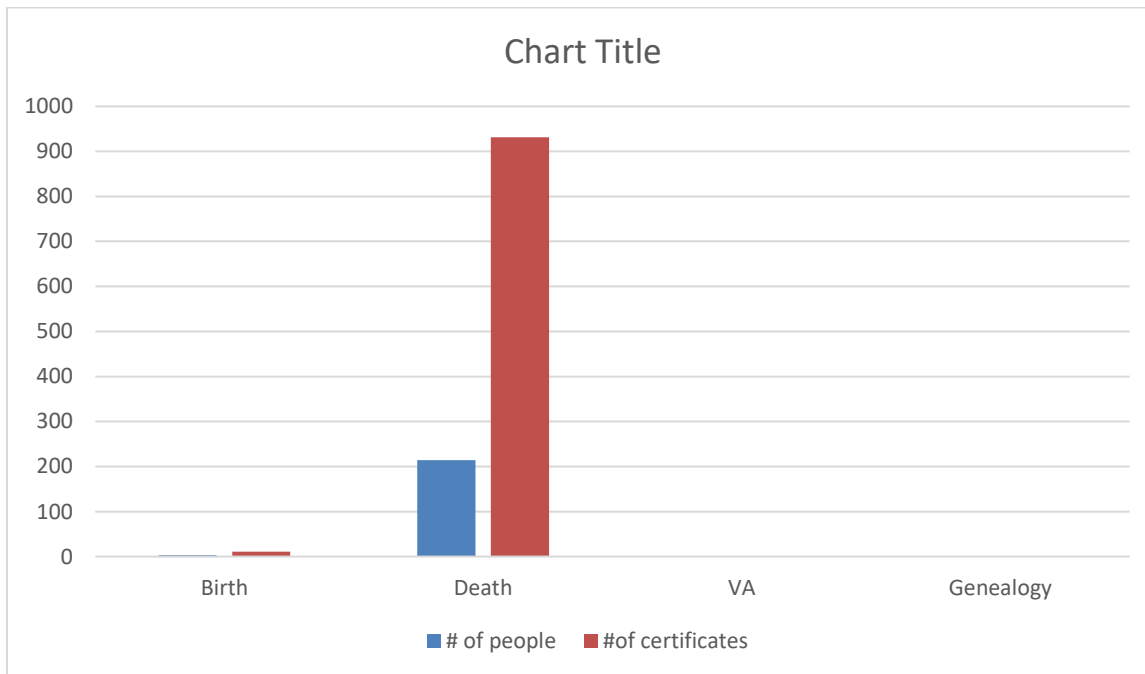
Additional Health Outcomes (not included in summary)	Jennings County	Indiana	United States
Life Expectancy	73.7	75.6	77.6
Premature Age-Adjusted Mortality	550	450	390
Child Mortality	70	60	50
Infant Mortality		7	6
Frequent Physical Distress	12%	11%	10%
Frequent Mental Distress	18%	17%	15%
Diabetes Prevalence	11%	11%	10%
HIV Prevalence	35	217	382

Our goal is to improve our health outcomes within our community, we are searching and working hard to improve a little every year.

Vital Records

Statistics for 2024

- Three (3) recorded home births in Jennings County
- Two hundred and fourteen (214) recorded Jennings County deaths
- Eleven (11) birth certificates issued
- Nine hundred and thirty-one (931) death certificates issued
- No VA Death Certificates was issued
- No Genealogy sheets were issued



The clerk-registrar is working to re-index our genealogy records for ease of use and working to ensure they are all in the database. The duties also include answering incoming phone calls on the main line and manning the front desk; as well as helping others in the office daily.

Emergency Preparedness

Jennings County PHEP Coordinators are responsible for all emergency preparedness public health plans to be used in the event of disasters. Plans are updated annually to ensure updated information. The coordinators maintain communications with essential community partners and develop MOUS for aid. This is an ongoing process to establish current MOUS with partners. Drills are conducted using redundant communications such as Code Red, emails, cell phones and land lines.

