

# McLean County Health Department

## 58th Annual Report

# Leading the Way to Excellence

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# Mission Statement

The purpose of the McLean County Health Department is to fulfill the public interest in assuring conditions conducive to good health and providing leadership in promoting and protecting the health of county residents. The Department shall carry out its mission through:

- 1) assessment and analysis of health conditions;
- 2) development of local health policies;
- 3) prevention and control of disease through health promotion, early intervention and health protection;
- 4) where applicable, enforcement of state laws and local ordinances pertaining to health;
- 5) assurance of access to personal health care services;
- 6) minimizing the adverse impact of diseases and disabilities;
- 7) conducting programs in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health certification standards for local health departments; and,
- 8) coordination and planning with other entities for a comprehensive community health system.

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# Message from the Director



Excellence - it's a lofty goal that we aspire toward somewhere in the distance, it's a standard that has been set for us or is self-derived; and, it's what we believe we can achieve given the added strength of teamwork.

For some, the path to excellence can appear overly challenging and places them on a road too rough to travel. But for the McLean County Health Department and its community partners that make up the public health system in the county, that pathway to excellence is well traveled and unquestionably, the preferred route. In 2004, the department demonstrated more readily than ever that *Leading the Way to Excellence* is a core component of its mission.

So, how is the path to excellence, particularly in public health, charted? One way to accomplish this end is to capture the essential elements of key accomplishments of the past where excellence was attained. The year 2004 for the McLean County Health Department was a benchmark year. The department demonstrated an invaluable capability to adapt and move quickly to action when the need arose.

The department also received formal recognition for outstanding accomplishments along the way. These achievements are chronicled in the pages that follow. The formal recognitions cited throughout serve as visible reminders of the organization's continuous quest for excellence. Above all in 2004, the department kept its sights focused on the core mission of promoting and protecting the public's health in McLean County.

*Leading the Way to Excellence* was selected as the theme for the 58th Annual Report not as an attempt at self-aggrandizement, but rather as a true reflection of the McLean County Health Department's leadership in helping shape an environment of excellence that permeates health and human service organizations throughout the community.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure, that we present the McLean County Health Department's 58th Annual Report. Join us for a retrospective journey that brings light to the department's accomplishments during 2004. Clearly, *Leading the Way to Excellence* represents the department's efforts to take its position in the forefront of a journey that ultimately culminates in a distinctive end destination. It is my belief that the McLean County Health Department will continue proudly to assure the health status of county residents in the months and years that follow.

Robert J. Keller  
Director

# Message from the Board of Health President



In my second year as President of the McLean County Board of Health, the unique role the McLean County Health Department plays in our community appeared more clearly to me than in my initial year as chair. I found myself serving as both a leader and a follower of the many talented individuals that make up both the board and staff. It was my pleasure to serve in a policy-making role this year as the Health Department performed a number of vital public health functions, including bioterrorism planning and responding to the acute shortage of influenza vaccine.

My colleagues on the board, the McLean County Health Department director and staff, and the community organizations that serve in our partnership make up an incredible network of leaders, all dedicated to improving public health in McLean County. Despite limited vaccine supplies, emerging infectious diseases, budget constraints, and ever-changing community needs, public health leadership prevailed in McLean County.

The year 2004 was truly a year that demonstrated the McLean County Health Department's capacity in *Leading the Way to Excellence*. I had an opportunity to personally accompany department staff to Washington D.C. to receive an honorable mention award from the National Association of Counties and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for successfully launching the Smoke-Free Home Pledge Initiative in McLean County.

I am confident that the department will continue its tradition of *Leading the Way to Excellence* and will provide the very best public health protection and promotion services to county residents. On behalf of the McLean County Board of Health, McLean County Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Board, the McLean County Board of Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability, I proudly invite you to read the McLean County Health Department's 58th Annual Report and witness for yourself their strides toward excellence.

