

Healthy People in a Healthy Community



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Message from the Director

Public health in Kansas is changing. Local health departments across the state, including Riley County Health Department (RCHD) are moving toward implementing, Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). These are a core package of population-based preventive services skills, programs, and activities that should be available in every Kansas community . Making progress in implementing FPHS has only been possible through internal collaboration between health department programs and external partnerships with community agencies. For example, in 2018, we launched and supported innovative strategies to increase immunizations rates and improve access and coordination of healthcare services. To better serve the public, we have been intentional about creating a culture of continuous quality improvement. We have big plans for 2019! Our 2019 projects and activities include:

RCHD Strategic Plan 2020-2025: As our 2017-2019 Strategic Plan comes to an end, we will begin the Strategic Planning process for 2020-2025 in January. Look for an opportunity to participate in the process in late spring 2019.

Riley County Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment: We will be joining more than a dozen agencies in developing and implementing the 2020 Need Assessment. The goals of the needs assessment include 1) identifying the assets of the community 2) identifying unmet community needs and 3) initiating discussions to identify possible solutions to address the unmet needs.

Public Health Accreditation: Our application for accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has been submitted. We will submit final documentation in March. We anticipate a 2-day site visit in the fall and a final decision by December 2019.

Implementation of a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR): After a rigorous process in 2018, we intend to “Go Live” with our new EMR, ezEMRz, developed by Custom Data Processing. The new EMR will feature a patient portal, help to improve the efficiency and quality of service, and reduce duplication of data entry.

Visit our website ([http:// www.rileycountyks.gov/286/Health-Department](http://www.rileycountyks.gov/286/Health-Department)) or Like us on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

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Executive Summary

Vision: Healthy People in a Healthy Community

Mission: To promote and protect the health and safety of our community through evidence-based practices, prevention, and education

The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), which includes, RCHD, has a vision of helping all Kansans achieve optimal health by providing Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). The FPHS are a package of skills, programs and activities that should be available in every community in Kansas through state or local governmental public health

agencies as basic elements to keep the public safe and healthy. The model consists of Foundational Capabilities (FC) and Foundational Areas (FA). FCs are cross-cutting skills and abilities, and FAs are the substantive areas of expertise or program-specific activities. This report details some of the progress that RCHD staff have made in implementing FPHS in the last 12 months.

Foundational Areas:

- Communicable Disease Control
- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
- Environmental Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Access to Clinic Care

Foundational Capabilities

- Assessment
- All Hazards Preparedness and Response
- Communications
- Policy Development and Support
- Community Partnership Development
- Organizational Competencies
- Addressing Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health

The report includes a letter from the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health, a letter from the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC), and comments from community members and partners. The report concludes with a financial statement of the organization.

Kansas Foundational Public Health Services Model



2018 Highlights

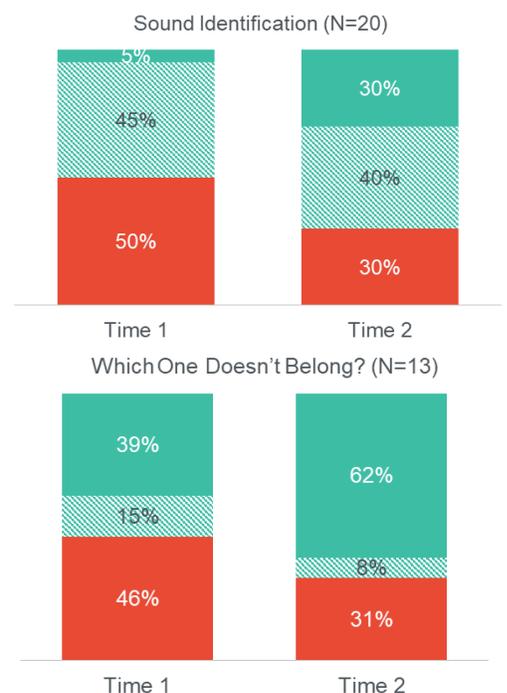
Okt-Flu-Ber Fest is the RCHD annual community-wide flu clinic. This year's event was super-hero themed and record breaking! Staff administered 606 flu shots far exceeding the 435 flu shots given in 2017. Ft. Riley Department of Public Health gave an additional 75 flu shots for military families, more than doubling the flu shots given the previous year. With funding from Konza United Way and the Memorial Hospital Association vaccine was available for uninsured adults. More than 500 books were distributed along with items to prevent injuries



Child Care Licensing Clay County: In July, the Child Care Licensing program received the Aid to Local Contract from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Clay County. Clay County has 40 licensed facilities. CCL surveyors held a meet and greet and 11 people attended.

Collaboration to increase immunization rates: Staff worked across programs and with community partners to increase immunization rates. Staff collaborated to: apply for local grants for incentives and vaccines for uninsured adults, update immunization records in WebIZ, and provide on-site immunizations during existing programs, events, and services. By the end of 2018, the number of Vaccines for Children and uninsured vaccines increased 55% from 2017.