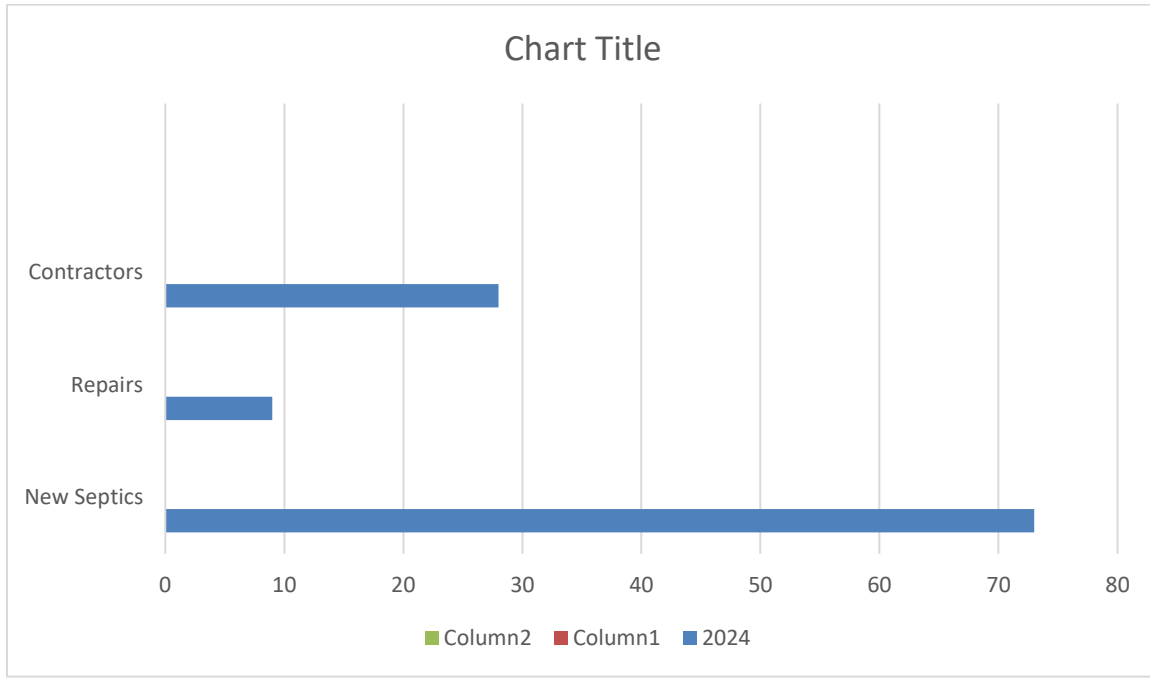
District 9 meets Bi-monthly to discuss plans, upcoming training and educational courses available.

There is an annual conference with a preparedness exercise that follows. The ESF 8 partners all participate and collaborate in this exercise.

Environmental Health

Submitted by Kenny Pearson, EHS Septic

2024 numbers



Vector Control

Jennings County Health Department is partnered with Skeeter Beater Plus to Spray throughout the county for Mosquito spraying as needed in public areas that are frequently used.

This treatment is used to help keep the WNV to a minimum in our community.

Environmental Health – Food/Tattoo/pools

Submitted by Nancy Rosales, EHS

Numerous phone calls came in for the Food division. A new inspector was hired to help with inspections regarding restaurants, Food Trailers, festivals/fair, Pool inspections and tattoo parlors inspections.

Also help with tagging homes that are on the ISP meth lab list within our county. As well as animal bite reports that come in.

There were several education classes held with new restaurants for their employees at the owner's request. This helps build a good working relationship with the restaurant owners and employees and our department. They know what we expect when we come in for an inspection.

The new EHS hired through HFI funds has been certified by IDOH for pool inspections for monitoring and safety.

Nursing

Submitted by Pam Petry, BSN, RN, Public Health Nurse

Immunizations

One of the main focuses for the nursing staff is keeping the public up to date on vaccinations. This includes the public health nursing being a liaison between the health department and the school corporation to help keep the school aged kids current on their vaccines needed for school and college.

There were several off-site clinics done including four (4) Flu clinics given throughout the county. Two (2) Hep B clinics at a local factory. There were two clinics at the Jennings County Jail; inmates were offered Hep A; jail staff were offered Hep A, Hep B and Tdap.