P.A. "Sue" Berglund  
President, McLean County Board of Health

McLean County Board of Health, Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Board, Board of Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability



Top row from left: Sue Berglund, President, Dan Steadman, Vice President\*, Cory Tello, Secretary\*+, Joanne Maitland\*+  
Bottom row from left: Eileen Fowles, Ph.D., R.N.C.\*+, Richard Hon, M.D., Becky Powell, R.N.\*, Jay Willey, M.D.\*

\*Denotes TB Care and Treatment Board Members

+Denotes Developmentally Disabled Persons' Board Members

# 2004 Highlights

## Personal Health Services Division

Nothing characterizes the resilience, dedication or leadership of the McLean County Health Department's staff more than their response to the influenza vaccine shortage of 2004. The **Community Health Services Section** staff prepared to provide influenza vaccinations to approximately 2,000 residents over the age of 60 and those with medical requirements for the shot. On the dawn of launching its community clinics, the Illinois Public Health Association notified the department that all shipments of vaccine from the state purchasing consortium, Chiron® Corporation, were cancelled and that community clinics would need to be cancelled as well.

Office support staff throughout the department worked feverishly to cancel flu clinic appointments. Automated phone messages were used to serve massive public inquiries. The department issued news releases and advisories to inform the public about the community vaccine shortage and provided public risk communication on how best to prevent the spread of influenza given vaccine scarcity. Staff worked collaboratively with the major healthcare providers in McLean County to assess the limited vaccine supply and determine strategies to administer the vaccine to county residents considered very high risk for developing complications from the flu.

Through the community-minded spirit of The Baby Fold, Chestnut Health Systems, and BroMenn Healthcare, limited supplies of vaccine were successfully redirected to the Health Department and used to reach a segment of the priority population. At the same time, efforts between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Aventis® Corporation resulted in the redirection of major shipments of vaccine from private contractors to local health departments across the country. As a result, the McLean County Health Department received its entire order of 2,000 doses.

Typically, the department serves only 15-20% of those in the community seeking vaccinations. In 2004, however, the department faced the tremendous task of being the prime source of influenza vaccinations for the public and was further placed in a position of assuring that only those at highest risk received the vaccine. Community Health Services nursing and support staff distributed vaccine to long-term care residents, worked with the Community Cancer Center to protect patients on active treatment, vaccinated high risk senior residents in congregate living arrangements, and worked with area physicians' offices to inoculate highly immune compromised patients identified by medical providers. As a result of the local redistribution of vaccine and the shipment of vaccine from Aventis®, the department was able to provide vaccine to nearly 3,000 residents - more than any previous year.

At the same time, immunization staff went above and beyond to determine priorities for allocation of scarce children's vaccine provided through the Vaccine for Children program. During 2004, the scarcity of availability of influenza vaccine for infants and children limited the department to targeting infants and toddlers 6-23 months of age with medical complications or those spending time in daycare settings.

**Maternal and Child Health Section** programs were certainly *Leading the Way to Excellence* in a number of areas during 2004. Russell Rush, radio personality for WBNQ, held his second annual Russell Rush Roof Sit for SIDS in October. Through the combined efforts of Russell, SIDS of Illinois and the department's IPLAN Infant Mortality Task Force, over \$30,000 was raised and contributed throughout the community to fight SIDS. Maternal and Child Health staff provided active support and technical expertise during the fundraising event. A portion of the funds raised helped purchase custom designed Onsie™ outfits promoting the Back-to-Sleep concept for newborns. Every infant born in McLean County receives a Onsie™, which reminds parents and caregivers of safe sleeping practices. This novel educational tool has been exported by SIDS of Illinois to other areas of the state to help combat infant mortality.

The department's **Women, Infants, and Children Program**, or WIC, continued to achieve excellence in 2004 as well, reaching 100% of its assigned caseload. The program received several funding incentives as part of its fiscal year 2005 grant. Additional funding was awarded for achieving outstanding results for several DHS program outcome factors. The program was also granted additional funding to spearhead obesity education programs for the region. WIC staff worked with Health Promotion and Assessment staff to launch a campaign entitled *Fit Together* that promotes the idea of making improved nutrition and fitness a family goal.

The **Maternal and Child Health Section** is now in its third year of *Leading the Way to Excellence* in serving persons with language barriers. In 2003, through a groundbreaking contract with Western Avenue Community Center, interpretive services were offered for Spanish speaking clients seeking services throughout the department. During 2004, new outside contracts were established to provide interpreters for French and Russian speaking clients, and a number of volunteers partnered with the department to offer interpreter assistance for clients speaking Korean, Indian, and Chinese as well.

The year 2004 saw the **All Our Kids: Early Childhood Network (AOK)** produce a community report card that assessed the status of a host of childhood health and welfare factors. Further the network promoted the availability of developmental screenings for children and worked collaboratively with the HealthWorks Program to offer health update events featuring screenings and education for children in the custody of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and their caregivers.