Raising Riley's Camp Kindergarten continued to display effectiveness in its fourth year of operation. Twenty-seven (27) children participating were assessed with the myIGDIs Literacy+. The graphs represent their progress in the categories of Which One Doesn't Belong and Sound Identification. The children showed improvement in all subtests. Specifically, in these two subtests, the percentage of children in both the At-Risk and Developing tier decreased from time one to time two, while the percentage in the School Ready tier increased in both areas.

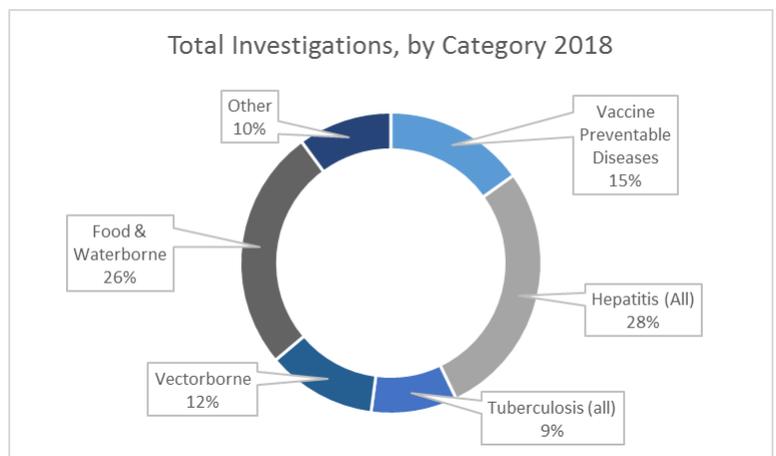


Providing the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Foundational Public Health Services are a core package of skills, programs and activities that should be available in every community in Kansas. FPHS are primarily population-based preventive health services that are best addressed by governmental public health. FPHS consists of Foundational Capabilities (FCs) and Foundational Areas (FAs). The Foundational Capabilities are the cross-cutting skills that need to be present everywhere to ensure high-quality and equitable public health services. They are the essential skills and capacities needed to support the Foundational Areas . This report provides an overview of how RCHD implements the FCs and services in each of the FAs. For more information regarding FPHS visit: <https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14778/final-fphs->

Foundational Area: Communicable Disease Control

The Communicable Disease Control area includes programs and activities to prevent and control the spread of communicable disease. Our disease investigation team diagnoses and investigates diseases such as: Hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis, mumps, and others. In 2018, 117 disease investigations were



assigned to RCHD staff in the statewide surveillance system, EpiTrax. The most commonly investigated diseases were Hepatitis (forms of Hepatitis B and C), and Food- and Waterborne Diseases. While overall, disease investigations were down compared to 2017, there was a significant increase in Food- and Waterborne disease investigations (a 210% change from 2017). Vaccine preventable disease investigations decreased by 68% compared to 2017 investigations.

RCHD staff work to assure availability of childhood, adolescent, an adult immunization services, In 2018, staff administered 8885 vaccines. including 2365 vaccines for uninsured adults and through the Vaccine for Children Program. Staff held 17 community flu clinics including new community flu clinics in the Northview neighborhood, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, and others. At these clinics, a total of 1,090 shots were administered.

Communicable Disease Control Cont.,

Staff also assure proper testing, diagnosis, and treatment for individuals with latent or active tuberculosis (TB). Nurses tested 498 clients for TB, of those tested, 2% were positive. The communicable disease nurse follows up with all clients to determine if the person has latent TB infection or TB disease.

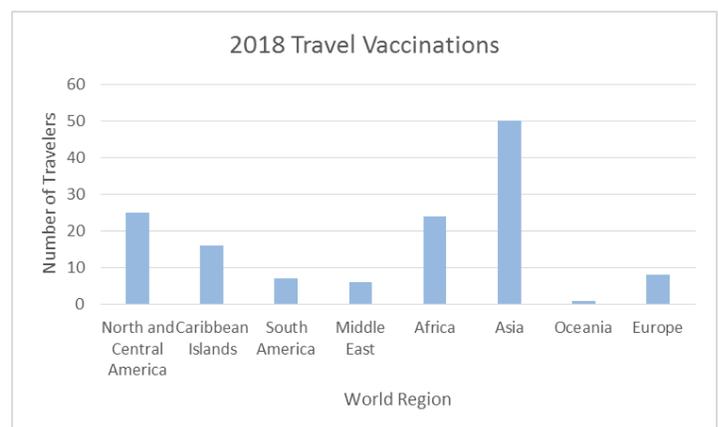
We also educate the community on providers in national, state, and local communicable disease control mandates. In efforts to better communicate to the community about all things seasonal influenza, RCHD staff, with the help of our Information Technology (IT) department created a dedicated flu webpage with information on burden of disease in the community and community flu clinics. Visit:

www.rileycountyks.gov/flu for more information

As a part of disease surveillance efforts throughout the county, RCHD utilizes syndromic surveillance tools, including partnering with school nurses to provide absenteeism data based on symptoms of illness and the web-based application ESSENCE, the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-

based Epidemics. ESSENCE provides near real-time emergency department admissions data. In April 2018, Andrew presented on the use of ESSENCE syndromic surveillance in Riley County at the 2018 NACCHO Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

Residents travel all over the world for mission, school, leisure, work, and cruise trips. Staff administer vaccines for residents to keep them free from disease when they travel and when they return. In 2018, 131 unique patients, received 262 doses of travel vaccines. Residents travelled to 52 different countries, most commonly China. The most commonly administered vaccines include: Typhoid Fever (110), Hepatitis A (42) and Td/Tdap (41). Due to a worldwide shortage of Yellow Fever vaccine, these numbers are lower than numbers from 2017.



