

Public Health Services

FUNCTION

The functions of the Public Health Services programs are to protect and promote the health and safety of County residents. This is accomplished by monitoring health status and implementing intervention strategies to contain or prevent disease (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, evaluating the effectiveness of select programs and strategies, and licensing and inspecting facilities and institutions affecting the public health and safety.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Office of Health Partnerships and Health Planning

This program coordinates health planning and population based epidemiology functions, 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 adults and children, 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 office coordinates development and tracking of Public Health Services' program measures and coordinates relevant Information Technology (IT) systems development with the Department's IT program.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	13,663,350	15.3
Decrease Cost: Obesity Prevention and Outreach - Care for Kids	-50,000	0.0
Reduce: Montgomery Cares	-710,730	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-226,640	1.3
FY09 Approved	12,675,980	16.6

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the annualizations of FY08 positions.

Office of Minority & Multicultural Health Services

This program has been transferred to the Office of the Director (within Administration and Support) with the new title "Office of Disparities Reduction."

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	4,137,880	10.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-4,137,880	-10.0
FY09 Approved	0	0.0

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, avian flu and others are addressed with aggressive surveillance efforts and collaboration with State agencies of Agriculture, Health and the Environment. 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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,491,990	13.8
Enhance: Immunization-Hepatitis B Grant	161,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	96,630	0.4
FY09 Approved	1,749,620	14.2

Community Health Services

Community Health Services provides access to care to dental and women's health services in regional sites throughout the county. This program also provides a single point of entry for eligibility screening, access and assignment to Federal, State or County health programs. Other services include adult and child primary care health services 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 care coordination to uninsured children and adolescents with chronic or handicapping conditions needing specialty diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment. Other services include immunizations and conducting pregnancy testing in regional sites. This program provides administrative support for Project Deliver providers.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	10,241,280	103.7
Eliminate: Audiology Program	-129,220	-1.0
Reduce: Abolish Manager III position - Service Eligibility Unit	-176,230	-1.0
Reduce: Abolish two Community Health Nurse II positions - Community Health Nursing	-178,260	-2.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	680,190	0.7
FY09 Approved	10,437,760	100.4

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 provides oral hygiene education to MCPS 2nd grade classes. This program also includes an HIV Dental Program, which provides comprehensive oral health services to HIV-infected clients.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,828,110	14.3
Shift: Operating Expenses to Personnel Costs to create an Office Services Coordinator position	0	1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	426,740	-0.2
FY09 Approved	2,254,850	15.1

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include funds shifted from Montgomery Cares and Women's Health Services to consolidate all dental services into one program.

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. This program also enforces nutritional restrictions on trans fat in foods. 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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	3,124,150	30.1
Increase Cost: Environment Health Regulatory Services - implementation of the regulation restricting the use of transfat in eating establishments (one Environmental Health Specialist position)	101,990	1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-85,650	-0.3
FY09 Approved	3,140,490	30.8

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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,309,820	12.0
Shift: The inspection of 50 elderly group homes/small assisted living facilities to the State (abolish Program Manager I position)	-116,280	-1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	138,100	-0.3
FY09 Approved	1,331,640	10.7

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 nutrition, physical activity, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. The program also administers grants to community groups for substance abuse prevention. Also, it 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 and other family violence prevention and parenting programs for high-risk parents and providers. This program provides a health information and outreach program targeting faith-based community churches to help reduce health disparities and provides coordination for the Department's various health promoter programs.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,325,940	7.6
Reduce: Operating expense reduction	-74,380	0.0
Eliminate: Model Programs Initiative Grant	-99,850	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	216,750	0.1
FY09 Approved	1,368,460	7.7

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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,759,860	6.0
Enhance: Tobacco Prevention & Education Grant	339,560	1.0
Replace: G.O.S.P.E.L. Program	125,050	0.0
Enhance: Cigarette Restitution Fund	0	1.0
Shift: G.O.S.P.E.L. Program from Grant Fund to General Fund due to grant shortfall (abolish a Program Manager position)	0	-1.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	16,350	0.0
FY09 Approved	2,240,820	7.0

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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	5,513,360	41.0
Add: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA)	452,220	0.5
Enhance: AIDS Diagnostic & Evaluation Unit Grant	37,000	1.0
Reduce: HIV Counseling and Testing Grant	0	-0.6
Reduce: Ryan White II Consortia Services Grant	0	-0.8
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	293,020	0.6
FY09 Approved	6,295,600	41.7

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 screening 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 at the County's three School Based Health Centers and one High School Wellness Center.

Head Start-Health Services (now a part of School Health Services) is a collaborative effort of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Community Affairs, School Health Services, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), and contracted community-based child care centers to provide comprehensive pre-kindergarten services to Federally eligible three and four year old children. School Health Services provides a full range of health, dental and social services to the children and their families. Head Start-Health Services was formerly in Children, Youth and Family Services.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	18,064,790	228.2
Enhance: School Based Health Center and Linkages to Learning Site at Summit Hall Elementary School	300,440	2.0
Reduce: School Health Services for Summer Extended Learning Opportunities Program (Group Position)	-64,100	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	2,519,560	7.2
FY09 Approved	20,820,690	237.4

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include shifting the health services component of Head Start from Children Youth and Families to School Health Services as part of a reorganization.

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, organizationally placed in TB control, 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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	2,050,620	19.7
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	148,060	0.2
FY09 Approved	2,198,680	19.9

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the annualization of a position added in FY08.

Women's Health Services

This program provides services for women, including clinical prenatal health care and family planning services through public/private partnerships. 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, high-risk infants, and children birth to two years of age through home visiting and group sessions by community health nurses. 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.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	5,634,960	17.9
Increase Cost: Maternity Partnership rate increase to maintain current level of clients	94,350	0.0
Shift: Cancer Outreach & Case Management Grant	0	-1.0
Shift: Early Detection & Control Breast and Cervical Cancer Grant	0	1.0
Decrease Cost: Maternity Partnership - decrease County contribution per patient and increase the client's co-pay from \$250 to \$350	-250,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-372,690	-0.3
FY09 Approved	5,106,620	17.6

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, hospitals and a variety of other County, State, regional and Federal agencies. Efforts are targeted at training and staff development; communication strategies; emergency response drills; partnerships; resources and equipment; the establishment of disease surveillance systems; mass immunization/ medication dispensing sites, and readiness.

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	1,982,860	11.6
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	-5,630	-0.4
FY09 Approved	1,977,230	11.2

Service Area Administration

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

FY09 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY08 Approved	824,820	4.0
Add: Grant to Mobile Med for a Specialty Care Coordinator and a Volunteer Coordinator	130,000	0.0
Add: Grant to Mobile Med for a Nurse Practitioner at the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center in Germantown	100,000	0.0
Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program	316,960	2.6
FY09 Approved	1,371,780	6.6

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include shifting a Manager II, Administrative Specialist and an Office Services Coordinator from the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health Services as part of a reorganization.