In addition to overseeing the healthcare needs of several hundred DCFS wards within a three county area, the HealthWorks program worked to provide a greater level of health education and awareness to substitute care providers. The program provided extensive guidance to foster parents as part of its PRIDE educational sessions. Also, the program recognized several area physicians for their leadership and partnership in providing needed health services to DCFS wards.

The **Communicable Disease Section** received high marks and a certification with virtually no substantive findings during a Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act (CLIA) certification inspection. Many laboratories achieve this result only after considerable preparation and corrective action. The fact that quality laboratory protocol at the McLean County Health Department is a continuous way of life truly demonstrates the department's drive for excellence.

Communicable Disease staff started a number of new HIV Prevention Programs in 2004. Through Prevention Case Management and Risk Reduction Counseling, clients now have the opportunity to receive one-on-one counseling to help them identify high risk behaviors and work to reduce or eliminate those behaviors. The Popular Opinion Leader program trains volunteers to share HIV prevention messages and testing information in key locations in the community. Group Support and Prevention sessions offered at the McLean County Detention Facility, Juvenile Detention Center, homeless centers, and other private locations in the community offer people living with HIV/AIDS and people concerned about HIV/AIDS a safe, supportive environment to discuss issues surrounding the disease. Finally, Communicable Disease staff received training and began providing risk reduction counseling and outreach to high risk populations via the Internet.

The Personal Health Services Division provided the following services during 2004:

**Maternal Child Health Services**

Family Case Management (Home Nursing, Teen Parent Services, High Risk MCH follow-up, Childhood Lead Poisoning Case Management)

Families served	1,608
Follow-up contacts	14,057
Kid Care applications	399
Teen Parents served	45
Teen Parent follow-up contacts	793
Genetic counseling, referral and education	818

**DCFS Medical Case Management**

Children served	510
Home visits/contacts	2,078

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Screening tests performed	1,396
Assessment questionnaires completed	1,578

**Pediatric Primary Care Services**

New and return infants and children for EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening and Diagnosis & Treatment)	3,850
Physical Assessment	9
Hemoglobin	2,687
Capillary Blood Lead Screening	1,396
Denver Developmental Screening (DDST II)	2,616
Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)	175
Early Intervention referrals to:	
Child & Family Connections (CFC)	49
School	14
Referrals (Vision & Hearing, Dental, Early Intervention, Smoking Cessation, Physician and Social Services)	420

**Child Care Nurse Consultant**

Consultations and Presentations	388
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**Immunization Clinic**

Attendance	3,031
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**Immunizations Given:**

Polio	1,312
DTAP/Td/DT	1,894
MMR	674
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)	122
Hepatitis B	252
Influenza	404
Chickenpox Varicella	369
Prevnar	970
Comvax for Hep B & Hib	840

**School Health Education Presentations**

Topic	Number of Presentations	Attendance
Growth and Development	13	385
Handwashing	4	50
Pediculosis	0	0
Hygiene	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	0
Safety	0	0
Vision and Hearing	1	25

**Home Visits**

Home Nursing Program Visits	1,380
Nursing Student Home Visits	218

**Community Clinic Health Screenings**

Number of clinics	83
Number of people screened	900

**Dental Clinic (children and adult)**

Patient clinic appointments (with dentist)	1,577
Patient clinic appointments (with hygienist)	1,016
Clinic procedures	7,357
School-based sealant clinic children served	199
School sealant procedures	630



