



FY 2022

# ANNUAL REPORT

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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In fiscal year 2022, Calhoun County Public Health focused on responding and recovering from COVID-19. COVID vaccination clinics were offered at least twice a month during the year. Staff responded to county residents who reached out for information and testing.

Many face-to-face services had declined as a result of the COVID pandemic, so we renewed our focus on public health services like immunizations, services to pregnant women, children and parents, along with environmental health testing and treatment.

Iowa Department of Public Health announced the decision to move away from funding services for individuals and navigate towards funding population health activities. By 2027, State funding will no longer be available for direct services which help elderly stay in their homes. As State funding decreased for services like homemaker and health maintenance, the number of other providers of home care in Calhoun County also decreased due to staffing shortage and lower profits. The Board of Health analyzed the importance of these services to our residents and resolved to continue offering them as a gap filler.

One March morning, we arrived at the office to find it partially flooded due to a burst hose in the bathroom. As we worked to clean up and put things back together, the Board of Supervisors recognized the time was right for an office overhaul. Together our team planned a workspace that will be more efficient and have a cleaner look.

Timing was perfect as we received funding designated to update our technology infrastructure. New computers, monitors and docking stations were provided for all employees. Plans also included adding web conferencing enhancements to our training room. Audio and video will now evenly serve the entire room for forthcoming virtual meetings.

In the event of future emergencies, our training room will have the capacity to function as an emergency operations center.

In FY 22 we invested in the development of our staff by strengthening skills to respond to prevalent issues in Calhoun County. All direct service staff attended a Mental Health First Responder Seminar. Healthy Behaviors staff also attended trainings and taught classes on working and living with those with brain health issues. Members of our team providing care coordination attended Skills System training and follow-up virtual meetings with the developer. This program is designated to help people of various ages and abilities manage emotions.

I attended a 12-week Professional Development Leadership Academy whose mission is to make leaders better. Skills I learned helped foster inclusion and open communication in agency meetings.

At Public Health we are dedicated to becoming exceptionally prepared for emergencies that may impact Calhoun County. Some of the trainings in our FY 22 portfolio include Human Trafficking, Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents, Public Information in All Hazards Incident, and Pediatric Disaster Training. We have consciously worked to partner with the Calhoun County Emergency Management Coordinator and other members of the Calhoun County HealthCare Coalition to develop a united emergency response team.

Our path forward in the constantly changing public health world is unlikely to be straight, but we are approaching the new year with optimism. We are grateful for the leadership of the Board of Health and partnerships with those who also serve Calhoun County.

Best of Health,  
**Barb Riley**

ADMINISTRATOR



# FINANCE REPORT

EXPENSES			
FISCAL YEAR	2022	2021	2020
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$721,064	\$756,294	\$785,442
SERVICE AGREEMENTS	\$138,954	\$129,962	\$168,032
OTHER OPERATING	\$202,783	\$146,892	\$140,487
TOTAL	\$1,062,801	\$1,033,147	\$1,093,961

REVENUES			
GRANTS	\$373,794	\$266,676	\$352,140
OTHER SERVICE FEES	\$419,960	\$219,617	\$209,288
ENVIRO. HEALTH	\$24,280	\$28,861	\$56,349
LOCAL TAX	\$244,767	\$517,993	\$476,184
TOTAL	\$1,062,801	\$1,033,147	\$1,093,961

# STAFFING REPORT

FISCAL YEAR	2022	2021	2020
ADMINISTRATIVE	1	1	1
ENVIRO. HEALTH	1	1	1
FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS	4	5	3
MEDICAL ASSISTANT	0	0	0
PROGRAM MANAGER	1	1	1
REGISTERED NURSES	2	2	3
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	1	1	0
SUPPORT STAFF	2	3	2
TOTAL	12	14	11

# VISION

PREVENT.  
PROMOTE.  
PROTECT.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Calhoun County**

# MISSION

To partner with the community to provide quality public health service in Calhoun County.

## The 10 Essential Public Health Services

actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health.



# THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

## Assess and monitor population health

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Health departments collect and analyze data to understand the health of the population and identify disparities across different subpopulations.

- 4** surface H2O sampling & results
- 117** water samples
- 15** well permits
- 40** septic permits
- 2** pool inspections
- 17** bite investigations
- 2** tanning/tattoo inspections

## Investigate, diagnose, and address health hazards and root causes

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Health departments conduct surveillance and case investigations to gather information from individuals to mitigate the spread of disease or address environmental factors that impact the health of populations.

- 9** reportable disease investigations
- 72** COVID vaccination clinics

# ASSESSMENT

# POLICY DEVELOPMENT

## Strengthen, support and mobilize communities and partnerships

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Health departments collaborate with organizations and individuals in their communities to collectively promote the health of the population.

Monthly attendance at:

- SCC Schools BRIC (Building Resilience in Individuals & Communities) meetings
- SERT (Student Empowerment & Resiliency Team) meetings
- HealthCare Coalition meetings
- SIM Care Coordination meetings
- Interagency meetings
- Rotary meetings

## Communicate effectively to inform and educate

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Health departments communicate and educate to reach populations and subpopulations to improve community health.

- 3** Rotary presentations on Public Health topics
- 350** Students learned about Public Health careers at SCC Careers on Wheels event
- 9** Attended 8 Matter of Balance classes to learn exercises and other skills to decrease falls
- 16** Well & cistern closures
- 254** Posts on Public Health Facebook page
- 340** SCC students learned about Farm Safety

Sun Safety presented at Lake City and Rockwell City pools

## Enable equitable access

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Health departments ensure the population has access to needed services by engaging in activities to develop, assess, and improve systems delivering those services and thus meeting the collective needs of many individuals.

- 427** People served at Medical Home Clinics
- 5,465** Immunizations given
- 426** Family Foundations visits
- 37** Maternal Health visits
- 51** Child Health visits
- 14** WIC Clinics
- 72** Care Coordination hours helping people to access services

## Build a diverse and skilled workforce

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A competent public health workforce is necessary to support the provision of population-based interventions.

Public Health staff participated in approximately **560** hours of training and education.



## Improve and innovate through evaluation, research and quality improvement

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Efforts designed to evaluate, improve, apply evidence about, or innovate on interventions that are delivered on a population or subpopulation level are designed to increase impact on health of the population as a whole.

Staff identified decreasing the no-show rate at Medical Home Clinic from **14%** to **9%** as a quality improvement initiative. Through the addition of an on-line scheduling program, families started receiving reminder texts about appointments. The no show rate was **9.4%** the last six months of the fiscal year.

## Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health

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Administrative, management, and governance capacity comprise the foundation for health departments to promote health among populations they serve.

The Public Health Administrator completed a twelve-week leadership training, High Performance Leadership Academy.

Staff attended **39** Board of Supervisors meetings to provide updates on public health activities.

## Non-population Health

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Iowa Health and Human Services is moving away from funding direct service. The Calhoun County Board of Health recognizes the importance of direct services to residents and the lack of providers in our rural area. The Board approved continued provision of direct service.

**125** Health Maintenance Nursing Visits

**885** Homemaker Visits

**711** Personal Care Visits