FY 2012-2013 Highlights

- Students in Pinellas have more access to care. With funding from the Juvenile Welfare Board, DOH-Pinellas will open a fourth school-based clinic at Pinellas Park High School. It will join existing clinics at Gibbs, Northeast and Boca Ciega High Schools to provide health services.
- DOH-Pinellas underwent a rigorous process toward achieving national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. All of Florida’s 67 county health departments have applied together. Accreditation is a way to be accountable while providing excellence in public health services.
- DOH-Pinellas’ weight management clinic for its Primary Care clients continues to achieve results. Clients have lost weight and controlled conditions such as diabetes and hypertension without medications.
- The agency’s Healthy Families program celebrated its 20th anniversary in January 2013. The national effort prevents child abuse and neglect by working with families at risk. It is both cost-efficient and successful. Pinellas has the largest Healthy Families program in the nation.
- New pediatric clinics at the Mid-County and St. Petersburg health departments are caring for children with and without appointments. The clinics are near the health department dental clinics that provide the highest number of services to Medicaid-eligible children.
- Pinellas led the way in saving taxpayers a projected $500,000 in 2013 as the leader of the multi-county Ryan White Part B program that uses federal funding to provide HIV/AIDS medications to the community. The Pinellas staff reduced administrative costs by $300,000 and implemented efficient procedures and new software to save an additional $200,000 while continuing to provide the same services.
- WIC continues to have the only drive-through window in the state to serve families at the Mid-County health department. This is more convenient than buckling and unbuckling babies to go inside for pickup appointments.

“We are committed to providing you with excellent customer service and quality services at our health departments in St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Largo, Mid-County, Clearwater and Tarpon Springs.”

County Health Department Director
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Services Provided During FY 2012-2013

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
- Almost 21,000 immunizations were provided to the community.
- Vital Statistics provided more than 110,000 birth and death records to more than 36,000 clients.
- About 1,650 clients received HIV/AIDS prevention services and 1,500 received Hepatitis services.
- More than 1,200 clients were screened or assessed for tuberculosis.
- More than 10,000 clients received sexually-transmitted disease services.

PRIMARY CARE (PERSONAL HEALTH)
- Almost 14,000 clients received comprehensive adult health services and 4,500 children received services.
- Almost 12,000 clients received dental services.
- WIC served almost 26,000 clients, including expectant mothers, babies and children.
- School Health provided more than 714,000 services to students.
- More than 13,000 people received family planning services.
- More than 5,800 women received Healthy Start Prenatal services and almost 3,500 families received Healthy Start Child services to start babies on the path to good health and a caring home.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- Coastal Beach Monitoring tested the water quality at Pinellas beaches more than 320 times to ensure the public’s safety.
- More than 5,300 food hygiene inspections were completed in schools, nursing homes and other facilities in Pinellas.
- More than 4,400 inspections were performed in group care facilities.
- Almost 7,000 services were provided to keep pools and bathing places safe.

2014 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 ranked 35th in health outcomes and 18th 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. The county ranks 11th in clinical care.

Financial Resources for FY 2013-2014

The Florida Department of Health’s Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30. Pinellas County’s Fiscal Year runs from October 1 to September 30.