Foundational Area: Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention area includes programs and activities for health promotion and chronic disease and injury prevention. The RCHD Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Coordinator (CDRR) works to reduce rates of tobacco use through policies and programs. Projects include:

- Providing support for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition to increase the number of tobacco-free policies in public places , including City of Manhattan parks and playgrounds
- Establishing protocols for tobacco cessation training, screening, referral , and counseling for RCHD staff
- Providing support for the Joint City-County Food and Farm Council to support a health food system and improved food access



The City of Manhattan and the Riley County Commissioners signed resolutions for a Joint City-County Food and Farm Council, just the second joint council in the state. The purpose of the Food and Farm Council is to advocate for and sustain an accessible, healthy, and local food system. The goals of the 15 member council include:

- Make local and healthy food options more available, accessible, and affordable.
- Support education of growing, choosing, and preparing nutritious foods.
- Improve health outcomes through the reduction of diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and obesity.

RCHD staff also work to reduce rates of substance abuse in the community. RCHD was one of 16 communities awarded an Opioid Overdose Crisis Response grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). In 2019, staff will be collaborating with partners to conduct a needs assessment, provide community trainings, implement an ad campaign, and develop referral protocols.



Foundational Area: Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Cont.,

We collaborate with community partners to reduce injuries in the community. Safe Kids Riley County meets quarterly and is currently working on ways to ensure Riley County residents in dire need of a car seat have access to one in a more streamlined process. RCHD along with other community agencies, organized and assisted with a weekly “Safe Kids” Car Seat Safety Check Lane at the Manhattan Fire Department from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In 2018, Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) in the community checked and installed approximately 200 car seats to ensure proper use and installation. Thirty one free car seats were provided to caregivers through the grant. The Riley County Health Department received funding through two separate mini grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Injury Prevention Program in 2018. Items purchased included Pack N Plays, car seats, baby gates, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, flashlights, cabinet locks, and outlet protectors. These safety items were distributed to 55 families throughout Riley County.

Throughout the year staff provide and fit community members with bike helmets to assure their safety while riding.

- 45 helmets fit a Bug-A-Palooza
- 120 helmets were provided at a Back to School Bike Swaps hosted by USD 383 in collaboration with Riley County EMS
- 44 helmets were provided to EMS for the Little Apple Duck Dash
- 11 helmets were fit during the Shine On! event hosted by the Riley County Perinatal Coalition



We also promote community mental health and well-being. Raising Riley collaborated with Pawnee Mental Health to present Mental Health First Aid Training for Child Care Providers in November. Seventeen area child care providers participated. Additionally, 18 RCHD staff have been trained in Mental Health First Aid.

Foundational Area: Environmental Health

The Environmental Health area includes programs and activities to prevent and reduce exposure to environmental hazards. The Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program enforces laws and regulations set forth by KDHE in Riley, Geary, and Clay County.

Overall, the number of inspections in 2017 were similar to 2018 for each of the inspected counties.

One exception is the number of KDHE Compliance Inspections, which were nearly halved in each county. This may be a result of staff vacancies at KDHE. Our CCL Surveyors also aim to educate child care providers and the community. The CCL program offers monthly orientation to prospective providers and this year 29 people attended in Riley County, 15 people attended in Geary County and 2 people attended from Clay County. The CCL Program hosted two regulation review trainings and 25 facilities attended. In May, the CCL team hosted a Provider Appreciation dinner and 46 home providers attended.

K.S.A. 65-202 requires that the local health officer make an annual sanitary inspection of each school building and grounds. RCHD collaborates with the Riley County Environmental Health Specialist to complete inspections of all schools in Riley County. In 2018, inspections were completed for 17 schools in three school districts. Corrections were required by 10 schools. By the end of 2018, 93% of schools passed or completed all recommended corrections. The number of schools requiring corrections increased from 2017 to 2018. To review the most recent reports visit: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1133/Services>. K.S.A. 65-159 gives county boards of health the authority to examine into all public health nuisances, that may be injurious to the health of residents in the county. In 2018, 8 potential public health nuisance were investigated: 1 local residence, 1 mobile home park, 3 apartments or housing/apartment complex, 1 local business, and 1 federal facility. In comparison, just one public health nuisance in 2017. In 2018, we improved collaboration with partners (Code Services, Environmental Health, Emergency Medical Services, and the Fire Department) resulting in our participation in more investigations.

