ANNUAL REPORT

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Greetings! We are proud to present the 2017-2018 Annual Report for the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department. In developing this year’s report, we have gone “back to basics”! As you browse through the pages that follow you will notice a focus on Essential Public Health Services. This is the invisible force that is upholding and protecting the basic elements of life that many people take for granted. Because of Public Health, kids no longer die of polio and diphtheria thanks to effective vaccines, death related to lung cancer and heart disease is dramatically reduced, illness due to contaminated food and water has greatly declined, work-related deaths and occupational injuries have significantly decreased, and air quality in Michigan bars and restaurants has greatly improved.

Another way we are demonstrating a “back to basics” approach is through the linkages throughout our programs where we focus on assuring that all individuals and families are able to meet their basic needs such as housing, transportation, and access to healthy food. We know that even the most advanced medical care can’t help us achieve good health until these most basic needs can be met. We know that not everyone starts from the same place and it is in understanding these unique circumstances that we can create the healthiest community in which all can live, work, and play in good health.

We are grateful for the support and guidance of our Board of Health and for a staff of dedicated professionals who serve our families and communities each day. It is our hope that you will recognize their efforts in the pages and highlights that follow!

In good health!
Lisa Peacock, Health Officer
Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director

### Administration Team

- **Medical Director**
  Joshua Meyerson, MD, MPH
- **Health Officer**
  Lisa Peacock, MSN, RN, WHNP-BC
- **Director of Personal Health**
  Michelle Klein, RN, MA, PH-C
- **Personal Health Supervisor**
  Debbie Aldridge, R.N.
- **Director of Administrative Services**
  Dodie Putney, B.S.
- **Environmental Health Director**
  Tom Fountain, R.S

### Board of Health

- **Chairperson**
  Melinda Lautner
- **Vice Chairperson**
  Gary Sauer
- **Members**
  Carolyn Rentenbach
  Casey Noonan
  Dr. George Ryckman
  Roger Griner
Mandated Essential Public Health Services

**Food Protection**
2017-2018: 405 Restaurant Inspections, 65 Food License/Temporary License Issued, 6 Follow up Inspections to Foodborne Illness

**Immunization**
2017-2018: 1544 Immunizations Administered

**Private/Non-Community Water Supply**
2017-2018: 349 Well Permits Issued, 1,168 Water Test Performed.

**Hearing Screening**
2017-2018: 1561 Children screened

**On-Site Sewage Disposal**
2017-2018: 438 Sewer Permits Issued.

**Vision Screening**
2017-2018: 2635 Children screened

**STD Control & Prevention**
2017-2018: 113 Cases Reported

**Infectious Disease Control**
2017-2018: 198 Communicable diseases investigated
Personal Health Non-Mandated Programs and Services

Healthy Futures
2017-2018: 165 Families Enrolled. 108 Home Visits Done

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

Maternal Infant Health Program
2017-2018: 213 Moms/Babies Enrolled and Provided 1242 Visits

Community Connections
2017-2018: 1140 Referrals. 3082 Visits/Phone Calls

Reproductive Health
2017-2018: 89 Clients, 327 visits, and 8 BCCCP visits.

Children's Special Health Care Services
2017-2018: 149 Clients Served

Worksite Wellness
2017-2018: 3 Worksites
The Community Connections Program is staffed by a team of nurses, social workers, and community health workers who assist clients in accessing resources that support health.

**Examples includes connecting and assisting clients in obtaining:**

- A Primary health care or Dental Home
- Behavioral health or other specialists providers
- Financial assistance for medical care or Outstanding medical bills
- Transportation
- Health Insurance or other DHS Applications
- Housing
- GED or College Programs
- Employment
- Access to Food, Household Items, Clothing, and other basic needs

What our Community Connections clients said:

“My Community Connections worker helped me apply for health insurance and food assistance. I can finally go to the dentist.”

“The Community Connections nurse helped me find an apartment. And then she found donated furniture I could use.”

“I am now enrolled in college classes. I never thought I could do this until my Community Connections Social Worker helped me apply and find scholarships.”
Environmental Health Non-Mandated Programs and Services

- 116 Vacant Land Evaluations-Perk Tests
- 23 Children's camp, Foster care, and Daycare Facility Inspections
- 42 Swimming Pool and Spa Inspections, Swimming Beach Monitoring – 11 beaches for 13 weeks (Late June through Mid-September)
- 358 Well and Septic System Inspections
- 29- Campground Inspections
- 2- Tattoo Parlor Inspections
- 19 Septage Hauling Vehicle Inspections and 14 Septage Receiving Facility Inpections
- 12 Suspected Rabies Animal Test Submissions
- Emergency Preparedness
The Environmental Health division of the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department provides many services to assure a safe environment for our community.

- Food Service Inspections
- Children’s Camp, Foster Care, Daycare Facility Inspections
- Swimming Pool/Spa Inspections
- Campground Inspections
- Swimming Beach Monitoring
- Septage Hauling Vehicle Inspections
- Septage Receiving Facility Inspections
- Tattoo Parlor Inspections
- Noncommunity Water Supply Inspections
- Suspected Rabid Animal Test Submission
- Emerging Disease Surveillance (Ticks, Mosquitoes, Etc.)

**Environmental Health Stories:**

“Our health department nurse contacted their Environmental Health staff when we had a terrible problem with our septic system in the middle of winter. We didn’t know what to do and didn’t have any money to pay for repairs. The Environmental Health Sanitarian figured out how to fix the problem and helped us get financial help to get it fixed as quickly as possible.”

“The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department staff helped food pantry staff learn about proper food storage and handling so we could be sure we were doing things correctly to protect our customers.”
2017-2018
Financial Summary

FY 17/18 Expenditures
$3,147,839

$377,352
$92,576
$96,935
$246,185
$205,920
$60,154
$2,050,343

- Personnel - 65%
- Space Costs - 12%
- Other - 3%
- Travel - 3%
- Supplies - 8%
- Professional Services - 7%
- Communications - 2%

FY 17/18 Revenues
$3,123,035

$1,310,481
$1,000,199
$533,629
$278,726

- Federal & State Grants - 42%
- Fees & Collections - 32%
- Local Funds - 17%
- Other - 9%