**Communicable Diseases Reported to McLean County Health Department**

*AIDS	.....	.8
HIV Antibody Positive (Physician Reported)	.....	.7
HIV Positive (MCHD Counseling and Testing Program)	.....	.7
Amebiasis	.....	.0
*Animal Bites	.....	261
Brucellosis	.....	.0
*Campylobacter	.....	.16
Chlamydia	.....	525
Chickenpox	.....	120
Cryptosporidiosis	.....	.0
*Encephalitis	.....	.0
*Escherichia coli	.....	.1
*Giardiasis	.....	.15
*Gonorrhea:		
Health Department	.....	.38
Other Providers	.....	162
Total	.....	200
*Foodborne Illness:		
Botulism	.....	.0
*Chemical Intoxication	.....	.0
*Clostridium-perfringens	.....	.0
Norwalk Virus	.....	.0
Suspect Case - no etiology identified	.....	.90
*Hepatitis, viral:		
Type A	.....	.2
Type B	.....	.13
Type C	.....	.78
Hepatitis, unspecified	.....	.0
Herpes Genital	.....	.0
*Histoplasmosis	.....	.3
Legionnaires Disease	.....	.0
Lyme Disease	.....	.1
Malaria Fever	.....	.0
*Measles-Clinical Diagnosis	.....	.0
Measles-Laborary Confirmed	.....	.0
*Meningitis:		
Haemophilus-influenze	.....	.0
Other bacteria	.....	.2
Viral	.....	.32
Meningococemia	.....	.0
*Mumps	.....	.4
*Other Rash Illnesses	.....	.0
*Pertussis	.....	.31
*Rabies Prophylaxis	.....	.0
Reye's Syndrome	.....	.0
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	.....	.0
Rubella	.....	.0
*Salmonella	.....	16
*Shigella	.....	.2
Staph Aureus	.....	.0
*Syphilis:		
Health Department	.....	.2
Other Providers	.....	.6
Total	.....	.8
*Tuberculosis	.....	.1
*Toxic Shock Syndrome	.....	.0
West Nile Virus	.....	.1

\*Indicates diseases for which investigations were conducted by the Communicable Disease Section.

**S.T.D. Clinic**

Attendance .....1,504

**HIV Antibody Counseling and Testing**

Anonymous pretest counseling sessions .....744  
 Anonymous tests .....739  
 Confidential tests .....6

**McLean County Tuberculosis Clinic**

**Active TB Cases:**

New .....1  
 Reactivated .....0  
 Referred from other areas .....1  
 Total .....1  
 TB suspects .....5  
 Patients and suspects hospitalized .....0

**Number of Clinic Visits:**

Total number of visits .....4,479  
 Medical consultations .....79  
 Nursing consultations .....173  
 New medication orders .....10  
 Medication refills .....9  
 Directly observed therapy .....49  
 Chest x-rays .....8  
 Tuberculin skin tests - negative .....2,085  
 Tuberculin skin tests - positive .....25  
 Blood chemistry tests .....3  
 Home visits - nurse .....32  
 Hospital visits - physician .....0

**Referrals for TB skin tests from:**

Physician .....123  
 Self-referrals .....577  
 Employer .....976  
 School .....2,089  
 Child care .....558  
 Nursing home .....59

**Interpretation and Translation Services (hours provided):**

Spanish, Western Avenue Community Center .....1,300 hours  
 Spanish, MCHD Employees .....97 hours  
 Hearing Impaired .....48  
 Chinese .....17  
 Indian .....3  
 Korean .....10  
 French .....37  
 Russian .....1  
 Total hours of service .....1,513 hours

**WIC - Women, Infants and Children Program**

**Certifications**

Pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women .....1,656  
 Infants .....710  
 Children .....2,269  
 Total certifications .....4,635  
 (includes duplicates-clients certified every six months)  
 Number of clients attending nutrition education .....5,824  
 (includes duplicates-clients certified every six months)

**Eye Clinic**

**Number of Persons Served**

Preschoolers and school-aged children .....18  
 Adults .....77

**Preschool Vision and Hearing**

**Vision** **03/04**  
 Total screenings .....1,188  
 Total referrals .....12

**Hearing**  
 Total screenings .....742  
 Total referrals .....0

**Vision and Hearing Screenings**

Vision	Screenings 03/04	Referrals 03/04
Bloomington District 87	.....0	.....0
Normal Unit 5	.....0	.....0
Rural/Parochial	.....1,520	.....87

**Hearing**  
 Bloomington District 87 .....0  
 Normal Unit 5 .....0  
 Rural/Parochial .....2,091

# Environmental Health Division

The Environmental Health Division expanded its efforts to monitor and minimize the threat of West Nile virus through two grant programs. A West Nile virus Surveillance and Prevention Program brought the opportunity for the division to purchase and distribute mosquito larvicide to a majority of McLean County governmental units for subsequent application. The division also assisted various governmental jurisdictions in training their staff to become licensed applicators by hosting an Illinois Department of Public Health sanctioned training and licensing session onsite for the second year. The department's public health communication specialist worked with local media to assure public prevention messages were heard far and wide. The division continued surveillance of the virus within the bird population and conducted its second year of mosquito pool testing as well.

