Message from the Administrator

It is my pleasure to present the Knox County Health Department 2010 Annual Report to the citizens of Knox County. This report is a summary of the many activities we perform on a daily basis to honor our pledge to build a safe and healthy community. I feel fortunate to lead a Department staff with tremendous dedication and commitment to public health. Additionally, the support of the Knox County Board of Health provides a strong foundation allowing vital public health services in Knox County to continue and grow. As I look ahead I know 2011 will have many challenges; however they will be faced with enthusiasm, optimism, and professionalism from the Knox County Health Department. I am very proud of what we have accomplished in 2010 and the excellent work the Department staff have done in protecting the health and well-being of our community. And would like to personally thank them and look forward to growing together in 2011.

Heidi Britton, MPH, CPHA

2010 Accomplishments

Healthy Communities Project
Assessing the local public health system, October 6, 2010

Beginning with plans for the 2011 Healthy Communities Project cycle, the Knox County Health Department invited a group of community partners to join in using Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) to broaden the participation and ownership of community health planning. The goal was development of a comprehensive and coordinated community health improvement process.

One of the initial steps in this process was to conduct the Local Public Health System Performance Assessment (PHSA), evaluating performance of the ten essential services against 40 model standards for optimal performance. The instrument measures local performance of ten essential public health services. The tool of the assessment is on the performance of the system, not an individual organization.

On October 6, 2010, approximately 86 representatives from Knox County’s public, private and voluntary sectors met to complete the day-long PHSA. The group included representatives of local public health, health care and human service organizations, units of local government, educational institutions, and faith, environmental, and philanthropic organizations. This assessment is the first of its kind in Knox County; it serves as a basis for improvement of local public health system performance.

Each of the 86 attendees were assigned to one of five groups to evaluate two of the essential services. Facilitators led groups in dialogue and sharing, and finally to consensus on a score for each measure, with scoring and comments documented by recorders. Scores were entered in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) electronic reporting system, which tabulated numeric results. Discussion and comments captured by the recorders were summarized in a report produced by the Knox County Health Department staff. Copies of the full Local Public Health System Assessment report are available at www.knoxcountyhealth.org on request.

First time using MAPP to address PLAN

- Revamped website for user ability and increase visibility and to better communicate our programs
- Implemented Draw the Line, Respect the Line in Albinon School District
- Formation and creation of the Knox County Community Health Center Governance Board
- Section 330 application prepared and submitted
- 2nd Annual Teen Summit held
- Kicked off “Break the Habit” program

New Website Launched

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Knox County Community Health Center

It is the mission of the Knox County Community Health Center to provide access to dental and primary health services, for the medically underserved, which stresses prevention and patient responsibility.

Dental Services

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Dental Services Rendered

- Cleanings: 3,104
- Oral Exams: 2,495
- X-Rays: 2,999
- Filling: 1,822
- Extraction: 663

Application signing end of long process

County will hear about grant status in August

By TOM LEEY
The Register-Mail

It took just minutes to conclude the business conducted during a special meeting Monday inside the Knox County Health Department’s conference room.

The board of health and representatives from the 11-member Community Health Care governance board — formed when the health department dissolved and was established in 2009 — tabled a decision to seek approval for a Section 330 Federal Qualifying Health Center — signed to a 200-page grant application.

Putting the job to paper isn’t the culmination of years of planning and months of intensive work, the signers say.

By moving forward to a Section 330 FQHC, which would bring roughly $600,000 in federal health-care money to the area and expand medical, dental and mental health services to an area of difficulty and families.

FQHCs provide comprehensive primary and preventive care for medically underserved populations living in the greatest economic and geographic barriers to accessing care. Overseen by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the FQHC program is a national network of more than 1,200 community health centers and health centers for the homeless and public housing residents.

In 2009, health centers served more than 17 million medically underserved people.

An FQHC cannot turn away patients — for any reason. Fees for services are based on patients’ income, allowing those with high unmet health needs to access care.

The board of health and community clinic governance board won’t make the decision until August 2011.

“It is hard to understand the impact an FQHC would have on the community and the county,” health board president Janice Hovland said.

“Right now, it just seems like a bunch of paper work.”

“We would add a document to the application that brought an amazing amount of work and countless hours to assembling.”

Jerry P. Jankowski, president of the Community Clinic and Community Health Care president of OSF St. Mary Medical Center, said the need for an FQHC is driven by a need to level the playing field.

“Third off, there isn’t just people with limited access to health care,” he said. “There are people with very high access to care. So on an FQHC, we need the people on an access point to get health care. Second, this FQHC would provide federal funding. We’re talking $600,000 a year, which would really help deliver the care of delivering healthcare to people who need it.”

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Medical Services

- **Diabetes:** 12%
- **Hypertension:** 19%
- **Physical:** 16%
- **Mental Health:** 16%
- **Screenings:** 16%
- **Women & Child Health:** 15%
- **Obesity:** 16%
- **Other:** 16%

**Public Health:**

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Message from the President: “On behalf of the Board of Health, thank you all for your ongoing support”

2010 was a productive and exciting year for the Knox County Health Department. By far the most comprehensive undertaking was the preparation and submission of the Section 330 application that, if approved, will provide significant funding for a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). This project required hundreds of hours of work and directly and indirectly involved the entire staff of the health department.

In addition to the writing of the FQHC grant, the Knox County Health Department implemented for the first time the Local Public Health System Assessment, a valuable compilation of information about the county that will be used to plan and create programs to meet the changing health needs of Knox County citizens. A related assessment, the Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) has begun as mandated by the State of Illinois and will also assist in planning. At the same time, the normal core activities and even some new programs were carried out. This illustrates the dedication and commitment of the Knox County Health Department staff and administration.

The ability and willingness of our local health department to engage in efforts to build capacity for the future indicates that this is an agency that has matured and is therefore ready to meet the increasing challenges of Knox County. The leadership of Heidi Britton and the management team assure that the Knox County Health Department is well-positioned to continue working with our community partners to promote healthy people in a healthy community.

Jeanne Harland

2010-2011 Knox County Board of Health

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Kim DeSutter, Jeanne Harland, President; Carol Scotton, Secretary; and Jacquelyne Turner, Vice-President