

The Agency

Department of Health

Agency Operations

“Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities”! All the programs and services of the Rhode Island Department of Health contribute to this one vision. It organizes and prioritizes the department’s response to threats to public health and measures its accomplishments.

The Department of Health embraces multi-faceted and broad-ranging public health responsibilities at the state and local level. Its mission is “to prevent disease and to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island.” To reach its objectives the department employs services and policies based on the science of public health epidemiology.

The Department of Health includes seven programs: Central Management; Office of the State Medical Examiner; Environmental and Health Services Regulation; Health Laboratories; Public Health Information; Community and Family Health and Equity; and Infectious Disease and Epidemiology.

Program Objectives

The Rhode Island Department of Health consists of eight “core functions”, including:

- Assuring safe food and water supply; responding to emergencies
- Controlling infectious and communicable disease; promoting health and controlling chronic disease, injury, and disabilities; and assuring positive pregnancy outcomes
- Monitoring the health of the population and maintaining a public health knowledge-base; assuring health care quality and minimum standards, and competency of health facilities and professional licensees
- Assisting high-risk populations to needed health services; developing insights through research and leading the development of health policy and planning

Statutory History

The Department of Health was established by Section 23-1-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. This section states that “the Department of Health shall take cognizance of the interests of life and health among the peoples of the state; shall make investigations into the causes of disease, the prevalence of epidemics and endemics among the people, the sources of mortality, the effect of localities, employments and all other conditions, ascertain the causes and the best means for the prevention and control of diseases or conditions detrimental to the public health, and adopt proper and expedient measures to prevent and control such diseases and conditions in Rhode Island. It shall publish and circulate, from time to time, such information as the Director may deem to be important and useful for diffusion among people of Rhode Island, and shall investigate, and give advice in relation to such subjects relating to public health as may be referred to it by the General Assembly or by the Governor when the General Assembly is not in session, or when requested by any city or town. The department shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, not inconsistent with law, to carry out the purposes of this section.”

The Budget

Department of Health

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	15,058,314	13,143,968	13,576,490	23,940,891	13,632,390
State Medical Examiner	2,154,700	1,912,783	2,574,989	2,962,866	2,865,845
Environmental & Health Services Reg.	14,746,197	13,882,494	16,058,712	16,293,913	16,981,648
Health Laboratories	7,472,070	6,841,559	7,979,912	8,406,658	8,400,435
Public Health Information	3,872,445	2,884,928	4,294,023	3,500,415	3,578,868
Community & Family Health & Equity	79,240,708	79,928,152	83,352,478	84,175,795	62,600,660
Infectious Disease & Epidemiology	4,007,575	3,598,302	4,474,187	4,627,275	4,505,983
Total Expenditures	\$126,552,009	\$122,192,186	\$132,310,791	\$143,907,813	\$112,565,829
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	65,910,760	47,089,140	56,141,122	62,461,037	56,045,420
Operating Supplies and Expenses	20,854,640	33,801,019	34,401,542	38,199,534	33,549,053
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	39,184,772	40,564,369	41,159,432	41,420,795	21,728,101
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$125,950,172	\$121,454,528	\$131,702,096	\$142,081,366	\$111,322,574
Capital Purchases and Equipment	601,837	737,658	608,695	1,826,447	1,243,255
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$126,552,009	\$122,192,186	\$132,310,791	\$143,907,813	\$112,565,829
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	29,985,420	26,238,737	29,554,572	28,502,412	28,572,462
Federal Funds	80,827,914	75,887,694	77,831,370	89,610,560	58,814,531
Restricted Receipts	15,692,703	19,955,652	24,693,437	25,688,580	25,082,953
Other Funds	45,972	110,103	231,412	106,261	95,883
Total Expenditures	\$126,552,009	\$122,192,186	\$132,310,791	\$143,907,813	\$112,565,829
FTE Authorization	437.1	409.6	414.6	428.7	416.7
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	13.1%	14.1%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	67.3%	68.0%	69.0%	69.0%	63.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	0.3%

