

1984 ANNUAL-REPORT

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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH - A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

March 1985

This annual report of the General Health District reflects the public health services provided to residents of Tuscarawas County during 1984. The broad range of services, including primary health care as well as disease prevention and health promotion, continued on a restricted level as the Health District struggled through its third straight year of severe financial difficulties.

The reduced funding meant reduced staff and reduced hours of work and pay. The services of highest priority were maintained by increased effort of the remaining employees aided by our volunteer workers, and through the volunteered services of key physicians and the members of the Board of Health. Help also came from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners who made the temporary financial arrangements necessary for the Health District to maintain services while overcoming a \$12,690 cash deficit at the year's end. We wish to thank all the employees, volunteers, physicians and officials who worked so hard to keep health services going in 1984.

The need for basic public health services is increasing in step with the changing environment, government regulations, demands of the public and the economic hardships of significant numbers of the population. The continued lack of funding we pointed out, would eventually destroy many of these services.

Our hats are off to the many citizens who recognized the need and supported passage of the Health Levy, both in the campaign and at the polls. The new Health Levy, passed in May, will run for ten years, making it possible to restore a number of needed health services which had to be terminated for lack of money over the last 3-4 years. We look forward to the pleasant challenge of restoring these services in the most cost effective manner. . .in co-operation with other public and private health care providers.

All in all, 1984 proved once again that public health is a community affair.

Sincerely,

Herbert J. Shubick, M.S. Health Commissioner

Robert C. Hastedt, M.D.

Medical Director

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTER

The Tuscarawas County General Health District provides an access point for primary health care to those residents who do not have an entrance with the private sector for medical care. These services include preventative health care including well child and adult physical examinations, prenatal and gynecological care, ill child care, immunizations and tuberculin skin testing, pregnancy tests, and family planning. These services are partially funded by a number of State and Federal Block Grants. Each Grant specifies the type of services and age group of patients eligible to receive the services offered by the Grant.

1984

VISITS	
4000	
3500	
3000	
2500	
2000	NIN
1500	PLANNING
1000	
500	FAMILY PLA WELL CHILD ADULT

The TUSCARAWAS COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT offers, in cooperation with the Bureau of Crippled Children's Services, the services of specialty physicians to children under the age of 21 years at no cost to the patient's family.

Orthopedic Clinic under the supervision of: B. J. Greenburg, M.D. and Dennis Weiner, M.D.

No. of Clinics - - - - - 5
No. of New Patients seen - - 123
No. of Visits - - - - - - 274

POD (Pediatric Otological Diagnostic) Clinic under the supervision of:

Raymond Rosedale, M.D. and David Pickett, M.D.

No. of Clinics - - - - - 4
No. of New Patients seen - - 53
No. of Visits - - - - - 74

Cardiac Clinic under the supervision of: John Kramer, M.D.

No. of Clinics - - - - - - - No. of New Patients seen - - 3

The Women, Infants, and Children Program (W.I.C.) is a special health program funded by the U.S.D.A. and administered by O.D.H. and your Local Health Department. It helps correct nutrition related health problems by providing nutritional assessment, supplemental foods, and nutrition information.

Eligibility is based on (1) medical/nutritional evaluation, (2) economic need, (3) area of residence, (4) catagory (women must be pregnant, less than six months postpartum, or breastfeeding an infant less than one year old; children must be less than five years old).

Participation levels relate directly to funding levels. This year funding was increased due to additional revenue resulting from Job's Bill monies.

1984 was a growth period for WIC in Ohio and Tuscarawas County.

786 2200

Participants 1987

2000

January

January





April August

December

The function of this committee is to:

- 1. Provide input relative to local WIC Project administration.
- 2. Improve co-ordination among represented groups.
- 3. Assist in the implementation of required program changes.
- 4. Assist in outreach and program expansion.
- 5. Provide input to the State Agency upon request.

The Advisory Committee makes suggestions within the limits of Federal and State regulations and guidelines which they feel will result in a more effective and efficient WIC Program. They do not set policy or establish procedure.

Meetings are held at least twice a year.

