



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

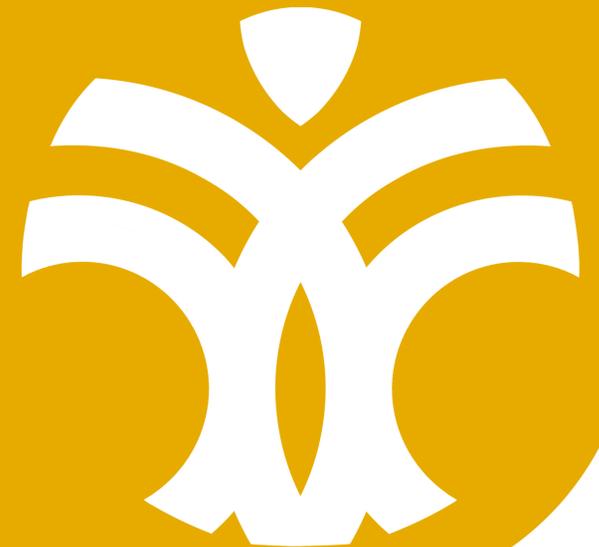




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health's organizational values:
Impact – Service – Collaboration – Integrity

2022 was a year of making values driven choices and the work you see described in this report reflects not only our values, but our commitment to providing public health services that meet national standards for best practice. It is part of our roadmap to the outcomes and impact we seek.

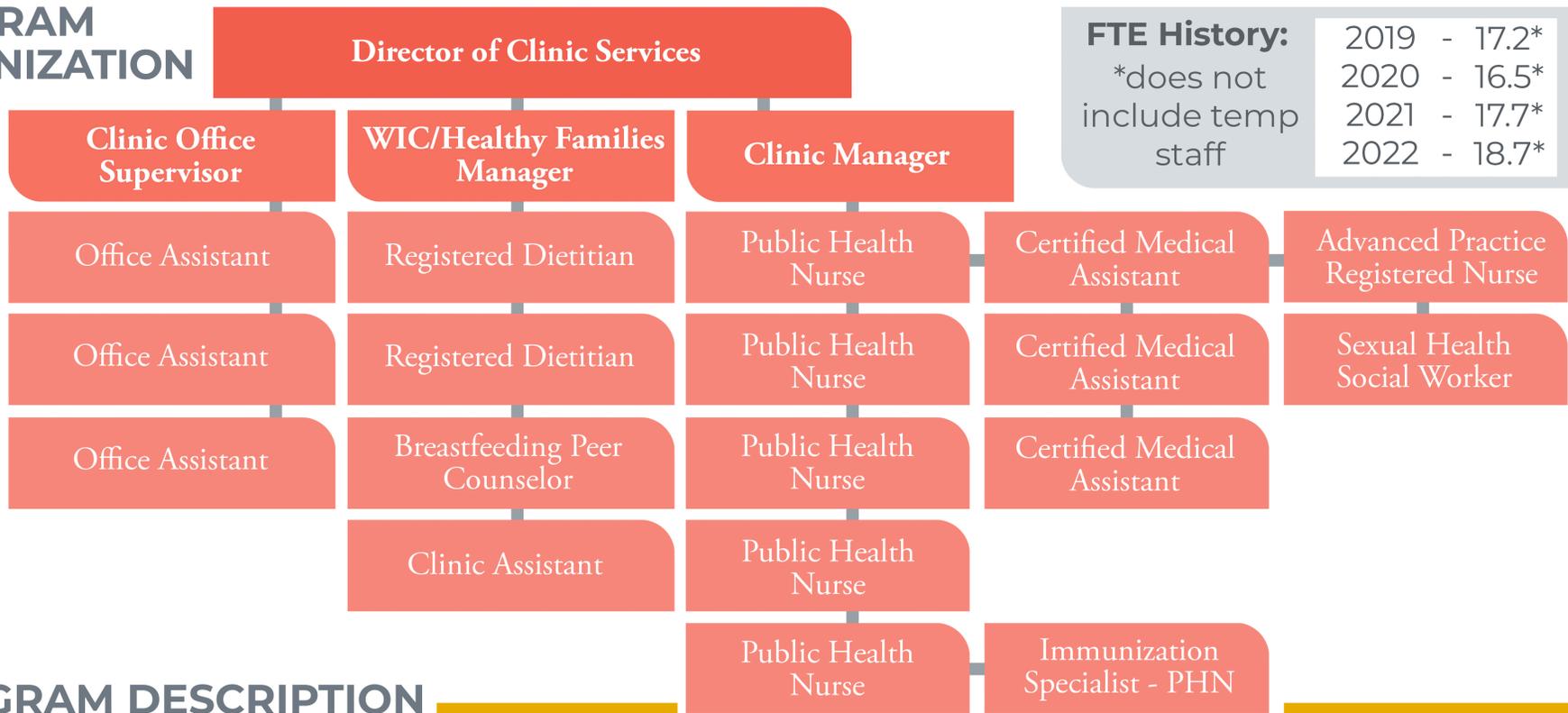
Impact – Intentionally aligning our actions and resources to influence and achieve health equity.

