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2008-2009 Annual Report

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* Boardmember Henry Torcellini passed away on June 24, 2009. "Hank" served on the NDDH Board of Directors for over 20 years. His contributions and presence are greatly missed.

NDDH Public Health Activities by Town for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

	Brklyn	Cntrby	Estfrd	Hmptn	Kingly	Plnflld	Pmfrt	Ptnm	Strlng	Thmpsn	Union	Wdstck	TOTALS
Subsurface Sewage Disposal													
B 100	55	33	9	3	39	38	15	7	17	42	2	88	348
Permits-Commercial	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	14
Permits-New	14	6	8	4	34	5	4	7	7	9	2	14	114
Permits-Repair	10	10	0	7	4	6	8	5	1	20	2	19	92
Plan Reviews-Additional	8	4	5	1	6	4	4	1	4	5	0	11	53
Plan Reviews-Commercial	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	9
Plan Reviews-New	17	6	7	4	32	5	4	2	10	9	2	13	111
Plan Reviews-Repair	11	10	0	6	6	6	8	6	1	19	2	19	94
Plan Reviews-Subdivision (lots)	12	10	0	2	34	4	2	0	0	2	3	1	70
Re-inspections-Additional	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Soil Testing-Additional	16	9	6	5	19	3	6	1	12	6	2	17	102
Soil Testing-New	16	14	3	7	68	5	5	2	7	6	3	11	147
Soil Testing-Repair	10	9	1	6	6	5	7	3	1	11	4	19	82
Standpipe Monitoring (readings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tank Replacement	4	2	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	4	23
Total Subsurface Sewage Disposal	179	116	43	46	257	85	65	41	60	132	23	216	1263
Potable Water Supplies													
Well Permits Issued	20	9	7	7	33	15	12	16	11	18	6	22	176
Food Service Sanitation													
Senior Housing Facilities	4	0	0	0	5	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	20
Day Care	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Grocery Store	8	5	0	4	22	24	5	23	6	10	0	0	107
Restaurant	43	16	3	0	98	100	20	97	12	44	6	28	467
Schools	6	6	1	3	15	15	11	10	3	8	0	10	88
Youth Camps	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Campgrounds	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
Health Care Facilities	6	0	0	0	8	5	0	13	0	0	0	0	32
Civic/Non-Profit Organizations (Yearly)	3	4	1	2	22	13	4	5	3	9	0	5	71
Temporary Food Permits	101	23	3	6	71	24	20	43	16	16	1	187	511
Re-inspections	5	5	0	0	11	8	1	6	2	2	1	2	43
Review of Plans	8	2	0	0	13	7	2	7	0	7	0	4	50
Total Food Service Inspections	186	61	8	15	268	200	68	206	47	97	9	236	1401
General Environmental Health-Related Inspections													
Campgrounds	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	15
Day Care	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	2	1	2	0	3	17
Motel/Hotel	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	2	12
Swimming Pools	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	2	11
Hair Salons	3	2	1	0	18	8	1	10	1	1	0	5	50
Group Homes	9	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	16
Total General Inspections	16	3	4	0	32	16	4	14	9	6	0	17	121
Complaint Investigations													
Animal Feces	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	6
Food	3	2	0	0	11	4	0	7	0	1	0	1	29
Garbage/Refuse	4	0	1	0	25	14	1	10	5	9	0	1	70
Housing	2	0	0	1	14	3	2	12	2	4	0	3	43
Insects/Rodents	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
Lead Concerns	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Manure	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mold	5	2	0	0	6	11	0	3	1	4	0	1	33
Other	1	0	0	0	16	12	0	12	1	7	0	3	52
Sewage/Septic	1	1	0	0	8	3	1	5	3	3	0	1	26
Water/Heat	3	1	0	0	22	10	0	5	2	1	0	2	46
Total Complaints	20	6	1	1	106	62	4	56	16	30	0	13	315

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	Brklyn	Cntrbry	Estfrd	Hmptn	Kingly	Plnflid	Pmfrt	Ptnm	String	Thmpsn	Union	Wdstck	TOTALS
Rabies													
Animals Tested	6	3	3	2	7	4	1	3	0	3	0	9	41
Animals Tested Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Animals Unsuitable for Testing	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program													
Children Screened (Finger Screening 10 and higher)	2	1	1	1	5	10	2	3	1	2	0	0	28
Venous Test (Lead levels less than 10)	0	1	0	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	13
Venous Test (Lead levels 10-19)	2	0	1	2	6	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	20
Confirmed Poisoning/Venous Test level 20 & over	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Total Lead Prevention Activities	4	2	2	5	13	22	4	5	1	6	0	0	64
Total Environmental Services	431	200	68	76	716	404	158	341	144	292	38	513	3381

The statistics below reflect laboratory tests received by NDDH and not the number of individuals diagnosed. Follow-up tests may duplicate some statistics.