Within the **Private Sewage Disposal Program**, over one quarter of the division's installation permits are brought about by correcting illegal systems that often discharge raw sewage to the surface. Many of the corrections are a function of the level of scrutiny brought to bear on evaluations of existing systems as homes are sold or systems otherwise tested. Each year, nearly 1.5 million gallons of raw sewage are eliminated from the environment through the department's actions.

*Leading the Way to Excellence* has always been a hallmark of the division's **Food Sanitation Program**. McLean County is among the nation's leaders in per capita expenditures in commercial food establishments. During 2004, the program maintained a 95% compliance rate for having state certified food managers onsite. A significant number of food establishments classified as high risk by the department continued to maintain several certified food managers on their premises.

Finally, the division took its first steps in 2004 to implement facets of the County's Geographic Information System (GIS). The first applications of the new system will involve a map server and will be linked to the Private Sewage Disposal Program and the **Water Well Permit Program**.

The Environmental Health Division provided the following services during 2004:

## Food Sanitation Program

Food establishment permits active at year end . . . . .	711
Total full-time establishment permits issued for year . . . . .	797
Temporary food permits issued for year . . . . .	465
Food establishments plans received/reviewed . . . . .	69
Food product inquiries received . . . . .	5
Food establishment complaints received . . . . .	85
Total food sanitation inspections/reinspections . . . . .	2,432

## Private Sewage Disposal Program

Installation permits . . . . .	282
Total inspections/reinspections . . . . .	498
System installers licensed . . . . .	41
Septic tank pumpers licensed . . . . .	16
Sewage system complaints for year . . . . .	8
Total other sewage complaints investigated . . . . .	7

## Potable Water Program

Private water sample reports . . . . .	490
Non-Community water supplies . . . . .	25
Water well installation permits . . . . .	66
Abandoned water wells inspected . . . . .	72

## Tanning Facility Inspection Program

Tanning facilities under inspection by MCHD . . . . .	40
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## Solid Waste, Nuisances, Pest Control and other Environmental Complaints

Complaints received . . . . .	31
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## Geothermal Exchange System Program

Installation registrations . . . . .	34
Geothermal exchange system contractors registered . . . . .	15
Geothermal exchange system excavators registered . . . . .	9

## West Nile Virus Surveillance Program

Number of suspect birds submitted for lab analysis . . . . .	4
Number of mosquito pools tested for West Nile Virus . . . . .	78

# Mental Health Division

In 2004, the McLean County Health Department formed a valuable volunteer partnership with clients of the McLean County Center for Human Services Psychosocial Rehabilitation program, also known as PSR. The volunteers completed a variety of projects at the Health Department, providing a valuable service in their community and building career skills at the same time.



PSR client Reba Ogan enjoys the constructiveness of her volunteer work at the Health Department and appreciates that it allows her to help people and stay active in the community.

“It has given me the experience which I will be able to include on my resume. I’m pleased with the work I do there. I haven’t found anything I can’t do, which makes me feel good, makes me feel like I have accomplished something. I would recommend it to someone. They can do this with their time and it helps with the fear of the transition of working out in the community,” said Reba of her experience.

During 2004, the Board of Care and Treatment of Persons with Disability began providing funding for the Occupational Development Center’s Supported Employment Program. The funding was used to extend the community-based employment support for developmentally disabled workers in McLean County. The McLean County Center for Human Services (CHS) also continued for the second year to avoid admitting children and adolescents to state operated inpatient mental health facilities. Instead, CHS relies heavily on its community services to serve severely mentally ill and emotionally disturbed youth.

The Mental Health Division provided the following services during 2004:

## Emotional Disabilities

CHS Crisis Intervention-(contacts)	5,862
CHS Child & Adolescent Outpatient (client openings)	380
CHS Child & Adolescent Special Assistance (clients)	82
CHS Psychiatrist Service (client openings)	384
CHS Adult Outpatient (client openings)	749
CHS Outpatient Unit 5 Home/School Outreach (average caseload)	8
CHS Outpatient Dist. 87 Home/School Outreach	14
PATH Crisis - (calls)	69,863
PATH Crisis - (referrals to CHS)	1,219
ODC MI P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Program (client hrs.)	19,473
AVERT Domestic Violence Program (contacts)	477