While not the definition you will find in the dictionary, in 2022, we embraced Impact as one of our four organizational values. Our definition speaks to our vision of leading change to advance health for all and our mission, creating abundant and equitable opportunities for good health.

At Lawrence Douglas County Public Health, health equity is at the center of all that we do. That “we” includes you and I want to thank you for using your voice, your time, and your collaboration to advance health for all.

LDCPH CLINIC SERVICES

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION



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|------------------------------|--------------|
| FTE History: | 2019 - 17.2* |
| *does not include temp staff | 2020 - 16.5* |
| | 2021 - 17.7* |
| | 2022 - 18.7* |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our clinic emphasizes prevention and education serving over 12,000 clients each year with the following services: immunizations for all ages; women's health and family planning; sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment; and nutritional support and counseling for pregnant or nursing women and their children.

PROGRAM IMPACT

In 2022, our Clinic Services division launched the use of our mobile clinic to expand access to community-based vaccination events and outreach focused on serving residents across Douglas County. Our mobile clinic was deployed for 32 vaccination events, providing more than 1,200 vaccinations to Douglas County residents in Lawrence, Eudora, and Baldwin City. The vaccination events were conducted in partnership with the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department, Lawrence Public Schools, Eudora Public Schools, and Baldwin City Public Schools. We also used our mobile clinic for community outreach events, including participating in Lawrence PRIDE, St. John's Mexican Fiesta, EudoraFest, and the Baldwin City Maple Leaf Festival.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

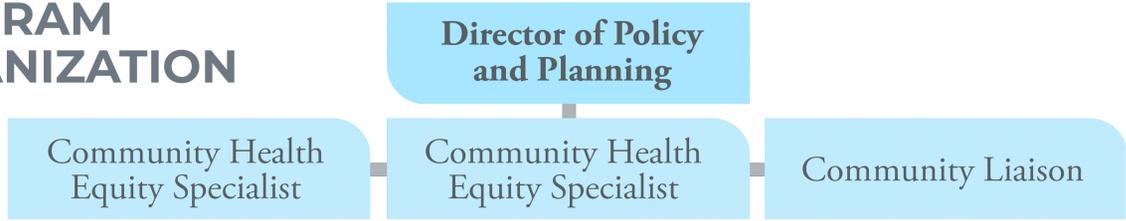
- Partnered with Heartland Community Health Center for fluoride treatments in WIC clinic.
- In 2022, WIC participants redeemed \$846,556.79 in benefits at 12 local grocery stores.
- Offered preventative monkeypox vaccinations to individuals with higher risks for exposure.
- Administered 6,653 COVID vaccinations to both adults and children in Douglas County.
- Provided a range of non-COVID immunizations to 929 children and 1,175 adults.
- Deployed the mobile clinic for 32 separate vaccination events.