	Brklyn	Cntrbry	Estfrd	Hmptn	Kingly	Plnflid	Pmfrt	Ptnm	String	Thmpsn	Union	Wdstck	TOTALS
Communicables													
Babesiosis	13	11	3	2	16	26	6	11	2	4	0	4	98
Bacillus/Clostridium	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bacillus (Not Antracis)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	10
Chlamydia	12	6	1	1	31	37	5	10	4	5	0	4	116
Clostridium-difficile Community Acquired	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7
Clostridium-difficile	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5
E Coli (Not O157H)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ehrlichiosis	15	9	4	7	21	17	18	11	6	11	0	11	130
Enterococcal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Gonorrhea	1	1	0	0	5	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	16
H1N1 Influenza	2	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	11
Haemophilus Influenza	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Hepatitis A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Hepatitis B	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	12
Hepatitis C	37	22	1	10	95	98	15	108	10	20	0	16	432
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Influenza A	11	2	2	2	14	15	1	15	1	8	0	4	75
Influenza B	2	6	0	0	7	11	1	5	1	0	0	2	35
Lyme disease	10	16	2	29	10	15	4	7	5	5	1	6	110
MRSA Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus—Comm. AC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus- Other	0	1	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	12
Pertussis	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	5
Pneumococcal	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	5
Pseudomonas Abietaniphila	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Salmonellosis	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	4	0	4	0	1	16
Shiga-Toxin Related Disease	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Shigellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Staphylococcus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Strep Invasive A	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Strep Invasive B	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	10
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Syphilis	4	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Varicella	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus Faecium	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vibrio infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Communicables	115	77	18	58	232	253	59	183	33	70	1	59	1158
Total Environmental Services	431	200	68	76	716	404	158	341	144	292	38	513	3381
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	546	277	86	134	948	657	217	524	177	362	39	572	4539

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Note – Patricia Beckenhaupt served as the Director of Health for NDDH from October, 2000 until 2009 when she accepted an appointment at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. Patrick McCormack, MPH, Director of Health for the Uncas Health District served as Interim Director of Health until February 8, 2010 when Susan Starkey, MS, RD, MPH became the new Director of Health.



During the nine years that I served NDDH, people reminded me in many ways and through many experiences that **public health is community health**. It is about protecting the community from preventable disease through information, health promotion projects and inspections that directly monitor and correct activities that can cause disease. It is about **prevention** – alerting people to those behaviors and risks that can put them in harms way, looking at the environment particular to northeast Connecticut, and being available and accessible to respond to the public health needs of our residents.

It is about tracking disease when it occurs, as in the cases of food borne illness, influenza, childhood lead poisoning and many others that people do not become aware of because the public health department prevents them from spreading. It is about counseling someone who may have been exposed to a rabid animal or who has been bitten by a tick or needs to find medical care in the area.

It is about working with the local hospital, doctors, school nurses and administrators among many other community organizations...and working with the media to get the public health message out.

It is about being a regulatory agency whose job it is to enforce regulations that protect people from recognized risks to public health even while sometimes being challenged by opposition.

NDDH has the lowest per capita assessment in the state while providing all of the required public health services. Because of the outstanding performance of the NDDH staff, the maximum amount of state funding was received yearly. *NDDH was a regional health department long before Connecticut was talking about regionalization.* All the public health grant-funded projects - nearly 2 million dollars worth - along with local and state funds went directly to public health disease prevention/health promotion for the residents of northeast Connecticut and not into a general fund.

I would like to publicly thank the staff of NDDH for their support over the last nine years. To the people of northeast Connecticut, I want you to know how much I valued your support, interest and promotion of the health department during my tenure. Together we worked long and hard to build a health department that is a model in the state and functions efficiently, cost effectively and independent of political or special interest influence.

It is with mixed emotions that I bid farewell to northeast Connecticut; but will take with me to the national level at the CDC the lessons and the understanding of local health needs that you taught me, as well as the memory of the warmth and generosity of the people of the area.

Stay healthy, wash your hands, and cover your cough!

Patricia Beckenhaupt, RN, MS, MPH
Director of Health

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

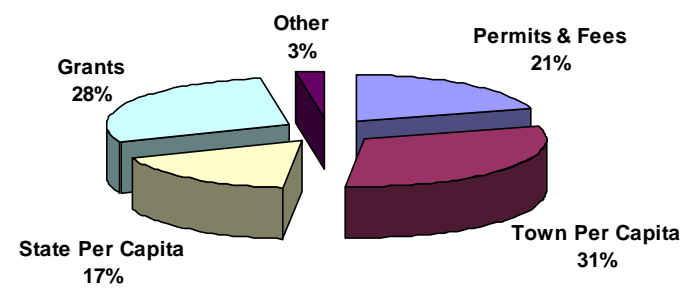
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- State and town per capita contributions
- Permit and fee revenue
- Federal, state, and private grants
- Miscellaneous income

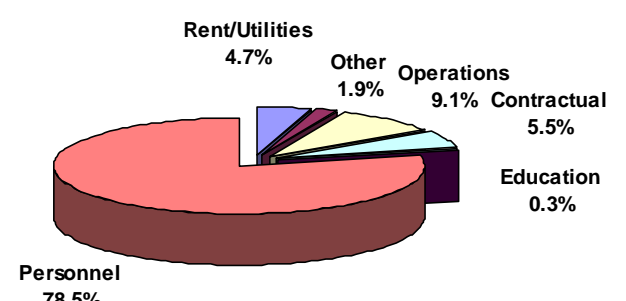
Charts below for year ended June 30, 2009

For audited financial statements, contact NDDH at 860-774-7350

Northeast District Department of Health TOTAL REVENUE - FY 2009



Northeast District Department of Health TOTAL EXPENSES - FY 2009



*Did you know?
NDDH services cost district residents
just over a penny per day!*