The Program

Department of Health Central Management

Program Operations

Central Management includes three sub-programs: Executive Functions, Management Services, and Emergency Preparedness and Response. The Executive Function, headed by the Director of Health, provides overall direction for the department and coordinates operations across program lines to carry out statutory mandates. The director and senior management establish critical policy issues intended to guide the development of public health policies, programs, and services including assuring that the quality and access to health care services are maintained in the face of rapid change; developing and maintaining the knowledge base of public health and use information to improve health; enhancing community capacity and structure so that communities will improve their health; eliminating disparities in health among populations; and developing support for public health.

Management Services administers Budget and Finance, Personnel, and Information Systems. Budget and Finance prepares and executes the departmental budget and performs allocation control and cash management of all accounts. Budget and Finance is also responsible for purchasing and support services, which manages all purchasing and facility maintenance functions in the department. The Personnel Office implements all personnel actions and labor relations functions. Information Systems plans, evaluates, implements and manages data processing and electronic communications systems.

Emergency Preparedness and Response provides a coordination of education, assessment, planning, response and support services involving public health providers, private medical providers, public safety agencies and government officials to create and promote a state of readiness and prompt response to protect the health of Rhode Island during catastrophic events, large-scale disasters and emergencies.

Program Objectives

Prevent disease; protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island; maintain an effective and efficient system for management of the department; maintain a knowledge base for public health policy, planning and program development; and inform and educate the public concerning the health of the state population.

Statutory History

General authority is provided in Title 23 Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding is authorized under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. Public Law 107-188, enacts Section 319C of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d-3a. The Hospital Preparedness Program is authorized under Public Health Services Act Sections 301, 307, 311 and 319, public Law 108-111, U.S.C. 247d-3.

The Budget

Department of Health Central Management

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Executive Functions	825,795	1,932,356	1,075,996	1,106,698	1,210,242
Management Services	4,055,621	3,799,165	2,240,222	3,325,654	3,227,254
Emergency Preparedness & Response	10,176,898	7,412,447	10,260,272	19,508,539	9,194,894
Total Expenditures	\$15,058,314	\$13,143,968	\$13,576,490	\$23,940,891	\$13,632,390
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	6,446,624	7,361,368	7,311,535	14,856,219	8,566,375
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,550,307	2,696,858	4,153,810	7,509,954	3,661,297
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	3,632,028	2,780,880	2,052,645	715,718	715,718
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$14,628,959	\$12,839,106	\$13,517,990	\$23,081,891	\$12,943,390
Capital Purchases and Equipment	429,355	304,862	58,500	859,000	689,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$15,058,314	\$13,143,968	\$13,576,490	\$23,940,891	\$13,632,390
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,808,679	2,302,054	1,811,914	1,842,616	1,802,160
Federal Funds	9,177,622	7,727,987	9,260,272	18,954,206	9,194,894
Restricted Receipts	4,072,013	3,113,927	2,504,304	3,144,069	2,635,336
Total Expenditures	\$15,058,314	\$13,143,968	\$13,576,490	\$23,940,891	\$13,632,390
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health – State Medical Examiner

Program Operations

The Office of the State Medical Examiner investigates causes of death that involve injury, are sudden, unexpected, and unexplained; or causes of death that may, in any way, endanger the public health and safety. Investigations cover all known or suspected homicides, suicides, accidents, sudden infant deaths, drug related deaths and medically unattended deaths. Investigation techniques include scene investigation, study of medical and police records, autopsy, body inspection, bodily fluid investigation and other tests as deemed necessary. The Medical Examiner's Office keeps complete records on all cases and provides expert testimony on criminal cases for the state law enforcement agencies and the courts. The Office of the State Medical Examiner is required by statute to approve all cremations performed in Rhode Island.