LDCPH COMMUNITY HEALTH

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION



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|------------------------------|------|---|------|
| FTE History: | 2019 | - | 3.8 |
| *does not include temp staff | 2020 | - | 4.9* |
| | 2021 | - | 4.1* |
| | 2022 | - | 2.2* |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Health Department's Community Health Program works to mobilize community partnerships to identify strategies, implement evidence-based policies and practices, and evaluate impact of program outcomes to improve health. We work to identify and address health disparities and the inequitable conditions which drive those disparities. Our staff are committed to supporting achievement of the goals and objectives outlined in the Community Health Plan 2018 - 2023, which encompasses 4 Issue Areas; Behavioral Health, Healthy Foods for All and Healthy Built Environment, Safe and Affordable Housing and Anti-Poverty.

PROGRAM IMPACT In early 2022, Community Health and the Communications Officer staffed a grant funded project called Rapid Diagnostics and Testing for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) Kansas. This grant, funded by KUMC, provided resources for communications aimed at increasing COVID-19 testing for historically excluded and underserved populations. Our staff worked with members of our Health Equity Advisory Board to create and disseminate communications which promoted availability of testing and provided clear messages about when and how to test for COVID-19 during a time when restrictions were loose, home tests had wide availability, and considerable community spread of COVID-19 existed. Health Equity Advisory Board members identified locations and methods for disseminating these messages. This project highlighted the critical importance of community engagement and community-driven health promotion. One Health Equity Advisory Board member shared with staff that he was proud to see messages/communications he helped create in the community and to be able to tell his daughter he was a part of that work!

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- Staff conducted activities aimed at collecting robust data. The Community Health Assessments must be conducted every five years for accredited health departments. In 2022, Douglas County was selected as one of ten communities across the U.S to pilot new health assessment methods. To understand opinions about health topics which represent strengths and challenges, we worked with community partners and organizations to collect over 1,000 surveys and ensured representation of historically excluded and marginalized populations.
- Staff supported policy change to expand protections from harmful tobacco products. Staff worked with city staff community partners to ensure model policy was used to inform discussion regarding updating the Lawrence's Clean Indoor Air policy and establishing a new Tobacco Retail Licensing Program in Lawrence (implemented by the Environmental Health Department). We assured an equity focus by providing technical assistance aimed at examining who gets punished for non-compliance.
- Staff established a Health Equity Advisory Board consisting of eight community members who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Latino who provide guidance for all of LDCPH's activities. As the group's cohesion and identity grew in 2022, their influence grew dramatically. They helped shape activities and data collection approaches for the community health assessment, influenced communications distributed to promote COVID-19 testing and vaccination, and worked with the Health Board to select priority issues for LDCPH's strategic plan.





LDCPH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Environmental Health Supervisor

Childcare Lincensing Surveyor

Childcare Lincensing Surveyor

Environmental Health Specialist

FTE History:

| | | |
|------|---|-----|
| 2019 | - | 3.8 |
| 2020 | - | 4.0 |
| 2021 | - | 4.0 |
| 2022 | - | 3.8 |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Regulatory Services enforce public health laws. These laws include Kansas communicable disease and child care licensing regulations. Enforcement of local city and county laws include the Douglas County Sanitary Code, City of Lawrence public pool and spa ordinance and the new Tobacco Retail Licensing ordinance. We accomplish all of this through field inspections and investigations.

