

Public Health Services

FUNCTION

The functions of the Public Health Services programs are to protect and promote the health of County residents. This is accomplished by monitoring health status and implementing intervention strategies to contain or prevent disease spread (including bio-terrorism and emerging diseases), fostering public-private partnerships which assure access to health services, developing and implementing programs and strategies to address health needs, and evaluating the effectiveness of select programs and strategies.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Care for Kids Program

The services previously provided under this program title have been moved to a new program titled Office of Partnership and Health Planning for FY06.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	703,100	0.0
FY06 Approved	0	0.0

Office of Partnership and Health Planning

This program coordinates health planning and epidemiology, medical quality assurance, grant, and contract development. This program oversees Rewarding Work and Care for Kids programs through public-private partnerships to provide comprehensive health care services for uninsured, medically-indigent children and adults, using the resources of private pediatricians and health provider organizations. This program also coordinates the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Board (FIMR), provides administrative support for Project Deliver and assists with emergency preparedness activities as needed. This program develops and maintains the County health plan. It also coordinates Information Technology (IT) systems development with Department's IT program.

FY06 Changes

- Provide \$3.0 million in funding for Montgomery Cares – Access to Health Care for the Uninsured for a total of \$4,981,900. This funding represents the first year commitment of a five year major expansion effort to increase the number of individuals receiving health care services at safety net clinics from the 13,000 currently being served to 40,000 by Fiscal Year 2010.

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Care for Kids Program	0	0.0
Office of Partnership and Health Planning	6,084,810	7.3
Office of Minority & Multicultural Health Services	2,881,200	8.0
Communicable Disease, Epidemiology, & Lab Services	1,419,460	14.5
Community Health Nursing	9,478,820	102.9
Dental Services	1,423,070	13.7
Environmental Health Regulatory Services	2,672,190	28.1
Health Care and Group Residential Facilities	1,253,560	12.0
Health Promotion and Prevention	1,286,980	7.2
Specialty Medical Evaluations	0	0.0
Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs	1,723,100	6.0
STD/HIV Prevention and Treatment	4,758,040	36.5
School Health Services	14,402,650	192.5
Tuberculosis Services	1,765,880	18.8
Women's Health Services	3,472,910	12.8
Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response	1,399,120	9.6
Service Area Administration	751,800	4.0
Totals	54,773,590	473.9

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	0	0.0
FY06 Approved	6,084,810	7.3

Office of Minority & Multicultural Health Services

This program includes the African American Health Program, Latino Health Initiative, and the Asian American Health Initiative. These programs work in close coordination with community leaders and key stakeholders who advocate for access to health care for low-income residents; develop, implement and evaluate culturally competent strategies and programs to eliminate health disparities that disproportionately affect minorities; and work to enhance collaboration and coordination of efforts among existing County and non-profit programs and services, including volunteer outreach workers and health promoters.

FY06 Changes

- ❑ Enhance the Latino Health Initiative by providing funds to expand the Latino Youth Wellness Demonstration project and support the planning/development of a youth center. In addition, these funds will increase services for the System Navigator/Interpreter program and fund a pilot nursing program.
- ❑ Enhance the African American Health Program by providing funds for a contractual nurse to case manage high-risk mothers; HIV/AIDS outreach campaign; and Diabetes education.
- ❑ Enhance the Asian American Health Initiative to implement a System Navigator/ Interpreter program.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	0	0.0
FY06 Approved	2,881,200	8.0

Communicable Disease, Epidemiology, & Lab Services

This program involves investigations, management, and control of the spread of over 60 infectious diseases as stipulated by Maryland law, including: rabies; hepatitis A, B, and C; salmonellosis; measles; cholera; legionellosis; and lyme disease. Emerging pathogens, such as West Nile Virus, are addressed with aggressive surveillance efforts and collaboration with State agencies of Agriculture, Health and Environmental Protection. Disease outbreaks in high-risk populations are managed to prevent further spread of the diseases to others. Educational programs are provided to groups who serve persons at-risk for infectious diseases (homeless shelters, nursing homes, day care centers, etc.). The program also provides vital records (birth and death) administration for Montgomery County and coordinates clinical services and community education activities to promote accessibility to immunization for children below age two.

