The revenue for the Douglas County Health Department is divided into three sections. The first is the county levy that we receive every year. This amount is based on the assessed values of the county and the percent requested by the agency. The 2013 levy was 26% of the revenue that was utilized by the health department. Grants received from either State, Federal, or Private funders accounted for 32% of the revenue for 2013. The section that provided the largest percentage of the revenues was fees at 42%. These fees are accumulated from services provided by the dental clinic, the nursing clinics, and the environmental fees; such as food, septic, and water permits. The Health Department is able to provide continuous services through the diversity of funding that is generated for the different programs.

2013 Actual

Revenues: $1,235,825.
Expenditures: $1,079,114.
ACA IPC Navigation

In-Person Counselors/Navigators assist individuals in accessing the most appropriate health insurance based on their needs and options offered through the new ABE (Illinois Medicaid)/Health Insurance Marketplace (Federal Insurance Exchange). IPC's/Navigator's are free from conflict of interest and committed to acting only in the interest of the consumer, free of charge. IPC's/Navigators are able to effectively serve low-income and disadvantaged consumers as well as individuals wishing to purchase private insurance through the Exchange and are amply trained to navigate in both ABE (Medicaid) and the private insurance Exchange (www.healthcare.gov). Each is certified and licensed by the State/Federal government and the Illinois Department of Insurance. They explain and educate consumers on eligibility, benefits, cost-sharing, tax credits; as well as, the appeals process when necessary; in addition to educating and raising public awareness as to the qualified health plans available.

Dental Clinic

The Wellness On Wells mobile bus was utilized to conduct dental examinations on children attending Douglas County Amish schools. The participating schools included Oak Lawn School, Okaw Valley School, Prairie Mennonite School, Bagdad School, North Side School, Meadowbrook School. A total of 106 dental exams were performed on children ranging from 1st through 8th grade.

2014 Preview

- Providing high dose flu vaccine to residents 65 and older.
- Providing even more cleaning and sealants to the Amish Schools through a Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation Grant.
- Completion of Phase 3 of the health department expansion grant, which will allow usable space for group services.
- Participate in Food Borne Illness drills with county organizations.
- Partner with Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital to provide services through video conferencing.
- Work with Douglas County Mental Health to provide a needs assessment for the county, secure the necessary funding, and ensure the needed services are provided.