PROGRAM IMPACT Regulatory Services program staff expanded their community engagement capacity in preparation for implementation of the Tobacco Retail Licensing program adopted by the City of Lawrence in November 2022 (Ordinance 9946). This program aims to reduce smoking/vaping rates of Lawrence youth by prohibiting the sale of products to those under 21. An annual report and regular updates will be provided to community leaders and the public as the program becomes fully implemented in 2023. Childcare Licensing staff work tirelessly with all area providers offering expert subject matter support and encouragement through policy changes resulting in a stable stock of providers compared to the past few years of downward trends. Childcare Licensing also provided 50 cribs to support initial startup of the Kennedy Childcare Center, increasing childcare capacity. Environmental Health staff conducted over 175 health and safety inspections of swimming pools, schools and Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) establishments as well aiding in septic system site evaluations for 80 new home starts in Douglas County. Despite limited staff and resources, the Regulatory department at Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health continues to set the standard for environmental public health in Kansas.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- Worked with community partners & City officials to implement the new Lawrence Tobacco Retail Licensing program (Ordinance 9946).
- Childcare Licensing staff serve on the Early Care and Education Work Group to advocate for new childcare facilities.
- Gave residents information and support for their concerns with food/pool safety, indoor/outdoor air quality, solid waste, wastewater, housing, water quality, well water testing, and more.
- Oversaw the repair and replacement of over 50 septic systems in 2022.



LDCPH FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

WIC/Health Families Supervisor

Human Services Supervisor

Home Visitor

Home Visitor

Home Visitor

CBCAP Coordinator

Human Services Program Assistant

FTE History:

2019 - 5.6

2020 - 6.8

2021 - 7.5

2022 - 5.2

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Family Support Services include working with young families in our Healthy Families, Baby Steps, and Mi Apoyo Prenatal programs. Healthy Families Douglas County (HFDC) is an evidence-based personal visiting program to support parents facing multiple stressors in their lives. Staff meet with families regularly to support them in improving their child's health and development, access to health care, assist with goal setting, and link them to other community resources. Baby Steps is a program specifically designed to support teens during the prenatal through toddler years through case management support. Personal visits continue to be conducted in the families' homes, in-person using community meeting spaces, or through virtual means in efforts to best support each families' needs. MI Apoyo Prenatal (formerly called Rotation) is a newly expanded program awarded through the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant from the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF) that connects mothers ineligible for health insurance to prenatal care with interpretation services, offers case management support, and supports the family as they prepare for baby's arrival.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Client has been enrolled since for almost four years after delivery of her 1st pregnancy. The couple was able to resolve some financial issues and move into their own home. The client began working full time as the daycare cook where her oldest son was in childcare. She has held this job for 18 months and built strong work connections. In 2021, the father was not able to work due to injuries from a motorcycle accident, making the client the sole provider for the family. While they are no longer together as a couple, they have prioritized co-parenting strategies to support their children. They have made a point to do family activities together and attended our 2022 Holiday Family time all together. Also, throughout this challenging time, the client sought out counseling for herself and reports feeling empowered as a result.

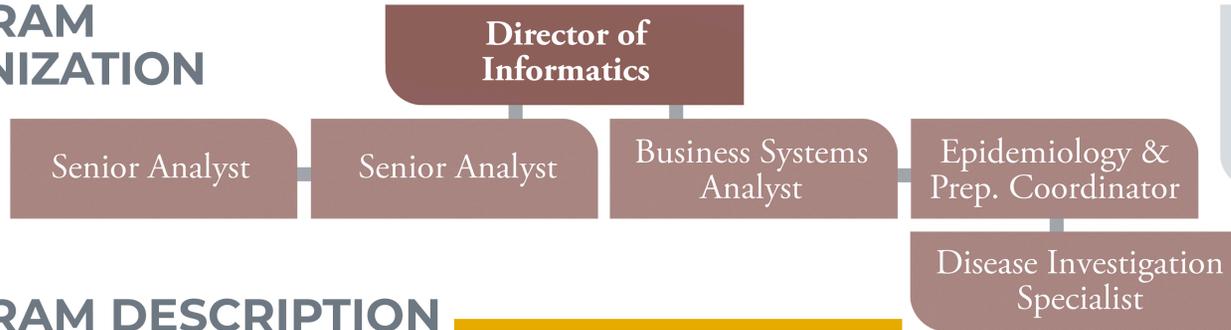
NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- Baby Steps awarded certificate for "the amazing work done on achieving and going beyond the goal of number of clients seen during the SFY22."
- Human Services programs hosted ecommunity events for clients and their families. A pumpkin patch trip and a holiday party were a huge success!
- Program supervisor chosen to represent the NE region by serving on the MCH Community Based Grant Advisory Workgroup to inform delivery of services to MCH populations within local communities.