FY06 Changes

- ❑ Create a roving immunization team (one Community Health Nurse Group position and one Community Services Aide group position) to staff immunization clinics at a variety of locations in the County throughout the year.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,356,860	16.0
FY06 Approved	1,419,460	14.5

Community Health Nursing

This program provides a single point of entry for eligibility screening and assignment to community health services. Services include general care; access to care through public-private partnerships; and case management of targeted populations including pregnant women, children, and vulnerable clients in the Medicaid managed-care system. This program also provides specialty diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment, to medically-indigent children through public/private partnerships. Care coordination is provided for low-income families, children, and adolescents with chronic or handicapping conditions. Audiology services provide testing for suspected or known hearing loss to eligible persons of all ages. Other services include immunizations and pregnancy testing. The African-American Health Program has been moved to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health Services in FY06.

FY06 Changes

- ❑ Add a Community Service Aide to the Service Eligibility Unit to handle the increased workload as a result of additional non-profit clinics under the Rewarding Work program and the increase in the undocumented population.
- ❑ Enhance the Healthy Start Case Management Program by adding three community health nurses and three community service aides to provide targeted case management to over 1,000 mothers and children from birth until 2 years of age.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	10,955,940	86.0
FY06 Approved	9,478,820	102.9

Dental Services

This program provides dental services to promote oral health. Services include teaching of preventive health practices, primary assessments, targeted dental services, and emergency services. Services are provided to income-eligible Montgomery County children, pregnant women, and seniors. This program also includes an HIV Dental Program, which provides comprehensive oral health services to HIV-infected clients.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,382,220	13.8
FY06 Approved	1,423,070	13.7

Environmental Health Regulatory Services

This program involves issuing permits for and inspection of, a variety of activities in order to protect the public health by ensuring that sanitation standards are met and maintained, and that there is minimal risk of injuries and spread of vector, and food and water borne diseases. Food service establishments, swimming pools, health-care facilities, group homes, private educational facilities for children and adults, hotels, motels,

massage establishments, and a variety of other facilities used by the public, are inspected and licensed. Inspections are conducted for compliance with health and safety standards established by the County and by State of Maryland laws and regulations. The County's Rat Control Ordinance and smoking prohibitions and restrictions are enforced under this program. Complaints made by the public are investigated and orders for correction are issued as appropriate.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,539,920	27.9
FY06 Approved	2,672,190	28.1

Health Care and Group Residential Facilities

This program inspects and licenses nursing homes, domiciliary care homes (large assisted living facilities with less intensive care than nursing homes), adult day care centers, small assisted living facilities and group homes to ensure compliance with County, State, and Federal laws and regulations. Staff respond to complaints and provide advice and consultations to licensees to maintain high standards of care.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,198,510	12.0
FY06 Approved	1,253,560	12.0

Health Promotion and Prevention

This program provides a combination of training, consultation, coalition building, and health information to community groups to facilitate change in community and personal healthy attitudes and behaviors related to obesity, nutrition, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and injuries and death in vehicle-pedestrian collisions related to driver and pedestrian behaviors and to urban design. This program also administers grants to community groups for substance abuse prevention; and operates the "5 A DAY Nutrition" program for elementary schools, a smoking-cessation program for adults, a traffic safety and injury prevention program, a child abuse prevention and parenting program for high-risk parents, and a training program to enable Spanish speaking health promoters to disseminate specific health information in the community. The Latino Health Initiative has been moved to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health Services in FY06.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,088,880	9.7
FY06 Approved	1,286,980	7.2

Specialty Medical Evaluations

This program was incorporated into Community Health Nursing in FY06.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	802,330	9.1
FY06 Approved	0	0.0

Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs

Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program and the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening and Treatment Program are two major programs funded through the State Cigarette Restitution Funds. The State funding allows for administering grants to community groups for outreach, screenings, education, and treatment. Each program has established coalitions consisting of public health partners, community based organizations, hospitals, and other existing resources that work collaboratively to implement the statewide goal of early detection and elimination of cancer disparities, as well as the establishment of comprehensive tobacco-control programs.