Other functions of the Office include: participation in mass disaster preparedness protocol development and training; research in forensic pathology; education and training of resident and fellow physicians; training law enforcement personnel in techniques of homicide investigations and disseminating public information about causes of death in the State.

Program Objectives

- Investigate and determine the manner and circumstance of death and to properly and accurately certify the cause of death in cases under Medical Examiner jurisdiction as defined by statute.
- Promote safety and reduce untimely deaths through research and education.
- Maintain a knowledge base for public health and use information to improve health status.
- Control infectious and communicable disease.
- Assure that the quality of health care services is maintained in the face of rapid change.

Statutory History

The Office of the State Medical Examiners is authorized under Title 23 Chapter 4 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health State Medical Examiner

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,929,988	1,658,950	2,211,584	2,561,248	2,591,969
Operating Supplies and Expenses	195,723	222,626	235,905	259,118	258,876
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,125,711	\$1,881,576	\$2,447,489	\$2,820,366	\$2,850,845
Capital Purchases and Equipment	28,989	31,207	127,500	142,500	15,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,154,700	\$1,912,783	\$2,574,989	\$2,962,866	\$2,865,845
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,999,900	1,775,777	2,439,972	2,727,741	2,653,336
Federal Funds	154,800	137,006	135,017	235,125	212,509
Total Expenditures	\$2,154,700	\$1,912,783	\$2,574,989	\$2,962,866	\$2,865,845
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Environmental and Health Services Regulation

Program Operations

The Division of Environmental Health Services Regulation licenses, certifies, and enforces regulations relating to health care professionals and facilities, managed care organizations and health systems development; and protects and promotes the public's health in the areas of drinking water quality, food protection and radiological health. Also, complaints from any source are investigated and, if substantiated, appropriate compliance action is initiated. The division is organized by responsibilities for licensure, oversight, and regulatory functions by category of licensure. It consists of the following sub-programs: Associate Director, Drinking Water Quality, Food Protection, Health Professionals Regulation, Facilities Regulations, Radiological Health, and Managed Care.

- Office of Associate Director: provides leadership and direction to all other sub-programs
- Drinking Water Quality: assures compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act of public drinking water supplies and oversees public water system infrastructure
- Food Protection: assures the safety and quality of the food supply from harvest to consumer as well as the water quality of the state's public bathing beaches.
- Health Professional Regulations: protects the public from unscrupulous health professionals by ensuring compliance with standards and ethics
- Facilities Regulations: visits on a periodic basis healthcare facilities to assure compliance with both state and federal public laws, rules, and regulations.
- Radiological Health: inspects, on a periodic basis, x-ray equipment and the facilities housing them to prevent, if not eliminate, the hazards of radioactive exposure.
- Managed Care: enforces terms and conditions of state's laws, rules and regulations regarding Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), utilization review agencies, and health plans, including the provisions of the programs of Certificate of Need", Change in Effective Control and Initial Licensure

Program Objectives

- Direct and coordinate the Department's health services regulatory activities; Assure minimum standards and competency of health facilities, managed care organizations, and professional licensees; promote high quality health care services through licensed health care facilities, licensed health care professionals, certified managed care organizations, and health plans.
- Assure the appropriate use of drugs and other controlled substances through enforcement, compliance, and regulatory activities; assure that the quality of health care services is maintained in the face of rapid change
- Inform and educate the public of licensee information, nursing home quality information and restaurant inspections through the Department's web site
- Protect and promote health and prevent disease by assuring the safety and quality of the food supply from harvest to consumer.
- Protect public health by assuring that public drinking water supplies comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Assure water quality at Rhode Island's public bathing beaches.