The current membership consists of the following:

Penny Goshorn William Kilchenman

Joan Lang

Karen Bruns

Umesh Betkerur, M.D.

Stephanie Incarnato

Gail Koren

Yvonne Indorf, R.N.

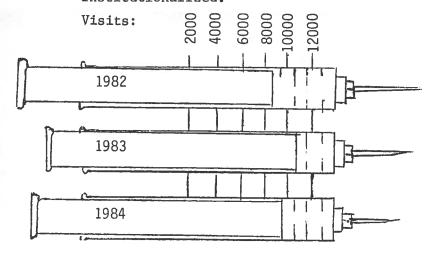
Patricia Figuly

HOME HEALTH SERVICE

Home Health Services provides home health care in the home under the direct orders of the patient's managing physician on an intermittent basis to all residents of Tuscarawas County with the exception of New Philadelphia City Health Department. The services offered by our agency are skilled nursing, speech therapy, home health aide, and homemaker services. Up until March of 1984 physical therapy was offered and presently physical therapy requests are referred until a physical therapist can be recruited.

This program:

- 1. Shortens patient's hospital stay.
- 2. Allows patients to stay in their own home if they so choose to.
- Allows family members and/or care givers in assisting with the patient's care.
- 4. Relieves the financial responsibility of the patient and family if patient can be at home instead of being institutionalized.



HOME HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Home Health Agency has an advisory board representative of the community. Some duties of the Advisory Board: assisting with program evaluation, reviewing and making recommendations of the planning process and budget, agency policies, and assisting in maintaining liaison with other health care providers in the community.

The Advisory Board Members are:

Herbert J. Shubick, M.S. Hilda Betche

Mary Shotwell, R.N. Norma Haglock

Dr. Bharat Oza Jewel Milgate

Harry Yockey Edith Cotterman

Sharon Zimmer Jane Schoof

Pat May Sue Rees

Maryon Duggan Betty Huffman, R.N.

Ruth Nigro, L.P.N. Carol Ong, R.N.

Millie Weston, R.N. Mary Lou Cambert, R.N.

SPEECH THERAPY

The Speech Therapy Department has served Tuscarawas County for eleven (11) years. The Department grew from the Child and Maternal Health Grants and expanded to serve the Home Health program. The therapist provided speech evaluations, therapy if needed, and refers to other services in the county when possible.

Speech difficulties include language delay, difficulty in pronouncing sounds in words or misarticulations, difficulties resulting from hearing loss, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, and strokes.

Referrals are received from interested individuals, the Health Center, local physicians and specialists from Akron and Canton. Call the Health Department for more information or an appointment.

Home Health services are provided to home-bound patients through doctor's orders. Patients having suffered speech loss through a stroke or Cerebral Vascular Accident (C.V.A.) are tested and therapy provided. Patients returning from rehabilitation facilities are also seen for follow-up therapy.

The Headstart program, Harcatus, has contracted for speech services in their Carrollton, Cadiz, Uhrichsville, and Dover sites. Services for further testing with respective schools are also arranged when necessary.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Health Department has an ongoing Volunteer Program with a coordinator responsible for recruitment, training and screening.

With the volunteer help, we are able to extend the comprehensive services offered.

We recognize and extend our sincere appreciation to the following volunteers:

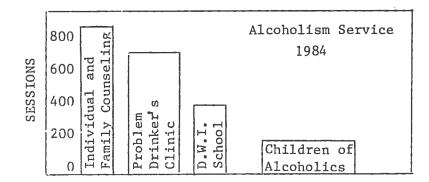
Frances Andres, Lori Barbee, Michael P. Bartley, Shelly Biddle, Bernice Border, Theresa Browning, Melissa Burrier, Melanie Burkhart, Marjorie Crone, Lisa L. Colvin, Sheila Kay Coen, Leona Duerr, Jill Dalcoma, Kim D'Ostroph, Sue Denzer, Evelyn Duerr, Dawn Marie Elesky, Betty Fenton, Freda Fiddler, Lou Frownfelter, Marcia Gallagher, Teresa Gardner, Larry Gingery, Joseph T. Goodwin, Fonns Greenwood, Betty Harmon, Mega Haswell, Donna Hess, Carol Indorf, Tonya Jenkins, Violet Jentes, Rose Jones, Gwen Kennedy, Sally Lahmers, Edith Lukens, Roberta McDougal, Josephine Moore, Patricia Metzer, Garrett Morris, Fannie Naus, Patricia Nunheimer, Lena Polce, Dorothy Prince, Dorothy Reynolds, Sue Rees, Betty Richards, Florence Rudolph, Wilma Stanley, Anna Slensly, Fannie Stokes, Shirley Strausbaugh, June Squires, Pam Squires, Fannie Tolfo, Cindy Tubbs, Wendy Willison.

