# 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, providing individual and community level health education, and evaluating the effectiveness of select programs and strategies.

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### *Office of Health Partnerships and Health Planning*

This program coordinates health planning and epidemiology, medical quality assurance, Memorandum of Understanding, grant, and contract development. This program oversees Montgomery Cares (formerly 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 coordinates development and tracking of Public Health Services' program measures and coordinates relevant Information Technology (IT) systems development with the Department's IT program.

#### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

- ❑ ***Provide $5 million in additional funding for Montgomery Cares – Access to Health Care for the Uninsured. This funding represents the second year commitment of a five year major expansion effort to increase the number of individuals receiving health care services at safety net clinics to 17,000 in FY07 to achieve 40,000 served by Fiscal Year 2010.***
- ❑ ***Increase funding to annualize the costs of providing medical care for 1,200 additional uninsured children in the Care for Kids program.***

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| **FY06 Approved** | **6,084,810** | **7.3** |
| **FY07 CE Recommended** | **12,033,100** | **10.8** |

## Program Summary

| | *Expenditures* | *WYs* |
|---|---|---|
| Office of Health Partnerships and Health Planning | 12,033,100 | 10.8 |
| Office of Minority & Multicultural Health Services | 3,752,650 | 9.8 |
| Communicable Disease, Epidemiology, & Lab Services | 1,504,530 | 14.5 |
| Community Health Nursing | 9,896,270 | 104.8 |
| Dental Services | 1,478,440 | 13.7 |
| Environmental Health Regulatory Services | 3,061,970 | 29.6 |
| Health Care and Group Residential Facilities | 1,320,290 | 12.0 |
| Health Promotion and Prevention | 1,301,960 | 7.6 |
| Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs | 1,728,850 | 6.0 |
| STD/HIV Prevention and Treatment | 4,978,710 | 40.6 |
| School Health Services | 15,509,530 | 197.7 |
| Tuberculosis Services | 1,890,650 | 19.2 |
| Women's Health Services | 3,755,980 | 13.3 |
| Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response | 1,401,660 | 9.6 |
| Service Area Administration | 803,760 | 4.4 |
| **Totals** | **64,418,350** | **493.6** |

## 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 called Health Promoters.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ***Enhance funding to the African American Health Program to develop a program evaluation system that can be adapted for patient/client outcomes; complete a needs assessment for African and Caribbean Immigrants to determine the health status, health needs, and interpreter needs; contract a Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator to provide individual follow-up for clients attending the Diabetes Self-Management program; and convert a storage area into a conference room.***
- ***Enhance funding to the Latino Health Initiative to create a data coordinator position to enhance the Latino Youth Wellness Project; to enhance the System Navigator and Interpreter Program; to complete an evaluation of recommendations outlined in the strategic plan and to engage in the community planning process.***
- ***Enhance funding for the Asian American Health Initiative to expand the System Navigator and Interpreter Program.***

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 2,881,200 | 8.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 3,752,650 | 9.8 |

## Communicable Disease, Epidemiology, & Lab Services

This program involves investigations, management, and control of the spread of over 65 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,419,460 | 14.5 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,504,530 | 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 conducting pregnancy testing.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ***Replace grant funding to continue to process applications for the Service Eligibility Unit for various health programs for pregnant women and children.***

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 9,478,820 | 102.9 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 9,896,270 | 104.8 |

## 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,423,070 | 13.7 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,478,440 | 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 or spread of vector, and food and water borne diseases in facilities licensed by the program. 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ *Provide increased funding for two additional inspectors for a total of 21 inspectors.*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 2,672,190 | 28.1 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 3,061,970 | 29.6 |

## 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 serving children, elderly, mentally ill and developmentally disabled 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,253,560 | 12.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,320,290 | 12.0 |

## Health Promotion and Prevention

This program provides a combination of training, consultation, coalition building and health information to community groups to help change attitudes and behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. The program also administers grants to community groups for substance abuse prevention; provides planning and consultation relating to nutrition and physical activity; coordinates smoking awareness and cessation programs for adults; administers traffic safety and injury prevention programs for various target groups; provides shaken baby prevention and parenting programs for high-risk parents and providers. This program provides a health information outreach program targeting faith-based community churches to help reduce health disparities.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,286,980 | 7.2 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,301,960 | 7.6 |

## 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, whether based on race, ethnicity, age or sex, as well as the establishment of comprehensive tobacco-control programs.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,723,100 | 6.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,728,850 | 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 infected 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 4,758,040 | 36.5 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 4,978,710 | 40.6 |

## School Health Services

This program provides health services to the students in Montgomery County Public Schools. These services include: first aid and emergency care; illness appraisal; medication and treatment administration; health counseling, consultation and education; referral for medical, psychological and behavioral problems; case management for students with acute and chronic health conditions as well as pregnant and parenting teens. Hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings are provided to students in selected grades and by teacher referral. Immunizations and tuberculosis screenings are administered at the School Health Services Centers, primarily to international students enrolling in MCPS. Primary health care, provided by nurse practitioners and physicians, is provided, in addition to routine health services to students enrolled in the County's three School Based Health Centers.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ *Provide additional funds for school health service staff (Nurses and School Health Room Aides) at Extended School Year Sites at Montgomery County Public Schools serving special needs children.*
- ❑ *Provide school health services for five schools opening in the Fall of 2006.*
- ❑ *Enhance funds to annualize the operating costs at the Gaithersburg School Based Health Center.*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 14,402,650 | 192.5 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 15,509,530 | 197.7 |

## 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,765,880 | 18.8 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,890,650 | 19.2 |

## Women's Health Services

This program provides services for women, including prenatal health care and family planning services. Referral services are provided for individuals with specific health issues (i.e. sexually transmitted diseases). Newborn delivery services are provided through participating hospitals. Nursing case-management services are provided for pregnant women and high-risk infants. Gynecological examinations, clinical breast examinations, mammograms, ultrasounds of the breast and related case-management services are offered through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCP) to eligible women aged forty years and older.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ ***Enhance maternity services to provide prenatal and delivery services to 150 additional low-income uninsured women.***

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 3,472,910 | 12.8 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 3,755,980 | 13.3 |

## 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 Homeland Security, 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.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,399,120 | 9.6 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,401,660 | 9.6 |

## Service Area Administration

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

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 751,800 | 4.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 803,760 | 4.4 |