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Environmental and Health Services Regulation is contained in Titles 2, 5, 21, 23, 28, 31, 42 and 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Environmental and Health Services Regulation

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Associate Director	1,319,185	1,253,990	1,599,322	1,650,289	1,672,508
Drinking Water Quality	2,831,261	2,712,382	3,726,274	3,876,157	3,894,106
Food Protection	2,477,553	2,562,040	2,785,608	2,834,662	2,891,402
Health Professionals Regulation	2,815,791	2,518,625	3,210,871	2,726,296	3,137,013
Facilities Regulations	4,933,726	4,654,131	4,565,899	4,876,870	5,048,696
Radiological Health	42,139	32,546	41,154	54,922	55,532
Managed Care	326,542	148,780	129,584	274,717	282,391
Total Expenditures	\$14,746,197	\$13,882,494	\$16,058,712	\$16,293,913	\$16,981,648
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	13,033,610	11,940,100	13,874,182	13,351,861	14,083,032
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,296,740	1,579,382	1,248,495	1,962,818	1,918,624
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	333,437	237,658	606,410	606,410	606,410
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$14,663,787	\$13,757,140	\$15,729,087	\$15,921,089	\$16,608,066
Capital Purchases and Equipment	82,410	125,354	329,625	372,824	373,582
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$14,746,197	\$13,882,494	\$16,058,712	\$16,293,913	\$16,981,648
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	8,230,716	7,683,958	8,914,730	8,207,293	8,885,009
Federal Funds	4,004,510	3,756,940	3,811,915	4,432,452	4,426,864
Restricted Receipts	2,510,971	2,441,596	3,332,067	3,654,168	3,669,775
Total Expenditures	\$14,746,197	\$13,882,494	\$16,058,712	\$16,293,913	\$16,981,648
Program Measures					
Percent of Population Served by Public Water Systems in Full Compliance	42.0%	86.6%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Number of Food Borne Illness per 100,000 Population	28.8	25.7	26.0	26.0	26.0
Percent of Licenses Reviewed Online	49.0%	61.0%	75.0%	75.0%	95.0%
Percent of Nursing Home Intakes Investigated Within Prioritized Timeframes	98.0%	85.0%	90.0%	90.0%	95.0%

The Program

Department of Health Health Laboratories

Program Operations

The Health Laboratories assist in monitoring the public's health and safety through modern scientific laboratory services. These services include surveillance testing for early detection of diseases such as tuberculosis, rabies, West Nile Virus, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, pertussis, and other vaccine preventable diseases as well as pathogens and chemical substances which may represent a terrorism threat; surveillance and testing for lead poisoning; analysis of food products, drinking water, surface water, and air for the presence of potentially toxic environmental contaminants; analysis of evidence obtained during the investigation of crimes such as homicide, sexual assault, drug trafficking, and drunk driving. Health Laboratories staff provide expert testimony in court and respond to public health emergencies such as man-made and natural disasters and epidemics in nature.

The State Health Laboratories are members of national networks of laboratories, designed to develop laboratory preparedness for acts of terrorism. Currently, laboratories participate in the Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) administered by and partially funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

In addition to assisting Health Department programs, the division provides support to the Office of the Attorney General, the RI Training School, the Department of Environmental Management, the Department of Corrections; state and municipal law enforcement agencies, hospitals, private laboratories, community health centers and other health care professionals. Many of these laboratory services generate revenues that are deposited into the General Fund.

Program Objectives

- Protect the public health and safety through the application of modern scientific test methods
- Assure that the quality of all laboratory services is maintained even with diminishing resources
- Develop support for public health laboratory programs through clear and accurate communications
- Maintain an effective laboratory emergency preparedness and response programs
- Continue to measure and improve customer satisfaction with laboratory services

Statutory History

Authorization for the Laboratories Program is contained in Title 23 Chapters 1, 11 and 13; Title 31 Chapter 27; and Title 41 chapter 3.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Health Laboratories