TUSCARAWAS AND CARROLL COUNTY ALCOHOL CENTER

The Tuscarawas and Carroll County Alcohol program is certified by the Ohio Dept. of Health, Bureau on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism Recovery. It's main office is located in the Tuscarawas County Health Dept. and a Carroll County office is located in the satellite office of Community Professional Services in Carrollton.

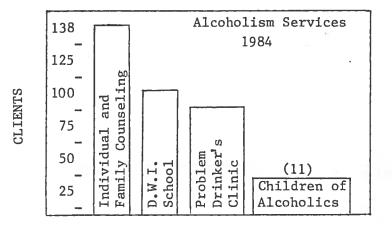
The Alcohol Center views alcoholism or chemical dependency as major health problems. Chemical dependency, as with any disease, permeates all spheres of an individual or family's structure. Since our agency is housed in a public health setting, medical as well as psychological needs are met. Individual, group counseling (Problem Drinker's Clinic or Children of Alcoholics Clinic), family counseling, consultation, information and referral, and Antabuse Therapy are a partial list of services available through this public health agency milieu.

Our mission is to safely detoxify an individual via out-patient supervision or inpatient detoxification/ rehabilitation services. Chemical dependency is a primary disorder that must be treated first in order to apply other treatments in a holistic framework. The dependency must be put into remission. Any underlying psychological problems are then treated.



The Tuscarawas & Carroll County Alcohol programs have a significantly higher approved discharge rate than other Ohio Dept. of Health alcohol treatment programs. The statewide norm is 27% whereas our local program demonstrates a 56% approved discharge rate for Ohio Dept. of Health admissions. This suggests a relatively high degree of effectiveness for our local program.

The total clientele of this chemical dependency program received over 1,000 auxiliary visits. These consist of consultations with other staff, telephone calls, letters, treatment summaries or other services necessary to provide comprehensive treatment modality.



In Ohio, the Vital Statistics law requires the attending physician or person in attendance at the time of birth to file a certificate with the local registrar for each live birth occurring in the State. The funeral director is responsible for filing a certificate for each death occurring in the State.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are available at a charge of \$5.00. The \$2.00 increase, which was effective December 27, 1984, goes toward the Child Abuse Fund. You may contact the Vital Statistics Registrar during regular Health Center hours.

The Vital Statistics division of your Health Department maintains records of the births and deaths of Tuscarawas County since 1908. The following data has been compiled from the original certificates of live births and deaths.

The leading causes of death in Tuscarawas County were as follows:

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Heart & Circulatory	387	335
Respiratory	81	110
Cancer	67	94
Vascular, central nervous system	47	74
Accidents	14	18
Urinary	21	15
Infants	12	15
Suicide	11	12
Digestive	23	2
	1983	1984
Total Births	994	968
Total Deaths	667	707

The voters decision to reject the 1983 Health Levy caused many drastic changes during 1984. Man hours, staff and programs had to be reduced or eliminated. Being confident that the 1984 Health Levy would be accepted, the decision was made to temporarily minimize Food Service, Vending, Food Establishment and Solid Waste Hauling inspections; eliminate the Mosquito Control program; and investigate Housing complaints on a nuisance basis only.

This represents approximately a 20% decrease in time and labor. The graph below reflects a slightly higher percentage reduction in inspections and consultations because of the four day work week.