LDCPH INFORMATICS

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION



| FTE History: | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
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| | 4.2* | 5.6* | 5.3* | 5.1* |

*does not include temp staff

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

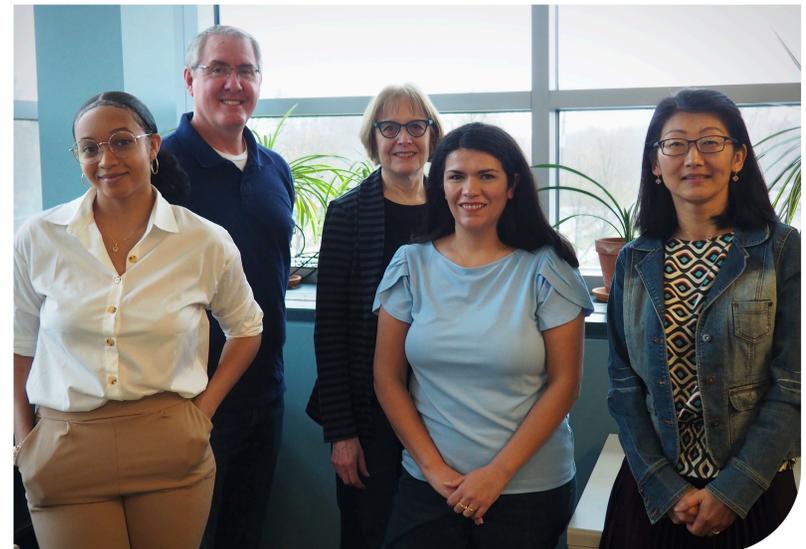
The Health Department's Informatics program is responsible for providing both internal LDCPH and external community analytical support. Internally, the program provides Quality Improvement/Performance Management support, fiscal support, and health department patient census numbers. Externally, the program analyzes data and releases reports that assist with the tracking and monitoring of the community's health. Finally, for the COVID-19 pandemic, the program manages required disease investigation processes, including isolation and quarantine, and infectious disease epidemiology that protect the community from the spread of communicable disease. Through public health preparedness activities we improve the capacity of staff, volunteers, community partners, and individuals to respond to and recover from significant health incidents.