2017-2018 Child Care Licensing Summary		
Category (Riley County)	2017	2018
Initial Inspections	19	17
Annual Inspections	102	107
KDHE Compliance Inspections	31	19
Facility Complaint Inspections	14	11
Illegal Care Inspections	8	10
Category (Geary County)	2017	2018
Initial Inspections	10	7
Annual Inspections	35	37
KDHE Compliance Inspections	20	10
Facility Complaint Inspections	9	9
Illegal Care Inspections	5	6
Category (Clay County)	---	2018
Initial Inspections		2
Annual Inspections		11
KDHE Compliance Inspections		3
Facility Complaint Inspections		3
Illegal Care Inspections		0



Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health

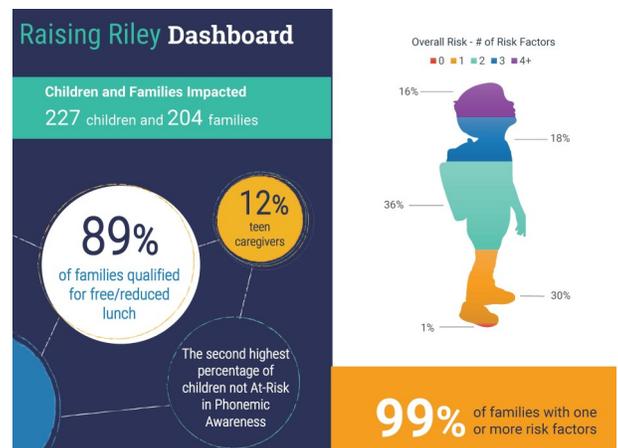
The Maternal and Child Health area includes programs and activities for the prevention of developmental impairments and life-threatening illnesses in mothers and children. Raising Riley provided monthly story time facility visits to 8 Riley County child care centers and 29 family child care homes. An average of 330 children were visited each month with developmentally appropriate activities and the reading of a wonderful book.

Raising Riley (RR) received funding from the Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation/The Manhattan Fund to implement a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Manhattan family child care providers. Outcomes of the program included: Children are being prepared to enter kindergarten both educationally and socially and parents have gained confidence in selecting child care for their children; knowing what questions to ask and what to look for to assure quality in both care and education. Family Child Care providers that participated fully in the RR QRIS demonstrated enhanced knowledge, improved educational atmospheres, increased professionalism, efficient program planning and management, and better partnerships with parents. These results were reflected in an overall average increase in Classroom Assessment Scoring System scores of 38.6%.

RR QRIS ASQ-3 screenings conducted in April and May showed a 9% increase in the number of children scoring above the cut-off guidelines and showing no developmental or educational concerns. ASQ:SE-2 screenings conducted during the same timeframe indicated that 87% of children

screened showed no concerns with social/emotional development, an increase of 12%.

For 20 years, through funding from the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund's Early Childhood Block (ECBG) Grant, Raising Riley has been providing child care financial assistance to at-risk families to improve the affordability of child care. The scholarship program allows qualifying parents/guardians that live in the Manhattan/Riley County area to receive financial assistance for child care if the preschool/daycare provider accepts RR funds. In 2018 Raising Riley provided tuition assistance for 227 children from 204 families.



Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health cont.,

Through 59 professional development offerings, the Raising Riley and Child Care Licensing programs collaborated to provide 117 hours of KDHE approved professional development for child care providers, parents, and community members. The attendance total for the year was 894.

With an increased ECBG award Raising Riley was able to begin the implementation of Family Engagement and Parent Education programs for our community. Ten families came to the Family and Child Resource Center to experience creative nature fun through building Fairy Gardens. Three families joined RR in a visit to the library to introduce all the wonderful things available to them there and to assist with getting library cards for their children. The 30 Camp Kindergarten participants and their families came to Kindergarten Supply night to “shop” for what they’d need for kindergarten. In December, seven families with 12 children joined the RR team for Grinchmas! Art activities, healthy snacks and socialization were enjoyed by all the families.

Raising Riley and Maternal and Child Health provided six sessions of Conscious Discipline for parents. Through these six sessions 16 parents were provided information about positive behavior supports for their children. Continuing development of the Family Engagement and Parent Education program will include regular sessions of these three programs:

- Purposeful Play will be a one hour workshops to help parents understand how children play and why it matters developmentally. Additionally, they will learn how to make the most of their child's free play and how to integrate education naturally into their play time.
- Love and Logic provides parents of young children (birth-6 years) with practical and proven tools for raising respectful, responsible, and happy kids! In this series parents will learn:
- Make Parenting a Pleasure is a series that guides families to focus on positive parenting techniques and to enjoy their relationship with their child.

Foundational Area: Maternal and Child Health cont.,

In 2018, the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Newborn Home Visitor had a total of 175 visits. During the visit, mom receives breastfeeding assistance, a weight check of baby, "The New Mom's Handbook", a newborn assessment, and information and education on safe sleep, car seat safety and child development.

