

Chapter 8

Local Public Health Services

Taney County Health Department Profile

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Web Site: http://www.taneycohealth.org		
Governing Body: Board	Advisory Board: Yes	Mill Tax Rate: \$0.14
Ordinances: Animal Control; Fee for Service; Prohibiting Accumulation of Waste Materials and Nuisance in County; 1999 National Food Code (Countywide)		
Primary Focus: Improve the health and environment of the community through leadership, education and coordination of services.		
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Services Offered: Blood Pressure Screening Child Car Seat Education Children's Dental Clinic Community Health Program Planning Communicable Disease Testing and Follow-up Disease Surveillance and Data Analysis Emergency Response Planning Comprehensive Environmental Health Services Including: Animal Control, Daycare, Lodging and Restaurant Inspections, Certified Laboratory, Pool Monitoring and Vector Control Hepatitis C Testing and Education Family Planning Immunizations for Children and Adults Flu Shot Clinics Lead Screening MC+ Applications Prenatal Case Management Pregnancy Testing and Temporary Medicaid Public Health Education Resource Referrals STD/HIV Testing and Counseling School Health Show Me Healthy Women TB Testing WIC		
Contracts with DHSS: Child Care Facility Inspection Core Public Health Functions Emergency Response Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Show-Me Healthy Women WIC		
Total Revenue (2006): \$3,225,946		Local Contribution (2006): \$2,272,662
# of Licensed Child Care Facilities: 58		Capacity: 1,260
# of Hospitals: 1		Population as of 2006: 43,770
# of Rural Health Clinics: 8		# of Federally Qualified Health Clinics: 0
Ratio of Physicians Per Population: 1:588		Ratio of RNs Per Population: 1:148
MC+ (Fee for Service or Capitated Rate): Fee for Service		

Environmental Health Services

The City of Branson and Taney County Health Departments merged in February of 2008. Prior to this merger, the two departments collaborated to provide citizens and visitors of Branson and Taney County a non-duplicated set of public health services. The two departments merged in an effort to better serve the community in an effort to utilize resources more efficiently and effectively. The environmental health services offered by the City of Branson Health Department for the City of Branson and Taney County will continue as part of the Taney County Health Department. The expertise, leadership, and national recognition garnered by the City of Branson Health Department will continue as the environmental public health staff members become part of the Taney County Health Department.

The environmental services provided by the Taney County Health Department are: food, lodging, pool, tattoo/massage, and daycare inspection programs; animal control, nuisance compliance, well water testing, West Nile mosquito and bird surveillance programs, emergency preparedness, as well as handling any threat or situation that may present an imminent hazard to public health. The environmental health chapter of this assessment provides an overview of the environmental health services provided in Taney County. The following tables provide information on the other services provided by the Taney County Health Assessment.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

The Taney County Health Department provides many services that address maternal, child, and family health activities. The following tables provide information on the services provided during 2007.

The WIC services provided in Taney County increased from 2006 to 2007, with the total number of enrolled clients increasing by 3.5%. This increase was a result of the number of women and infants enrolling in the program. The number of women and infants enrolled in the program increased by 7.0% and 6.2% respectively.

Table 8.1

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Activities Taney County, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
WIC Clients Enrolled (total)	19,669	20,354	685	3.5
Women	5,128	5,487	359	7.0
Infants	4,647	4,933	286	6.2
Children	9,894	9,934	40	0.4
Average Monthly caseload	1,639	1,696	57	3.5
Average new clients each month	95	102	7	7.4
Average clients re-certified each month	193	202	9	4.7
Physician referrals from WIC Staff	1,522	1,850	328	21.6

Source: Taney County Health Department

Dental Clinic Services for Children

In 2007 a total of 2,930 total dental visits were provided for children receiving Medicaid in Taney County. During these visits, 355 extractions, 879 dental sealants, and 1,900 Flouride treatments were provided.(Table 8.2)