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Associate Director	1,665,282	1,371,805	1,611,693	1,826,214	1,802,323
Forensic Sciences	2,225,294	2,329,361	3,066,627	2,716,440	2,837,683
Environmental Sciences	2,035,030	1,437,402	1,782,954	1,795,074	1,889,661
Biological Sciences	1,546,464	1,702,991	1,518,638	2,068,930	1,870,768
Total Expenditures	\$7,472,070	\$6,841,559	\$7,979,912	\$8,406,658	\$8,400,435
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	6,214,450	5,347,691	6,390,401	6,424,992	6,639,407
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,250,152	1,333,359	1,560,811	1,735,866	1,740,428
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	65	-	100	100	100
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$7,464,667	\$6,681,050	\$7,951,312	\$8,160,958	\$8,379,935
Capital Purchases and Equipment	7,403	160,509	28,600	245,700	20,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$7,472,070	\$6,841,559	\$7,979,912	\$8,406,658	\$8,400,435
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	6,566,542	5,985,098	7,079,007	7,100,740	7,213,548
Federal Funds	905,528	856,461	900,905	1,305,918	1,186,887
Total Expenditures	\$7,472,070	\$6,841,559	\$7,979,912	\$8,406,658	\$8,400,435
Program Measures					
Percentage of Wastewater Proficiency Test Results Found Acceptable	97.1%	96.8%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Percentage of Human Specimen Test Results Found Acceptable	97.7%	99.1%	99.1%	99.1%	99.2%

The Program

Department of Health Public Health Information

Program Operations

The Public Health Information (PHI) Division responds to the public's need and desire for information to protect and promote their health and to effectively utilize health care services. It consists of three units: Center for Health Data and Analysis, Vital Records, and Health Information Technology.

Program Objectives

- The mission of the Center for Health Data and Analysis is to coordinate and oversee all efforts within the Department of Health and between the department and its external partners related to the assurance of health data quality and the provision of health-related data and analysis to inform health policy, monitor health status and health care quality, and support public health initiatives.
- Vital Records is responsible for maintaining the State's vital records system; collecting, analyzing and reporting of data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and other health related statistics; and the issuing of certified copies of vital records.
- Health Information Technology is responsible for developing a state-wide health information exchange (HIE) system. HIE will promote the adoption of electronic medical records, e-prescribing, and developing strategies to use the data to improve the quality and safety of care and for public health purposes.

Statutory History

Authorization for programs within Public Health Information is contained in Title 23, chapters 1, 3, 4, 17 and 77 and more specifically at RIGL 23-1-1, 23-1-5.5, 23-1-9, 23-1-36, 23-3-27, 23-4-14, 23-17.12-12, 23-17.17-5, and 23-77-5.

The Budget

Department of Health Public Health Information

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Center for Health Data and Analysis	582,665	706,463	953,454	867,310	953,773
Vital Records	1,618,589	1,227,342	1,575,349	1,577,505	1,693,095
Health Information Technology	1,671,191	951,123	1,765,220	1,055,600	932,000
Total Expenditures	\$3,872,445	\$2,884,928	\$4,294,023	\$3,500,415	\$3,578,868
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,424,786	2,690,743	3,832,845	3,173,277	3,268,573
Operating Supplies and Expenses	446,169	194,185	448,858	316,318	299,475
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$3,870,955	\$2,884,928	\$4,281,703	\$3,489,595	\$3,568,048
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,490	-	12,320	10,820	10,820
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,872,445	\$2,884,928	\$4,294,023	\$3,500,415	\$3,578,868
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,778,405	1,566,231	1,945,787	1,805,125	2,007,602
Federal Funds	2,094,367	1,318,890	2,348,236	1,695,290	1,571,266
Restricted Receipts	(377)	-	-	-	-
Other Funds	50	(193)	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,872,445	\$2,884,928	\$4,294,023	\$3,500,415	\$3,578,868
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Department of Health Community and Family Health and Equity

Program Operations

The Division of Community, Family Health and Equity (DCFHE) provides leadership, planning, and infrastructure to the Department of Health's efforts to eliminate health disparities; assure healthy child development, and reduce, prevent and control chronic diseases and disabilities and risk factors, as well as HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis. The division also plans, develops, and evaluates programs and family-centered systems of care, which are comprehensive, community-based, culturally competent, coordinated and effective. The division achieves its goals and objectives through seven sub-programs: 1) Office of Associate Director, 2) Health Disparities and Access to Care; 3) Healthy Homes and Environments; 4) Chronic Care and Disease Management; 5) Health Promotion and Wellness; 6) Perinatal and Early Childhood; and 7) Preventive Services and Community Practices.

