

## Personal Health - JoAnne Eakins

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) staff attended the Annual 2 day WIC Conference in Traverse City. The conference focused on breastfeeding, obesity and clinic atmosphere.
- We did very well on our annual Vaccines for Children's Program review conducted by the State of Michigan. We were commended for the immunization rates for our clinic.
- Participated in the Belding Community Showcase and highlighted healthy eating.
- Laurie Brinks, RN, was a guest presenter for the Life and Health Skills class at Portland Public Schools.
- Deb Pung, RN, did supervisory home visits for the Commission on Aging's Home Health Aides.
- Helped twenty individuals undergo post-exposure rabies prophylaxis (fourteen from exposure to bats).
- Again hosted Michigan State University Nursing students from May through July. The students worked in immunizations and accompanied our nurses on Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) visits.
- Attended the 2 day WIC Coordinators meeting in Bay City.

### 2013 Highlights:

WIC Average Monthly Participation	1717	Hearing Screenings	3358
Immunizations (includes Flu)	4575	Vision Screenings	4326
Maternal Infant Health Program Site Visits	556	Animal Bites Reported	114
Communicable Disease Cases (included STD)	278	Child Death Reviews	1

## Community Health - Debbie Thalison

- On behalf of the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative (ICSAI), staff facilitated a number of training events and classes for community members including Shoulder to Shoulder, Teen Intervene, Parenting Wisely, TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) and Smoking Cessation.
- Collaborated with the Belding Police Department and Ionia County Sheriff's Office to house Prescription Drug drop boxes in their lobbies. This will help with the proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- Hosted Methamphetamine and Adolescent Trauma training, and gave presentations on substance abuse treatment and prevention services available from the ICSAI at community events throughout Ionia County.
- Held a contest to name the community garden located at the Ionia County Animal Shelter. The winning name was The Growing Patch.
- Implemented a new program: Parenting Wisely for female offenders incarcerated in the Ionia County Jail.
- ICSAI held several informational booths at various community events including the Statewide Teen Driver Safety Conference.
- Gave presentations at the Be Safe Driving school and for the Ionia Department of Human Services.
- Organized the "Above the Influence" Media Campaign in Ionia High School during Homecoming week and at football games.
- Promoted MiPHY data for the SADD chapter to include on walking billboards.
- Maintained both our Joint Commission on Healthcare accreditation and our Michigan Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention License.
- Welcomed new ICSAI workgroup and Advisory Board members, providing one-on-one orientation.
- Welcomed volunteer Peer Recovery Support Coaches.
- Assisted Ionia County Residents apply for health coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

### 2013 Highlights:

Autopsies:	35	Ionia County Health Plan A & B enrollees (Dec 2013)	420
Treatment Units	1931		



# Ionia County Health Department

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

*We seek to help residents live long and healthy lives through the assurance of environmental quality and the dissemination of information to make wise health decisions.*

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## Letter to the Community

It is with great pride that the Ionia County Health Department presents our 2013 Annual Report. When you look through this report, you will see the vast array of important services, from immunizations to restaurant inspections to substance abuse counseling, that ICHD provides daily to the citizens of Ionia County.

While we are proud of the efficient and professional way in which we provide those services, we are constantly looking for new services to provide and ways to improve existing services. You will see evidence of that in this report, from going paperless in Environmental Health to helping Ionia County residents sign up for health insurance.

The staff of ICHD will continue to look to the future of public health while staying firmly grounded in the present. As always, our focus will be squarely on preventing disease, protecting public health, and promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

**Ken Bowen, REHS, MS**  
Health Officer

Prevention of disease, prompt control of outbreaks and providing a safe environment have been the basis of Public Health for many decades. The 2013 Annual Report highlights the wide range of services available at the Health Department to promote the health of the residents of Ionia County.

In the annual 'County Health Rankings and Roadmap' report, Ionia county has consistently ranked in the top half for overall health when compared to other counties in Michigan. The rankings consider various health indicators such as obesity, smoking, high school graduation rates, access to healthy food, income, teen pregnancy and environmental factors such as water quality and air pollution.

Recent reports indicate that there has been an increase in the number of cases of several vaccine preventable diseases across the nation.

