



TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH Annual Report 2015



380
Staff

19
Locations

\$62M
Budget



Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) earned the coveted national accreditation status from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in November. Serving a county population of nearly 1.9 million residents, TCPH became the first nationally accredited health department in the DFW Metroplex, and only the second in the state - behind the City of Houston. By obtaining national accreditation status, TCPH ended 2015 as one of the first 100 accredited public health departments in the nation, and among the top three percent of all public health departments nationally.

The TCPH North Regional Laboratory ran a record 5,043 mosquito pool tests during the 2015 season. Historic rainfalls in the Spring resulted in a later start to the West Nile Virus season, with positive pools and ground spraying efforts heating up during the summer. TCPH reported several dozen cases of WNV, with only one death for the season. As the Chikungunya virus crept up through the Americas, TCPH epidemiologists stayed vigilant for the likely arrival of this new tropical disease.



PROJECTS BORN



Live Tobacco Free became the only FREE education-based resource to help residents in Tarrant County quit nicotine.

Better Health, Better Business launched in March as a FREE service to help local businesses improve employee health.



SOCIAL MEDIA LAUNCHED



TCPH launched the Twitter handle @TCPHTweets in March, becoming verified in weeks, making it an official voice.

The department debuted an expanded social media lineup including YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn and QR scan codes.



POLICIES ENACTED



TCPH led the way and became the first Mother-Friendly Worksite county in the state.

BEST PRACTICES ADOPTED



During Ebola, staff developed a computer-aided dispatch system to share information with first responders, now used statewide.



YEAR IN PICTURES



Staff participate in National Walking Day.



County staff and Health Director Vinny Taneja celebrate TC Heart Walk outside Commissioners Court.



Health Director Vinny Taneja presents the yearly staff CQI Award Winners.



Graduates of the Nurse Family Partnership program celebrate with family at the Fort Worth Zoo.



TCPH hosted a rare radiological training exercise in March with guidance from the U.S. Department of Energy.

“In the midst of so much high profile activity, our staff did not lose focus. They continued to deliver other services at their best. This is what makes our organization great.”
- Vinny Taneja, MBBS, MPH



FOX 4 visited the Environmental Division for a story about mosquitoes and WNV season.



After a statewide report in November highlighted Kissing Bug dangers, staff entomologist Nina Dacko examines one of many samples sent to the department for identification.



Commissioner Roy C. Brooks presents a proclamation in Commissioners Court for the annual Health Fair.



Health Director Vinny Taneja continued the department tradition of honoring an outstanding employee of the month.







Staff show their support for heart disease prevention on National Wear Red Day.

A SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY

The following table provides a three-year glimpse of TCPH activities and/or numbers of people involved. Fluctuations may be due to changes in reporting requirements.

DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD MEASURES	2013	2014	2015
BCCCP - Pap smear screens	711	606	451
BCCCP- Breast exams	1,039	829	361
BCCCP - case-managed clients	398	217	141
Pregnancy tests & referrals	598	437	365
Flu shots provided	14,152	14,041	11,755
Immunizations provided	119,130	96,894	101,277
WIC - visits	652,496	616,333	606,092
Health education - health events, presentations	644	670	602
Health education - referrals	11,371	13,254	13,662
Communicable disease reports investigated	4,959	4,494	4,034
New HIV cases reported	253	292	317
STD clinic visits	5,860	7,063	7,049
STD disease intervention, field investigations	3,200	3,198	4,123
Clinical lab tests performed	53,558	53,027	49,631
HIV/STD cases investigated, partners notified	670	898	874
Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) HIV care caseload	985	965	865
PMC clinic visits	5,489	5,283	4,834
Travel Health Services clinic visits	3,378	2,778	2,530
TB clinic visits	16,416	13,907	10,284
TB contacts screened as part of disease intervention investigation	808	1,155	1,548
TB cases in Tarrant County	70	77	65
Percent of foreign-born TB cases	64.3	70.1	75.4
Suspected TB cases treated preventively	77	196	194
HIV co-infections (cases only)	2	0	2
Drug-resistant cases (TB)	4	7	8
Directly Observed Therapy doses administered in the field (TB)	9,313	8,772	7,135
DOPT doses administered (TB)	8,835	10,182	13,755
Contacts investigated (TB)	808	1,155	1,548
Total on therapy (TB)	147	83	120
Total with latent TB infection	943	1,146	780
Food establishment inspections	5,683	6,374	7,838
Swimming pool inspections	1,005	961	1,085
Onsite sewage facilities permitted	204	377	354
Food handlers trained/certified	15,983	15,285	13,172
Mosquito pools tested for WNV	4,290	4,794	5,006
Milk and dairy lab tests performed	17,785	18,018	17,430
Water lab tests performed	19,761	19,242	19,329

TOTAL FUNDS FY2015 = \$62,145,035

	Local Government Funds	\$11,483,913
	Local Fees	\$2,623,400
	Local Private Funds	\$156,289
	State Grants	\$22,217,296
	Federal Grants	\$6,172,632
	1115 Waiver Funds	\$19,491,505

