Accomplishments

- Students in Pinellas will have more access to care next year. With funding by the Juvenile Welfare Board, the Pinellas County Health Department will open another school-based clinic at Boca Ciega High Schools. These will join existing clinics in Gibbs and Northeast to provide teens with a range of health services.

- A sixth health center opened is now providing more convenient services to the community. The Mid-County Health Center at 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, offers medical and dental clinics and houses Environmental Services and Vital Statistics.

- The Pinellas County Health Department has begun the process to national accreditation via the Public Health Accreditation Board’s process. This national not-for-profit measures quality and performance.

- A plaque from Florida TaxWatch’s Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards went to the health department’s WIC breastfeeding team for developing an electronic chart system that monitors moms and babies.

- The health department’s federal Communities Putting to Work grant to combat the rising obesity rates has already scored some large wins. Cities, businesses, schools and places of worship have joined the effort by increasing physical activity options and providing healthier food choices.

- Health Department Director Claude M. Dharamraj, MD, MPH, FAAP was selected the Physician of the Year by the Pinellas County Medical Association for 2012. Florida’s Surgeon General, John Armstrong, MD, presented the award.

“We are committed to providing quality public health services that protect the citizens of Pinellas County. We strive to demonstrate accountability and to treat you with courtesy.”

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Director, Pinellas County Health Department

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
- Almost 18,000 clients received immunizations.
- Vital Statistics provided more than 117,000 birth and death records to more than 39,000 clients.
- About 2,000 clients received HIV/AIDS services and 2,200 received Hepatitis services.
- 1,100 clients received tuberculosis services.
- More than 10,000 clients received sexually-transmitted disease services.

PRIMARY CARE (PERSONAL HEALTH)
- 11,481 clients received comprehensive adult health services and 2,875 children received services.
- More than 10,700 children received dental care.
- WIC reported more than 23,000 clients and more than 214,000 services to expectant mothers, babies and children.
- School Health provided more than 700,000 services to students.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- Almost 20,000 services were provided to protect the community via inspections.
- 4,240 groundwater contamination services were provided.

2013 County Health Rankings

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin rank states and counties in health outcomes, which measure mortality (length of life) and morbidity (quality of life), and health factors. Each year. Among Florida’s 67 counties, Pinellas ranks 38th in health outcomes and 17th in health factors, which include health behaviors such as tobacco use; diet and exercise; access to care and socio-economic concerns. Higher rankings indicate better health.