The favorable decision given to the 1984 Health Levy indicated there is a concerned interest in public health. The regular work week and staff will be reinstated, all programs will be re-established with new goals and objectives. Your Environmental Health staff remains dedicated to the fact that "What we do in our environment today will have a definite affect on our lifestyle tomorrow".

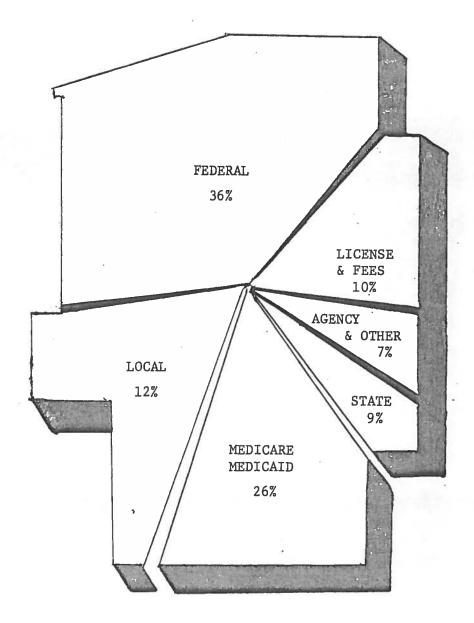
While environmental problems do not always have easy solutions, your cooperation and concern will help us to help you make Tuscarawas County a better place to live.

Inspections	1982	1983	1984
3000			
2500			
2000		/ \	
1750			
1500			
1250		1/4	-
1000		—// \—	
500	200	200	

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES (ALL FUNDS)

RECEIPTS:	1984
Beginning Balance	\$ 14,540.93
Speech	12,743.45
Cl. Fees	28,704.92
Title XIX	69,599.07
Cl. E.P.S.D.T.	11,423.20
Title XVIII	145,579.15
Grants	311,965.10
Other	36,457.93
Vital Statistics	17,926.50
Permits & Licenses	14,155.00
State Subsidy	10,605.85
Sub-Division	50,000.00
Levy R/B	57,977.62
TB Reg.	5,600.00
D.W.I.	5,915.00
Title XX	3,138.42
Restaurant	14,110.50
Vending	1,166.00
New Install.	9,495.00
Alteration	127.00
Water Samples	2,538.00
Health - Other ·	20,806.23*
Sanitation - Other	712.60
Welfare: HHHA	86,879.08
Total Receipts:	\$932,166.55
EXPENDITURES:	9
Salaries	\$561,226.53
Supplies	37,287.22
Contracts	49,277.98
Rental	25,975.00
Travel	38,673.16
P.E.R.S.	72,122.29
Workman's Comp.	11,513.75
Other	84,993.62
Equipment	2,769.86
Remittance to State	6,635.00
Total Expenditures:	\$890,474.41

^{*}Includes \$20,000 temporary authorization from the County Commissioners.



YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUNDING

AFTER LONG SERVICE . . .

The year 1984 saw the retirement of two high-level leaders on the Health District staff. Vivian Stewart, Director of health Services retired September 30 after thirty years of service. Robert Randolph, Assistant Director of Health Services, retired May 31 with twelve years of service. The excellent statewide reputation of the Tuscarawas County General Health District over the years is due in no small part to the effectiveness of these two dedicated public health workers.

HEALTH BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The seven-year old Tuscarawas County Health Building easily ranks as one of the finest local public health facilities in the State of Ohio. Adequate maintenance and care taking of this busy health center is essential to keep services flowing and to prevent deterioration of the building and grounds which cost over \$1 million to build.

Restricted funding in 1984 required some ingenuity and "making do" on the part of the Health District's two-man maintenance team. However their efforts, aided by assignees referred regularly by the Tuscarawas County Human Services Department managed to keep the building clean, safe and serviceable. A mechanical maintenance contract with a highly experienced specialty firm protects the building's central heating, cooling and safety systems. As might be expected, however some "catching up" on preventive and corrective maintenance remains to be done in 1985 when funding allows.