- Office of Associate Director: provides leadership and direction to all sub-programs
- Health Disparities and Access to Care: plans, develops and implements programs to eliminate health disparities for certain sub-cultural groups, populations with special needs and in rural areas
- Healthy Homes and Environments: protects the health and safety of children and families by decreasing, if not eliminating, environmental hazards such as lead
- Chronic Care and Disease Management: utilize a systems approach to chronic care management to improve health outcomes
- Health Promotion and Wellness: reduces and prevents diseases and disabilities amongst school-aged children through education, training, outreach and intervention
- Perinatal and Early Childhood Health: provides access to a system of quality maternal and child health and developmental services
- Preventive Services and Community Practices: reduces the incidence of health problems or disease prevalence in the community, or the personal risk factors for such diseases or conditions

Program Objectives

- Ensuring that all populations have equal access to high quality health services
- Establishing and strengthening partnerships to enhance and improve public health at the community, provider and consumer levels
- Developing and promoting healthy homes and environments for families through training, education, and outreach
- Engaging and empowering parents through their involvement in public health policy and program development
- Developing new models of health care capacity that connects community primary health and mental health providers to nutrition, child care and education
- Improve women's health and pregnancy outcomes through training, education, outreach and partnerships with communities and reproductive health professionals and facilities

Statutory History

Authorization for Community and Family Health and Equity is contained in Title 1, 35, 56 and 76 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Department of Health Community and Family Health and Equity

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Associate Director	4,147,288	3,616,822	5,160,380	5,046,930	5,117,840
Health Disparities and Access	1,454,620	1,184,012	1,533,297	1,594,907	1,644,018
Healthy Homes and Environment	3,199,685	2,606,744	3,781,638	3,588,629	3,559,954
Chronic Care and Disease Management	12,505,418	13,869,065	15,436,175	15,169,744	13,757,538
Health Promotion and Wellness	4,086,688	3,807,822	4,892,133	5,995,711	6,170,928
Prenatal and Early Childhood	27,511,989	28,472,143	30,923,617	32,900,373	12,485,331
Preventative Svcs and Community Practices	26,335,020	26,371,544	21,625,238	19,879,501	19,865,051
Total Expenditures	\$79,240,708	\$79,928,152	\$83,352,478	\$84,175,795	\$62,600,660
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	32,222,203	15,765,025	19,873,073	19,467,834	18,352,973
Operating Supplies and Expenses	12,578,190	27,205,822	25,703,915	25,303,728	24,592,398
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	34,406,470	36,870,197	37,736,340	39,255,630	19,562,936
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$79,206,863	\$79,841,044	\$83,313,328	\$84,027,192	\$62,508,307
Capital Purchases and Equipment	33,845	87,108	39,150	148,603	92,353
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$79,240,708	\$79,928,152	\$83,352,478	\$84,175,795	\$62,600,660
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	7,465,848	5,215,581	5,089,737	4,525,879	3,656,196
Federal Funds	62,618,842	60,202,146	59,174,263	60,653,312	40,070,739
Restricted Receipts	9,110,096	14,400,129	18,857,066	18,890,343	18,777,842
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	45,922	110,296	231,412	106,261	95,883
Total Expenditures	\$79,240,708	\$79,928,152	\$83,352,478	\$84,175,795	\$62,600,660
Program Measures					
No. of Births per 1,000 Teen aged 15-17 in RI Core Cities	41.5	39.5	38	38	37.5
Community & Family Health & Equity (DOH)/Planning Number of Children with Blood Levels greater than 10ug/dl for the 1st Time in Their Lives	348	321	315	315	300
Percent of Low Income Women Infants ever Breastfed	72.4%	74.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.5%
Percent of Preschool Children w/Complete Immunizations	75.0%	78.0%	78.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Number of Times Pediatric Providers Access KIDSNET	219,604	343,931	400,000	400,000	450,000
Percent of Adults Over 18 Who Smoke	17.0%	15.1%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%
Percent of Adolescent Student Grades 9-12 Who Smoke	15.1%	13.3%	12.3%	12.3%	12.3%
Percent of Program Eligible Women Age 40-64 Receiving Annual Mammograms	68.0%	68.3%	68.5%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of program Eligible Women Age 40-64 Receiving Annual Pap Smears	38.0%	37.0%	37.5%	37.5%	37.8%
Percentage of Diabetic Patients of RICCC who have Received one Hemoglobin A1c in the Past 12 Months	74.0%	72.5%	73.0%	73.0%	74.0%
Avg Hemoglobin A1c for Diabetic Patients of RICCC Participants	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7
Number of AIDS/HIV Death's per year in RI	24	24	31	31	36
Percent of Calls to Poison Control Center Managed Without a Doctor's Visit	75.6%	81.5%	81.0%	81.0%	80.0%

