

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

Department of Health

FY2008 Highlights

- The new Animal Control and Nursing Division Facilities in Crystal Lake have been completed on time and within budget. Facilities were open to the public in February 2008.
- The Medical Reserve Corps remains active with a group of 200 who assist the Department in Public Health Emergencies.
- Additional grant funding has been received during the year which allows for additional programming for McHenry County Residents including; Nuestro Futuro Dental \$25,000, IL Children's Health Care Found Dental \$255,000, IDPH West Niles \$64,000, IDPH Breast and Cervical Cancer \$24,000, IDPH Emergency Response \$80,000, IPHA HIV \$10,000, IDPH Cities Readiness \$47,000, HEW sports vision protection \$10,000 and NACCHO medical reserve corps \$5,000.
- New Open Burning of Landscape Waste Ordinance implemented.
- Web base dog registration program for veterinarians is in the development stage.
- IDPH program recertification for the drinking water laboratory and successful program audits for WIC and Family Case Management.
- Pandemic Flu exercise grants provide to four municipalities.
- Comprehensive Senior Services Grant Proposal for in home services to help keep low income seniors in their homes developed.
- MAPP (mobilizing for action through planning and partnerships) implementation committees have been formed to address the top three issues (access to healthcare with focus on dental and mental health, awareness of information and referral, and impact of growth and development)
- Future Health Department facilities needs identified through County Campus Planning Project.

FY2009 Goals

- Develop capacity for electronic submittal of Private Sewage and Water Well Permits.
- Develop computerized food inspection and record storage system with web access.
- Roll out web based animal registration program to all veterinarians.
- Obtain County board support for a cat registration/vaccination ordinance.
- Develop strategies and contingencies to address the escalating cost of doing business caused by fuel prices.
- Determine short term options to address the physical space limitations of the Dental Clinic and Annex B.
- Continue with the implementation of the health improvement strategies for the top three issues identified in the MAPP (mobilizing for action through planning and partnerships) Process.
- Explore CQI programs, select the most appropriate one and develop internal capacities to administer.