Table 8.2

Dental Clinic Services for Children Taney County Health Department, 2007			
	2006	2007	Percent Change
Total Dental visits	3,026	2,930	-3.2
Total Dental extractions	472	355	-24.8
Total Dental Sealants	1,396	879	-37.0
Visits to OACAC (early Headstart-exam & Flouride)	2	2	0.0
Number of OACAC children seen at TCHD	105	138	31.4
Tubes of toothpaste supplied	1,825	1,900	4.1
Toothbrushes supplied	1,730	1,800	4.0
Oral Hygeine Instructions Given	1,581	1,587	0.4
Flouride Treatments Given	1,675	1,900	13.4

Source: Taney County Health Department

Nursing Activities

Many nursing activities are routinely provided by the Taney County Health Department. In 2007, nurses provided 1,113 blood pressure checks, 1,380 family planning visits, 575 pregnancy tests, and filed 580 temporary Medicaid applications.

Table 8.3

Nursing Activities-Taney County Health Department, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Blood lead tests	24	96	72	300.0
Blood Pressure Checks	1,298	1,113	-185	-14.3
School Nursing Days	78	80	2	2.6
Number of People-Case management	249	137	-112	-45.0
Family Planning Visits	1,544	1,380	-164	-10.6
Depo Provera	181	94	-87	-48.1
Pregnancy Tests	575	575	0	0.0
TEMP Medicaid Applications Filed	551	580	29	5.3

Source: Taney County Health Department

Providing vaccine and immunizations are an important public health service provided by the Taney County Health Department for all residents of Taney County. A well-trained nursing staff at the Forsyth and Branson offices provides these services. From 2006 to 2007, the total number of vaccines provided to children through the Vaccine For Children (VFC) program increased from 1,258 to 1,543 or 22.7%. 3,238 adults and children were provided 7,844 vaccinations in Taney County for 2007.

Table 8.4

Vaccination Activities-Taney County Health Department, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Vaccine for Children Program (Total Vaccinations)	1,258	1,543	285	22.7
Total Vaccinations, 18 years of age and under	1,147	2,370	1223	106.6
Total Adults Vaccinated, 19 years of age and over	1,983	868	-1115	-56.2
Total Adults and Children Vaccinated	3,130	3,238	108	3.5
Vaccinations Provided				
Varicella	191	235	44	23.0
Pertussis	963	1,572	609	63.2
Tetanus	762	1,828	1066	139.9
Influenza	2,700	2,700	0	0.0
Hepatitis B	472	604	132	28.0
Hepatitis A	315	423	108	34.3
MMR	548	482	-66	-12.0
Total of Above Vaccinations	5,951	7,844	1893	31.8

Source: Taney County Health Department

Table 8.5

Adult Hepatitis Prevention Nursing Activities-Taney County, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Adult Hepatitis A	221	358	137	62.0
Adult Hepatitis B	260	127	-133	-51.2
Twinrix	123	218	95	77.2

Source: Taney County Health Department

Communicable disease activities provided by the Taney County Health Department are summarized in Table 8.6. From 2006 to 2007, the total number of communicable diseases investigated increased from 208 to 259, a 24.5% increase. During this same time period, Tuberculosis services increased by 16.5%. (Table 8.6)

Table 8.6

Communicable Disease Activities-Taney County Health Department, 2006				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Gastrointestinal illnesses reported (Campylobacter, Crypto, Giardia, Hep A, Salmonella, E.Coli, Shigella)	15	27	12	80.0
Tick and Mosquito-borne illnesses reported (Ehrlichiosis, Lyme-like illness, malaria, RMSF, tularemia, WNV)	30	44	14	46.7
Hepatitis B-Chronic, Acute, Prenatal (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect)	13	15	2	15.4
Hepatitis C-Chronic, Acute (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect)	71	64	-7	-9.9
Influenza A, B and untyped	84	35	-49	-58.3
Pertussis (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect)	2	2	0	0.0
Varicella (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect)	73	20	-53	-72.6
Total CD cases investigated (Confirmed, Probable, Suspect)	208	259	51	24.5
Tuberculosis Services	680	792	112	16.5
Clinical Laboratory Services	320	282	-38	-11.9