The Program

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Program Operations

This program is responsible for the major areas of reportable infectious communicable diseases. Program efforts are directed at surveillance and prevention of key diseases, control of disease outbreaks and public and health professional education. This program targets prevention strategies to identified high-risk groups. Diseases of concern include meningitis, Lyme disease, SARS, food borne and waterborne diseases, Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), vector-borne diseases such as rabies, Hantavirus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. This program also operates a Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program, which provides clinical services (including screening, diagnosis and treatment) for un- and under-insured patients through contracts with several providers; monitors the TB epidemic through surveillance activities; performs, medical, nursing, and social case management for active and suspect cases; provides outreach and follow-up to active cases and their contacts; provides direct administration of prescribed therapy throughout the entire course of treatment; and provides professional and public education regarding TB. This program also operates the State's primary STD Clinic, which diagnoses and treats STD's and provides contact tracing, outreach and follow-up services. In addition, this program is staffed and equipped to join incident command systems to combat major disease outbreaks.

Program Objectives

- Detect, control, and prevent infectious diseases in Rhode Island
- Monitor and conduct surveillance for the incidence of various reportable diseases
- Collect, analyze and distribute information about infectious diseases in Rhode Island
- Investigate disease outbreaks and respond appropriately to outbreak such as to minimize the impact on the health and economy of Rhode Island
- Report on disease trends and provide education to the public and medical community regarding treatment and prevention strategies for infectious diseases
- Provide leadership for statewide response to acute infectious communicable disease emergencies of unknown origin

Statutory History

Authorization for Infectious Disease and Epidemiology is contained in Title 3 Chapters 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 69.

The Budget

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	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,639,099	2,325,263	2,647,502	2,625,606	2,543,091
Operating Supplies and Expenses	537,359	568,787	1,049,748	1,111,732	1,077,955
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	812,772	675,634	763,937	842,937	842,937
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$3,989,230	\$3,569,684	\$4,461,187	\$4,580,275	\$4,463,983
Capital Purchases and Equipment	18,345	28,618	13,000	47,000	42,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,007,575	\$3,598,302	\$4,474,187	\$4,627,275	\$4,505,983
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,135,330	1,710,038	2,273,425	2,293,018	2,354,611
Federal Funds	1,872,245	1,888,264	2,200,762	2,334,257	2,151,372
Restricted Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,007,575	\$3,598,302	\$4,474,187	\$4,627,275	\$4,505,983
Program Measures					
Percentage of Active Tuberculosis Cases Completing Therapy	92.6%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
Number of Newly Diagnoses Case of Gonorrhea per 100,000 Population	38	28	25	25	25