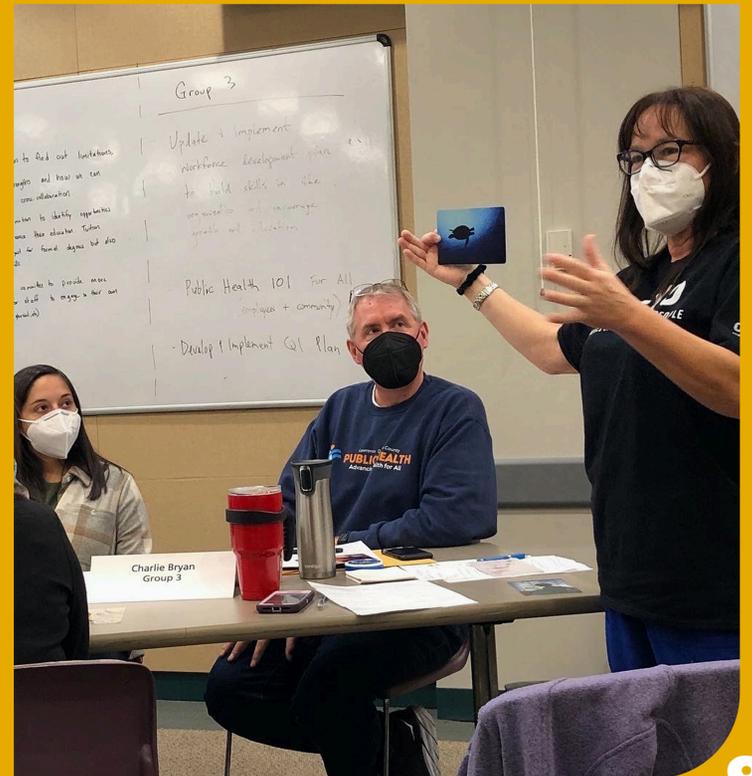
PROGRAM IMPACT

In 2022, Informatics Staff at LDCPH enhanced capacity to engage a variety of upstream public health work, will continue to meet the remaining needs of COVID-19 efforts. Enhanced upstream public health efforts include increased capacity to engage in the behavioral health system. This was demonstrated through a release of data brief focused on suicidal ideation among youth, the receipt of a Zero Suicide grant, and participation in state-level Governor's behavioral health groups. On-going efforts for COVID-19 include the continued release of weekly COVID-data, offering of COVID vaccinations through a variety of methods meant to meet people where they are, and management of the Omicron surge in January 2022. Foundational public health efforts include work on the Community Health Assessment, metric update to the Community Health Plan, management of non-COVID infectious disease issues, and two Quality Improvement projects.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- Release of 'Suicidal Ideation at the Emergency Department' data brief.
- Advancement of Zero Suicide efforts, including receipt of KDHE Zero Suicide grant, Quality Improvement project, & conference presentations.
- Continued providing opportunities outside of standard operations for vaccination, including COVID-19, influenza, and also back to school immunizations, in the mobile medical unit and clinics for 0-4 year olds.
- Managed other non-COVID infectious diseases, including Hepatitis A outbreak and beginning RSV and influenza surveillance.
- Community Health Assessment quantitative data support (gathering, analyzing, presenting, and communicating data).





HEALTH BOARD



Treasurer
Hugh CARTER
County Appointee
2020-2023



Erica HILL
City Appointee
2019-2022



Michael WILLIAMS
County Appointee
2021-2024



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County Appointee
2019-2022



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City Appointee
2022-2025



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City Appointee
2022-2025



Vice Chair
Erika DVORSKE,
City/County Appointee
2021-2024



Chair
Verdell TAYLOR Jr
City Appointee
2021-2024

A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

Leadership is critical to advancing public health, and that is a responsibility that all members of the Health Board take seriously. It is also a responsibility we have had the great honor of sharing with LDCPH's outgoing Director, Dan Partridge. Serving on this board through the COVID-19 pandemic allowed us to see firsthand how Dan, and the staff he has led, were willing to make hard decisions, work long hours, and sacrifice in order to continue pushing forward to achieve positive impacts for Douglas County. The commitment shown by Dan and his team has given our charge and charter added depth. The guidance and input that the Health Board provides helps to ground the work of LDCPH in the community, to ensure the needs of all people are reflected. But the board also plays an important role in voicing the resounding appreciation of those who are served, and on behalf of Douglas County, we would like to thank LDCPH, and most of all Dan Partridge. Thank you.

- Verdell Taylor Jr.

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The Lawrence Douglas-County Health Board Members serve 3-year terms, with no member serving more than 2 consecutive full terms. Members of the board are appointed by the Douglas County Commission, by the Lawrence City Commission and 1 by joint action of the 2 governing bodies. 1 ex officio member from the University of Kansas is selected by the KU Chancellor. The board's duties include: Establishing and formulating policies for the operation of the Health Department, Hiring and evaluating the Director, Reviewing the annual budget, and Reviewing Health Department programs and activities