The MCH nurse visits Via Christi hospital twice a week to promote the MCH Newborn Home Visit to postpartum mothers. Collaborating in this way gives the nurse an opportunity to make a warm, personal referral and answer any questions the family may have about the Newborn Home Visit. This collaboration has allowed the MCH nurse to make contact with 33 women since November, with 9 referrals made to other HD programs or MCH services.

The MCH program, under the Outreach, Prevention and Early Intervention Services (OPEI) grant, provides weekly intensive home visiting services to at-risk families. The MCH program has two Social Workers on staff to provide these intensive home-based services. Sixteen of the 20 families currently receiving services were provided a baby gate due to an identified safety hazard in their home. The Social Worker works families to complete a Home Safety Checklist identify potential hazards make suggestions for reducing those hazards.

MCH staff taught 71 Becoming a Mom® prenatal classes with a total attendance of 486 clients. This year, the participants were given a choice of a pack and play, stroller, bouncer, baby monitor, or high chair at the completion of all 6 classes and all participants receive diapers or wipes. A total of 105 participants received a Becoming a Mom® gift. MCH collaborates with community partners as guest speakers during our classes. Konza Prairie Community Health Center as well as Pawnee Mental Health are guest speakers during two of our classes. An extensive list of resources found in Riley County is also shared with participants.



MCH staff also served 169 prenatal and 81 post-partum maternal and infant clients which led to 528 visits. During these visits the nurse listens to fetal heart tones and provides educational information on the developmental stages of baby. Nurses also discuss keeping mom healthy and talking about perinatal mood disorders.

Foundational Area: Access to Clinical Care

Staff support programs and activities for assuring access to specific preventive and primary care clinical services. To support families in planning and spacing pregnancies, RCHD provides reproductive health services. In 2018, 1,014 women and 169 males received contraceptive services. In addition, clinic staff identify and treat minor gynecological diseases. Nurses administered 1,384 tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV for males and females.



Vaccines to prevent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) were provided to 128 female clients and 222 female clients were tested for HPV. Finally, 297 female clients received a Pap Smear to screen for cervical cancer, health conditions such as cancer, STD and HIV infections, and ectopic pregnancy.

The Early Detection Works (EDW) program provides breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests, and diagnostic services for qualified women. Regular screening and prompt treatment can reduce deaths from breast and cervical cancer. In 2018, 42 women participated in the EDW program for 128 services.

RCHD staff are also members of the Riley County Perinatal Coalition (RCPC) . The coalition works to improve access to prenatal care and reduce infant mortality rates. The coalition is comprised of organization such as USD 383, Via Christi, EMS, Pawnee Mental Health, The Women's Health Group and many others. An initiative of the Perinatal Coalition, the Perinatal Grant is designed to provide access to prenatal care and expand prenatal education by targeting at-risk women with no access to medical insurance and promoting equity in birth outcomes. In collaboration with the Women's Health Group and Via Christi Hospital, Perinatal grant provided prenatal care to 13 clients in 2018 who were ineligible for insurance. This grant has helped to steadily decrease the number of women with no prenatal care who make emergency room visits for delivery.

Foundational Area: Access to Clinical Care, cont.

Integrated Intake and Referral System (IRIS) implementation began in May. Developed by University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research, IRIS is a web-based tool that helps agencies refer families for services. Referrals can be tracked and followed on one online location to ensure that families do not fall through the cracks. Currently there are 15 community partners using IRIS in addition to six health department program. Since implementation began in May, 388 referrals have been made in IRIS.

WIC staff help pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five access healthy foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding assistance, as well as referrals to other health services. The WIC program completed 3,248 certifications for services. In addition, WIC staff made a total of 56,072 referrals to partners. Of these, 4,555 were made to RCHD departments.



WIC's proven benefits in the community include decreasing infant mortality, improving birth outcomes, achieving healthcare savings and contributing to the local economy. WIC team continues to strive toward increased breastfeeding incidence and duration. The most recent report indicates a 82.9% breastfeeding initiation rate, 43.6% duration rate at 6 months, and a 22.4% exclusive breastfeeding rate among clients served by the Riley County WIC agency.

To ensure the health and safety of citizens, RCHD enforces local, state, and federal health regulations. The local WIC vendor manager monitors local grocery stores to ensure they abide by the state and federal guidelines for food delivery. WIC benefits, redeemed at local stores, bring in substantial revenue to the local economy. WIC dollars spent in Manhattan stores totaled \$797,462.



Capabilities: Assessment

The assessment capability includes activities for the collection and analysis of public health data. In

County Health Rankings Trend Data					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Health Outcomes	2 nd	1 st	14 th	5 th	3 rd

March, the 2018 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps were released with Riley County ranked 3rd (out of 102 counties) for all health outcomes. Riley County is consistently amongst the healthiest counties in Kansas . The rankings are also reviewed to identify areas for improvement: poor mental and physical health days, sexually transmitted diseases, and severe housing problems, For detailed information visit:

<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/kansas/2017/rankings/riley/county/factors/2/>

Capabilities: Policy Development and Support

Health departments should work to inform, develop, and implement public health policy. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is an approach to policy development that includes considering the impact on health when policy decisions are made across sectors in order to improve population health and health equity. All RCHD staff participated in a HiAP training facilitated by the Kansas Health Institute, In spring 2019, in collaboration with the Greater Northview Action Team, a HiAP training will be available to the public.