Source: Taney County Health Department

Table 8.7

Sexually Transmitted Disease Services-Taney County, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
STD/HIV Testing and/or Treatment	444	633	189	42.6
HIV Testing	--	264	--	--
STD Treatments	131	104	-27	-20.6
STD tests administered (total)	--	471	--	--
STD positive tests (total)	88	51	-37	-42.0
Gonorrhea	14	6	-8	-57.1
Chlamydia	74	45	-29	-39.2
Syphilis	0		0	--
HIV	0	0	0	--

Source: Taney County Health Department

Community Health Education

Many activities provided by the Taney County Health Department are intended to increase awareness in the community about health related issues so that behaviors can be changed to prevent further illnesses. The Taney County Health Department coordinates many of these activities with community partners through developing coalitions to focus on specific problems.

In 2006 many new programs were initiated including those addressing nutrition and tobacco use prevention.

Table 8.8

Community Health Education-2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Community Health Presentations offered	8	11	3	37.5
Health Fairs Attended	5	5	0	0.0
Press Releases Issued	25	37	12	48.0
Live Media Interviews	4	14	10	250.0
Chronic Disease Newsletter Copies Distributed	804	576	-228	-28.4
Number of People on Chronic Disease Newsletter Distribution List	201	144	-57	-28.4
Communicable Disease Newsletter Copies Distributed	1,572	1,032	-540	-34.4
Number of people on Communicable Disease Newsletter Distribution List	131	172	41	31.3
Tobacco Prevention Presentations	--	21	21	--
Students Attending Tobacco Prevention Presentations	--	1,870	1870	--
Child Car Seat Installation and Inspection Events	3	2	-1	-33.3
Child Car Seat Inspections	37	56	19	51.4

Source: Taney County Health Department

Administrative Services

The Taney County Health Department provides many administrative services such as providing certified copies of birth and death certificates. Over 2,000 certified copies of birth certificates were provided in 2006. Other administrative services would include billing and providing other types of documentation of public health records.

Table 8.9

Administrative Services-Taney County Health Department, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Certified copies of Birth Certificates issued	2,048	2,038	-10	-0.5
Certified copies of Death Certificates issued	2,299	2,332	33	1.4

Source: Taney County Health Department

Emergency Preparedness

The Taney County and City of Branson Health Departments are active partners with other emergency response agencies in the community. Both agencies are members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Tri-lakes Emergency Health Planning Task Force (TLEHPTF). These groups meet regularly to discuss issues, review plans, participate in exercises, and provide up dates regarding current activities. In 2007 this task force established a subcommittee charged with working with faith-based organizations in the community to develop emergency response capacity in the county. The subcommittee worked to develop a breakfast meeting for over 50 attendees from various faith-based organizations in the community. From this meeting, 12 organizations volunteered to help during emergency response efforts in the community. The subcommittee is currently working with the faith-based organizations to help them develop response plans for their organizations so that they can assist during emergencies.

In 2007, the Taney County and City of Branson Health Departments sponsored a successful exercise for community response partners. In June, agencies from community response partners participated in a Statewide Table-top Exercise involving issues related to a significant earthquake along the New Madrid fault.

The Taney County Health Department and City of Branson Health Department worked with the Branson-Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce to establish an advisory committee to address issues regarding norovirus and a community response to outbreaks in the year 2007. The advisory committee membership includes health department staff, business leaders, representatives from Skaggs Community Health Center, Branson public schools, and community members. This committee worked to develop and sponsor norovirus trainings for businesses and agencies in the community. Trainings were held on three occasions in 2007 with almost 300 attendees. Additional norovirus trainings were held with individual businesses.

Table 19 provides additional information regarding emergency preparedness and response activities.

Table 8.10

Emergency Response Activities-Taney County, 2007				
	2006	2007	Number Change	Percent Change
Exercises	7	7	0	0
Trainings Provided	9	16	7	77.8
Outbreaks Investigated	4	3	-1	-25.0
Community Presentations on Disease Prevention or Emergency Preparedness	37	21	-16	-43.2

Source: Taney County Health Department