TB

There were two hundred and eighty-one (281) tb skin tests given.

Communicable Diseases

Communicable diseases investigations

The PHN ensures that the staff have First Aid/CPR/AED training as well as bloodborne pathogen training.

Programs

Food As Medicine

Partnered with Purdue Extension Office to offer Food as Medicine.

The FAM concept integrates healthcare provider connections, chronic condition management education, and financial resources into one program that equips limited-resource participants. Participants will enter the program upon self or health provider referral for eight weeks. Each week of the program, participants will receive group education, cooking demonstrations, and a meal kit for a family of four for participants to take home to prepare.

Goals of program or project:

The Food as Medicine program has four goals:

1. By the end of the program, participants will show increased health knowledge as represented in a pre-/post program survey.
2. By the end of the program, participants will report improved health behaviors in a pre-/post-program survey.
3. By the end of the program, participants will report an increased number of meals cooked at home in a pre-/post-program survey.
4. By the end of September 2024, the program will be implemented as planned and stakeholders will be given an opportunity to provide feedback about improvements and adjustments to the program.

The first three goals shared above will be evaluated through pre- and post-program surveys specific to curriculum used. The fourth goal will be evaluated through exit interviews for participants and vendors in the program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAINING BUDGET	NOTES
• Estimated budget for program or project: \$13,770	\$13,770.00	\$5,526.21	\$8,243.79	
➤ \$100 in printing costs	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
➤ \$420 in meal starter kits (spices, oils, etc) (\$20/participant + instructor demo)	\$420.00	\$203.90	\$216.10	
➤ \$5250 in meals kits for Jennings (\$250/participant + instructor demo for 8 weeks)	\$5,250.00	\$972.35	\$4,277.65	average of 3 participants + instructor
➤ \$500 incentive gift for Jennings (\$25/participant)	\$500.00	\$114.96	\$385.04	
➤ \$800/(\$40 per participant) in program fees, ie. Steps to a Healthy You curriculum (Cvent, demonstrations and materials)	\$800.00	\$160.00	\$640.00	
➤ \$2000 (\$100 per participant) for Clinical assessment (biometric lab work)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
➤ \$200 Guest Speaker Stipend (\$50 per guest speaker)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
➤ \$3,500 for Grower Alliance food coordinator that will plan, procure, organize, and prepare weekly meal kits	\$3,500.00	\$2,975.00	\$525.00	
➤ Extension Educator salary is budgeted in the amount of \$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
Totals	\$13,770.00	\$5,526.21	\$8,243.79	

Dining with diabetes

Partnered with Purdue Extension Office to offer Dining with diabetes free Jennings County Residents.

Nutrition and physical activity are keys to managing your type 2 diabetes. But where do you start? The *Dining with Diabetes* program can help!

- *Dining with Diabetes* consists of four sessions and a reunion.
- Adults with type 2 diabetes (or who are at risk) are invited to participate. Family members, caregivers, and support persons, too.

The schedule:

Week 1 — What is diabetes? / Snacks & appetizers

Week 2 — Carbs & sweeteners / Desserts

Week 3 — Fats & sodium / Main dishes

Week 4 — Putting it all together! / Side dishes

The Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

Final totals:

Salary \$403.91

Fringes \$123.66

Participant fees \$280.00

Total \$807.57

Summer Walks 3 Jennings County

Partnered with Purdue Extension in supporting the Summer Walks Jennings County for year 3.

- We had 88 total participants who attended at least one walk. 20 participants attended at least eight walks and another 14 attended between 4 and 7 walks.
- There were 34 walks held this summer, including two new walks each week for people with limited mobility or in wheelchairs or using strollers. Three walks were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- The group walked a total of 931 miles this summer together, which is an average of 10.6 miles per participant over the eight weeks.

The Summer Walks program had a budget of \$1,227.91 of which \$273.96 was unused and returned.

Car seat Safety Partner Program

Partnered with the North Vernon Fire Department to offer free car seats to any family that was in need. The Jennings County Health Department purchased the car seats and the certified installers at the NVFD installed them at their station and a large back to school event in the community.

- 84 car seats purchased and installed.