RCHD also participated in the Riley County Legislative Conference. During the annual meeting with policy makers RCHD staff advocated for:

- Increased funding from the State to support local public health
- Support for Medicaid Expansion
- Support for the “Mental Health 2020 Initiative” to strengthen the Kansas mental health system including funding for community-based crisis stabilization centers
- Support Tobacco 21 an initiative to will introduce legislation prohibiting tobacco sales to those under 21
- Increased federal funding for “Women, Infants and Children” (“WIC”) program

These policies priorities align with The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), of which RCHD is a member, 2019 Policy Statement. To read the full policy statement visit <http://www.kalhd.org/>

Capabilities: Organizational Competencies

In 2018, RCHD staff continued to implement the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. Staff worked to make progress towards goals and objectives in four strategic priority areas

- Promote and Protect Health
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Quality and Sustainability
- Skilled and Engaged Staff

Read the Strategic Plan Annual Report here: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1127/About-Us>

The strategic plan includes goals to recruit, develop, and maintain a competent public health workforce through workforce development and training. This year, staff hosted 8 interns for a total of 544 hours. Staff completed 1,642.15 hours of professional development including 4 staff participating in the Wichita State University Public Health Leadership Series. Health Department staff presented two posters at the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Annual Conference: Implementing an Immunization Outreach Clinic with Early Head Start and Head Start Students and Advancing Availability and Quality of Child Care in Riley County. In addition, MCH staff member, Beth, participated in a panel discussion on "Integrating Mental Health: Spotlight on Maternal Depression Screening"



Capabilities: Community Partnership

The health department is a lead agency for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition (FHWC) The coalition is organized for the purpose of convening and building the capacity of the community to make progress towards a healthy, equitable community through policies, systems, environments, and individual change. In 2018 the Tobacco Workgroup was re-started to make progress on the City of Manhattan No Smoking Ordinance. In addition, a Child Care Taskforce was created to advance the affordability, availability, and quality of child care in Riley County. FHWC meetings are the second Tuesday of each month in the RCHD Board Room at noon.

In addition, staff represented the health department on numerous state and local board and committees including:

- City of Manhattan Safe Routes to School, Member
- City of Manhattan Bike and Pedestrian Committee, Member
- Early Childhood Taskforce
- Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 Workgroup (Public Health and Medical Services)
- Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, Lead Agency
- Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, President-Elect
- Kansas State University Master's of Public Health Advisory Council, Member
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Northeast Kansas Healthcare Coalition, Vice Chairman
- Safe Kids Coalition, Lead Agency
- Safe Routes to School Committee, Member
- Riley County Perinatal Coalition, Co-Chair
- Riley County Council on Social Services, Member
- Wildcat Region PHEP



Capabilities: Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health

Health department staff support and participate in initiatives to respond to health disparities and the needs of vulnerable populations. In 2017, the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition received a Health Equity grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. coalition members, including RCHD provide support for the Greater Northview Action Team (GNAT) in making policy, systems, and environmental change. GNATs have worked to increase neighborhood representation by serving on 6 community boards. GNATs have been particularly active in advocating for a community kitchen in the forthcoming Community Recreation Centers in the Northview Neighborhood.

An initiative of the FHWC in 2018 the Riley County Community Care Team (CCT) launched. The CCT meets weekly to help community members, often in crisis, coordinate care and connect to services across agencies. The CCT includes members from 11 social service agencies, including RCHD staff. During the first three months, the CCT has worked with 11 clients to improve their access and coordination of services.

Staff continue to engage in training opportunities to assure that services are provided in a culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible formats. Staff complete cultural competency training and self-assessments annually. Staff completed an American Disabilities Act Self-Assessment of the campus and make improvements to assure services are accessible to the public.

Capabilities: Communications

RCHD works to communicate the role of public health to the public and to policymakers. During the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference, RCHD participated in a panel discussion for County Commissioners on High-Achieving Health Departments and the Emerging Role of Community Health Strategist. Commissioner elect, John Ford, participated in New Commissioner Orientation with the HD Director. During orientation, commissioners learn about RCHD services and funding, public health models, and relevant public health statutes. The RCHD Director provides monthly program updates to the County Commissioners the second Thursday of each month at 10am. RCHD staff have been interviewed on KMAN Radio station and by the Manhattan Mercury.