FY06 Changes

- Cigarette Restitution Fund Cancer Prevention grant reductions will result in a 16-20 percent reduction in cancer screenings and clinical services.*
- Oral Cancer Prevention Grant reductions will result in a reduction in the number of awareness campaigns and outreach efforts.*
- Cigarette Restitution Fund - Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Grant reductions will result in fewer outreach activities addressing the effects of tobacco use.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,006,180	4.5
FY06 Approved	1,723,100	6.0

STD/HIV Prevention and Treatment

The STD Program provides diagnosis and treatment to those who have contracted sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Contacts of diseased patients are confidentially notified and referred for treatment. HIV counseling and testing is provided, with referral for medical and psychosocial support services if the test is positive. The HIV program provides primary medical care through all stages of HIV/AIDS, medication, as well as a broad spectrum of case management support services. Other services include home/hospice care, coordination of a regional HIV dental clinic, and housing services through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance HIV Case Management by adding one social worker (for a total of three) to prevent waiting lists and delays in services, and avoid possible hospitalizations.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	4,466,670	34.7
FY06 Approved	4,758,040	36.5

School Health Services

This program provides school-based health services to students in Montgomery County Public Schools. Services include emergency care; crisis intervention; referral for medical, psychological, and behavioral conditions; and health counseling

and education. The program coordinates the health components of Head Start. It also administers the School Health Services Center, which provides services to students and families who have recently immigrated, as well as the primary pediatric care and health services at the school-based health centers.

FY06 Changes

- Provide staffing (one Community Health Nurse and two School Health Room Aides) for Quince Orchard #2 and Belt Middle Schools opening in August 2005.
- Provide staffing for the Gaithersburg School Based Health Center (one Community Health Nurse and contractual services).
- Enhance the Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting Support Program.
- Add funds to conduct four School Based Health Center feasibility studies.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	12,860,410	189.6
FY06 Approved	14,402,650	192.5

Tuberculosis Services

This program involves testing persons for exposure to Tuberculosis (TB), treating active cases, identifying persons at risk of developing TB, performing contact studies to determine who may have been exposed to an infectious person, and the supervision of therapy. Each patient is diagnosed, has a treatment plan developed, and has supervised medication therapy. Special programs are provided to high-risk populations, such as the homeless, addicted persons, incarcerated persons, and persons living in high-density areas of foreign-born populations.

The Refugee Health Program is a part of TB control and involves screening all persons who enter the County with refugee status for communicable diseases. Refugees are medically assessed and are either treated or referred to the private sector. The Migrant Health Program is also provided in compliance with Federal laws governing migrant laborers.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Program (add one community health nurse and one community services aide) to address the problem of clients not taking medication regularly, and to improve contact investigation.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,596,490	17.2
FY06 Approved	1,765,880	18.8

Women’s Health Services

This program provides family-planning services; prenatal health care; gynecological examinations, through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (BCCS) program, to income-eligible women; and BCCS-related case management services. Referral services are provided for individuals with specific health issues (i.e. sexually transmitted diseases). Newborn delivery services are provided through participating hospitals, as are nursing case-management services for mothers of high-risk infants.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance the Maternity Partnership program for an inflation adjustment and to provide prenatal services to additional low-income uninsured women.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	3,646,980	22.5
FY06 Approved	3,472,910	12.8

Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

This program is responsible for the planning and readiness to identify a bio-terrorism threat and to respond immediately if a disaster occurs. Planning efforts are in collaboration with the County Emergency Management Group, the Department of Fire and Rescue Service, Police, the Volunteer Center and a variety of other County, State, and regional agencies. Initial efforts are targeted at training and staff development; communication strategies; emergency response drills; partnerships; resources and equipment; the establishing disease surveillance systems and smallpox readiness.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,637,550	8.6
FY06 Approved	1,399,120	9.6

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Public Health Services.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	749,600	3.0
FY06 Approved	751,800	4.0