There were 11 outbreaks of Measles, a highly contagious respiratory virus infection, in the U.S. in 2013. Most of the cases of Measles occurred in unvaccinated individuals. At the Ionia County Health Department, we are committed to providing vaccinations to members of our community and vigilantly review information so that we can respond promptly to various public health emergencies and issues.

**Dr. Sugandha Lowim, MD, MPH**  
Medical Director

## Ionia County Health Department Staff

Jamie Bevington, RN	Public Health Nurse	Sarah Mathews, LLMSW, RAC, RCS	Social Worker
Ken Bowen, REHS, MS	Health Officer/Supervising Sanitarian	Lisa McCafferty, REHS, RS, BS, MPH	Health Officer
Laurie Brinks, RN, CLC	Public Health Nurse	Courtney Miller, BS, CPS-M	Health Educator
Lacey Bull, REHS, RS	Environmental Sanitarian	Stacy Moore, BS, CPS-M, RAC, RCS	Health Educator
Sugandha Lowim, MD, MPH	Medical Director	Mark Novak, REHS, RS	Environmental Sanitarian
Linda Droste	Certified Hearing Technician	Deb Pung, BSN	Public Health Nurse
JoAnne Eakins, RN, BSN, MPA	Personal Health Director	Chad Shaw, BBA	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Mandy Germain	Administrative Secretary	Toni Simmons	Administrative Secretary
Diane Gross	Outreach Worker	Sara Steed	Public Health Nurse
Sue Hengesbach	Outreach Worker	Gayle Stevenson	Certified Vision Technician
Sara Hyland	Breastfeeding Peer Counselor	Deb Thalison, MA, CCS-M, ICCJP, CPC-M	Community Health Supervisor
Brenda Ingersoll	Bookkeeper	Melinda Theisen	Outreach Worker
Carolyn Isenga, RD, CLC	Registered Dietitian	Ashley Weber	Program Technician

## Environmental Health

- Worked with John Bush to digitally map high nitrate and high radon areas in the County.
- Assisted in the implementation of prescription drug drop-boxes at the Belding Police Department and Ionia County Sheriff's Office.
- Issued press releases on how to avoid health risks associated with flooding and hand delivered information to affected municipalities.
- Completed scanning of Day Care facility, Adult Foster Home, and other Department of Human Services (DHS) files into our Laserfiche system. These programs are now paperless.
- Investigated and condemned 13 methamphetamine-contaminated structures (up from 10 in 2012).
- Gave a career and profession presentation for the culinary arts class at Heartlands Institute of Technology.
- Worked with the prosecutor's office to close a food service business that was operating without a license.
- Conducted two Food Manager Certification courses.
- Worked with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to investigate a suspected foodborne illness outbreak at the Free Fair.
- Gave presentation on Health Department programs and services to Community Mental Health.


Complaints Received (All)	134	Public Swimming Pools Inspected	11
Methamphetamine Investigations	13	Septic Permits Issued	98
Food Illness Investigations	17	Well Permits Issued	107
Routine Food Inspections	326	Land Evaluations	47
Temporary Food Inspections	78	Radon Kits Distributed	112

## Emergency Preparedness - Chad Shaw

- Attended the Public Health Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. This event hosted 1600 members from emergency preparedness positions at the local, state, and the national level. It's focus was on community preparedness and resiliency.
- Collaborated with county and city emergency response organizations during the April flooding, resulting in better services for the community.
- Named the Montcalm-Ionia Medical Reserve Corps Partner Agency of the year for 2012.
- Started work on Project Public Health Ready with the goal of accreditation by the National Association of County and City Health Officials.
- Served as a course sponsor for the 211 run hosted by United Way. This gave the opportunity to disseminate public health preparedness information to the runners and citizens who attended Fall Fest at Bertha Brock Park.

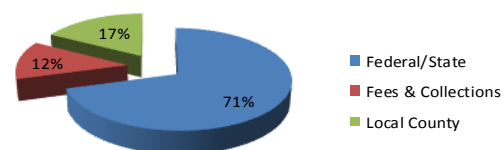


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## 2013 Financials

**2013 REVENUE**



**2013 EXPENSE**