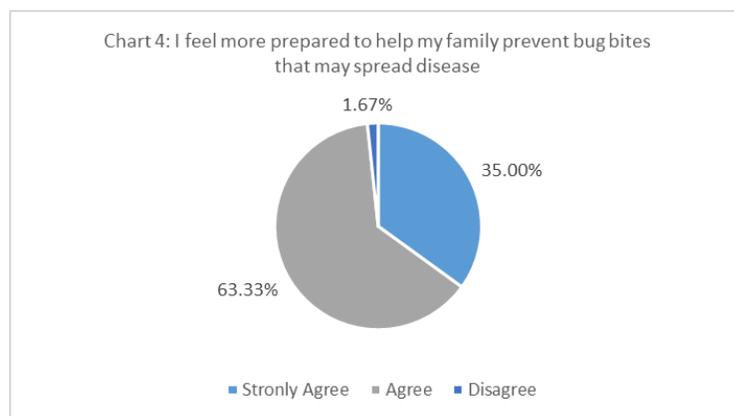
Capabilities: All Hazards Response

Staff participate in activities to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. During 2018, RCHD staff participated in a total of 14 drills, exercises and trainings all related to preparedness. RCHD trains and exercises with partners throughout the county, region, and state. The Riley County ESF 8 Work Group was restarted in 2018, bringing together public health, emergency management, EMS, and local healthcare providers (based on the 17 CMS provider types) to ensure a more prepared county when dealing with health and medical issues during emergency and non-emergency situations.

RCHD played an important role during response and recovery efforts after the Labor Day flood. RCHD committed approximately 120 hours of staff time to response and recovery efforts, including being one of 18 area agencies to participate in the Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC), where affected people could get supplies, materials, and information to aid in the recovery process. RCHD administered 47 Tdap vaccines, disseminated over 300 pages of educational information, and provided nearly 100 cans of insect repellent, over 250 mosquito dunks, and nearly 400 N95 respirators to MARC attendees. The Health Department offered education about car seat safety and safe sleep. Through the KDHE Injury Prevention grant, Car seats, Pack N Plays, and sleep sacks were provided to families in need. RCHD distributed four Pack N Plays and sleep sacks at the event. Three families were referred to the car seat check lane for a free car seat the Tuesday following the MARC.

The third annual BugAPalooza event was held in April to educate the public on all things personal preparedness, arboviral disease prevention, and outdoor safety. RCHD partnered with the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine and School of Public

Health, the Sunset Zoo, and other partners to provide a family-friendly educational event. A survey was available for participants to complete in order to receive a mosquito or tick prevention kit containing insect repellent, permethrin spray, and other items to prevent arboviral diseases. The survey asked participants about thoughts and behaviors regarding insect repellent and other means to prevent disease.



A Message from the Board of Health

Riley County Health Department (RCHD) is governed by three Riley County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health (BOH). We are committed to the RCHD vision, *Healthy People in a Healthy Community*. We accomplish this by supporting the implementation of evidence-based programs and services in the each of the areas of the Foundational Public Health Services Model:

- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Communicable Disease Control
- Environmental Health
- Maternal, Family and Child Health
- Access to and Linkages with Clinical Care

Learn more about the Foundational Public Health Services Model here: <https://www.khi.org/policy/article/17-16>

As stewards of public funds we are committed to supporting the provision of services that are high quality and sustainable. This year we have supported and participated in the following health department activities:

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: In 2018, the BOH health participated in a Wildcat Region Infectious Disease Tabletop Exercise. County Commissioners alongside Health Department, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff from three counties (Riley, Geary, and Pottawatomie) practiced responding to a hypothetical multi-county outbreak of Pertussis. The tabletop exercise allowed each county to evaluate their readiness to respond to public health emergencies.

Electronic Medical Record: After an iterative process, the BOH signed an agreement with Custom Data Processing Inc. for the purchase and implementation of a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR), *ezEMRx* for RCHD. The new EMR presents an opportunity to improve service quality, increase coordination of services between programs, and reduce duplication of data entry by interfacing with other electronic systems. The anticipated "Go Live" date is July 1, 2019.

Public Health Funding: Innovative funding models are needed to sustain public health programs. The BOH approved matching funds enabling RCHD staff to apply for eight Aid to Local Grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, including a new Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant. Additionally, the BOH approved 10 additional health department grants applications to local, state, and national foundations.

Food and Farm Council: The BOH signed a resolution approving a Joint City-County Food and Farm Council. The purpose of the Council is to advocate for and sustain an accessible, healthy and local food system. The Council will identify and prioritize needs and make recommendations that promote, support, and strengthen access to local, healthy, safe, affordable food. The Council will also educate and advise the City/County Commissions on local food system needs. To learn more about the Food and Farm Council visit: <http://www.rileycountyks.gov/1127/About-Us>

We invite you to join us at our Commission meetings each Monday and Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers or submit your ideas, comments or questions to <http://rileycountyks.gov/29/County-Commissioners>. Only together can we collectively impact the health, safety, and quality of life in Riley County. We look forward to your participation!

Commissioner Ronald Wells, Chair

Riley County Public Health Advisory Council Statement

The Riley County Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) is chartered to provide the Riley County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with input, insights and comments for administration of community public health. The BOCC is responsible for public health leadership, management and planning, functioning thru the Riley County Health Department (RCHD). The PHAC operates with the RCHD, to provide the BOCC with timely, pertinent information on the current state of public health and future threats and opportunities. The PHAC is comprised of citizens interested in public health and Riley County with varied expertise.