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUND

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$2,312,870 |
| Revenues: | |
| Federal: | \$2,185,762 |
| County: | \$893,116 |
| City: | \$784,000 |
| Fees: | \$1,384,714 |
| State: | \$512,282 |
| Other: | \$22,313 |
| Total Revenue: | \$5,782,187 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Salaries and Wages: | \$2,496,380 |
| Payroll Related Expenses: | \$699,523 |
| Commodities: | \$708,192 |
| Contractual: | \$718,734 |
| Capital Equipment Expenditures: | \$364,184 |
| Total Expenditures: | \$4,987,013 |
| Transfers to other Funds: | \$100,000 |
| Ending Balance: | \$2,852,302 |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures: | \$695,174 |
| Ending Balance: | \$2,852,302 |

RESERVE FUND

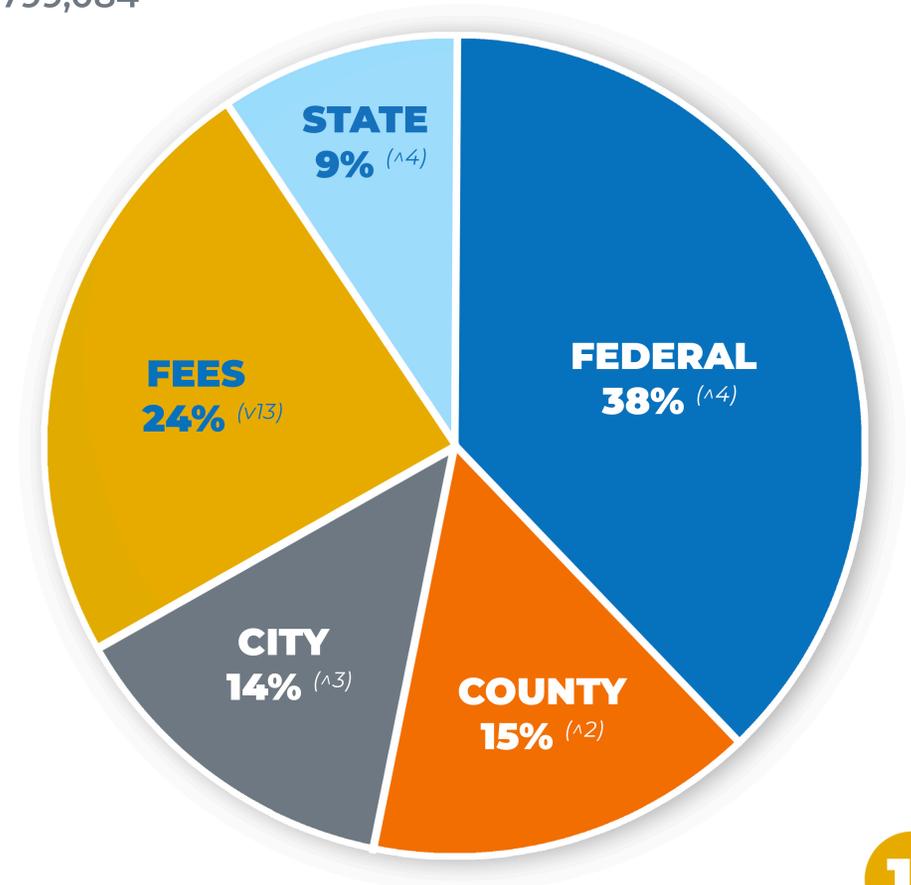
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| Beginning Balance | \$2,362,137 |
| Revenue: | |
| Interest: | \$3,781 |
| Transfer from other Funds: | \$0 |
| Expenditures | |
| Total Expenditures: | |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures: | \$3,781 |
| Ending Balance: | \$2,365,918 |

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$154,733 |
| Revenue: | |
| Transfer from Operating Fund: | \$100,000 |
| Interest Income: | \$129 |
| Capital Equipment Expenditures: | - |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$100,129 |
| Ending Balance | \$254,862 |

TOTAL NET REVENUE FOR ALL FUNDS

\$799,084





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