We view our role as:

- Advisory to BOCC on vision, management and planning for public health and preparedness in our community.
- Review local environment, systems and policies.
- Advocate for public health, preparedness and RCHD services which support such.
- Develop policies, procedures, regulations and legislation initiatives for BOCC and RCHD.
- Gather information, perceptions and opinions from citizens, civic groups and professionals regarding public health and preparedness.

In the preceding year, the PHAC has continued its support and monitoring for past initiatives including, Sexual Assault Response Forum, Prescription drop box and county preparedness and continue to address the issues deriving from Fake Patty's Day activities. Much of our efforts this past year have been within the mental health community, preparedness, vision, advocating, Emergency Medical Service and hospital issues and assisting RCHD with its accreditation assessment. Our community faces budgetary constraints as most communities do, however with our community's growth such limitations greatly challenge our ability to respond and plan for public health issues. We endeavor to provide the BOCC with meaningful insights and recommendations within the constraints they have established.

We live in a rapidly changing environment with new opportunities and threats which have potential to impact the wellbeing and prosperity of our community. It requires leadership with vision and insights to take advantage of the new opportunities and defend against the multiple threats; we at the PHAC provide our BOCC leaders the input and insights to respond to such for our entire community's benefit.

Robert Boyd

PHAC, Chair

Financial Statement

Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period of January 1—December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance \$ 1,436,142.30

Revenue

County \$ 1,154,526.00

Grants \$ 2,187,463.45

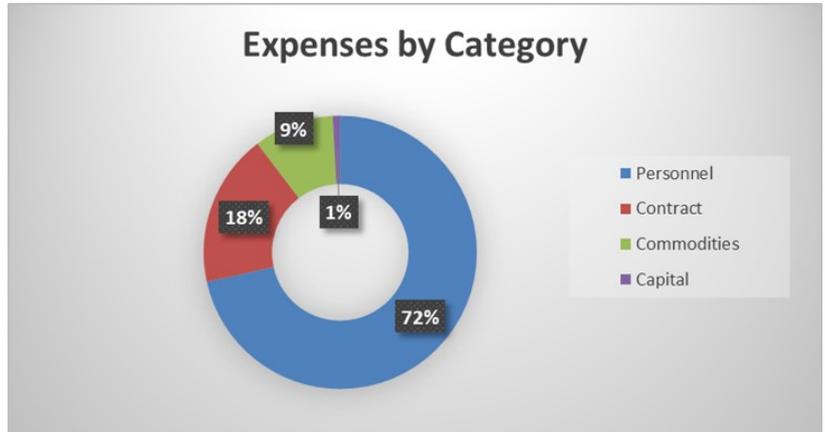
Client Fees-Self Pay \$ 108,027.73

Client Fees-Medicaid \$ 39,986.08

Client Fees-Insurance \$ 267,193.86

Miscellaneous \$ 43,239.43

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 3,800,436.55



***Expenses**

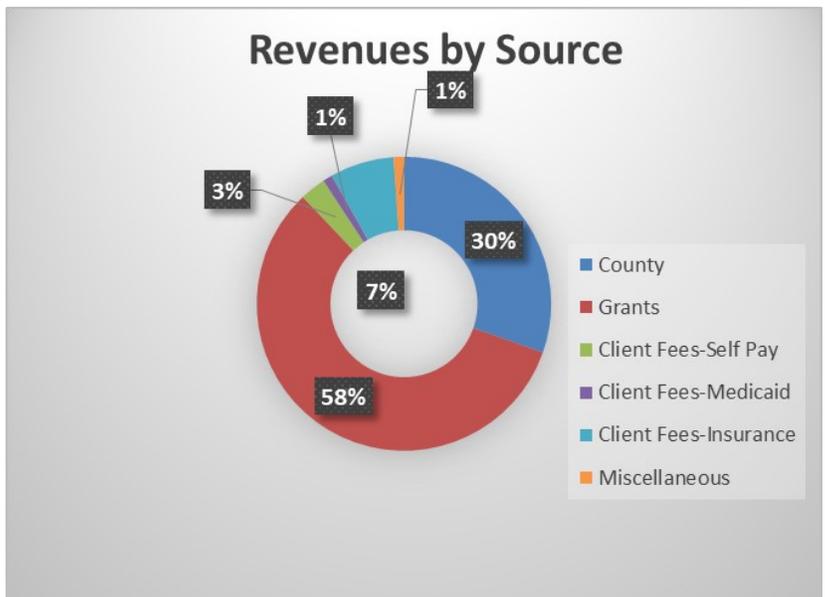
Personnel \$ 2,764,777.07

Contract \$ 699,618.70

Commodities \$ 365,903.09

Capital \$ 34,348.38

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 3,864,647.24



Ending Balance \$ 1,371,931.61

*These numbers are preliminary and are as of reports dated 01/31/18 and 2/2/18. Numbers will not be finalized until 2/28/19.