## Developmental Disabilities

MARC 0-3 (average caseload) 377	138
MARC Supported Employment (client hours) 377	24,530
MARC Residential (nights of care) 377	24,402
ODC Vocational Development (client hours) 377	22,215
ODC Extended Employment (client hours) 377	34,797
ODC Supported Employment (client hours) 377	118

## Substance Abuse

Chestnut Adolescent Early Intervention (clients)	2,901
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## Prevention

Project Oz Drug Education (clients)	2,739
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## Funding Breakdown

Emotional Disabilities	\$586,977
Substance Abuse	\$188,978
Developmental Disabilities (377 Fund)	\$562,618

## Administration and Support Division

The Administrative and Support Division was active in *Leading the Way to Excellence* during 2004. Administrative staff continued to refine information management capabilities, availing a more advanced file server and software coupled with an updated version of Microsoft Outlook and more contemporary workstations installed throughout the department. The **Administration Section** truly led the way in working with the John M. Scott Commission in planning an innovative approach to meet the vision care needs of medically indigent county residents.

The **Health Promotion and Assessment Section** continued and expanded several of its highly recognized programs. With funding support from the Illinois Department of Public Health Smoke-Free Communities Grant, a combination of media promotion and classroom education programs, provided thousands of McLean County youth with tobacco prevention messages in 2004. For the second year, the section worked with the Illinois State University Galleries to showcase the anti-tobacco artwork of 4th and 5th grade students submitted for Tar Wars billboards. An opening reception was held at the University Galleries where over 200 residents attended to support the students and their efforts to promote a smoke-free lifestyle.

Health Promotion and Assessment staff continued to lead the effort to improve the health of McLean County Government employees during 2004. The Employee Wellness Program garnered the highest number of participants in health screenings, wellness programs and the annual health fair since its inception. A new feature of the program in 2004 was the integration of employee health screenings and the County's Health Alliance medical care coverage. Employees covered by Health Alliance received their health screenings as a benefit of their plan; this enabled health screening results to be safely and easily shared with in-network primary care physicians. Statistical data collected over the years through the McLean County Employee Wellness Program is beginning to reflect the true benefit of this program, helping employees improve or maintain their personal health status, catching and treating health problems early, and lowering overall health care expenses.

The strategic marketing efforts of the department's breast health program, which is funded by the McLean County Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, helped ratchet up the number of women taking advantage of the statewide Breast and Cervical Cancer Grant program. Media exposure for a variety of Health Department programs reached an all-time high in 2004. The quality and depth of the department's marketing and media campaigns have been noted as being the envy of many local health departments across the state - truly a reflection of the department's passion for *Leading the Way to Excellence* and the community's recognition of the department as a reliable source for public health information.

The **Bioterrorism Planning and Response Program** reached a stage of maturity during 2004. The program was actively engaged in *Leading the Way to Excellence* during the year in the area of risk communications. The McLean County Health Department partnered with the Illinois Department of Public Health during 2004 to organize two regional risk communication training exercises. Through two supplemental grants, these instructional courses were held to help prepare local health officials and emergency first responders to successfully impart public information during times of crisis. During late summer, the department initiated its first tabletop bioterrorism simulation exercise where over 30 representatives from various community agencies participated. The preparation was deemed highly successful and assisted the department in gauging its strengths and weaknesses during a public health crisis. The program was also active during the year in updating the County's Strategic National Stockpile dispensing plan and assisting in completing a regional U.S. Department of Homeland Security capacity assessment.

The **Animal Control Program** worked during 2004 to streamline its procedures. Scheduling adjustments at the Animal Control Center and reductions in the number of small governmental warden contracts created operational efficiencies. The program also worked with the Town of Normal to initiate a feline control ordinance, an effort involving extensive work with town officials and other interested parties.

The Administrative and Support Division provided the following services:

**Animal Control Program**

Dogs Vaccinated for Rabies	18,242
Cats Vaccinated for Rabies	7,656
Dog Registrations	16,600
Animal Bite Investigations	325
Animal Control Center Activity:	
Dogs Accepted	713
Dogs Available for Adoption/Transfer	225
Dogs Adopted or Transferred	183
Dogs Reclaimed by Owners	298
*Dogs Euthanized	217
Cats Accepted	546
Cats Available for Adoption/Transfer	170
Cats Adopted or Transferred	109
Cats Reclaimed by Owners	17
*Cats Euthanized	405

\*Includes owner request euthanasia, died and dead on arrival.

**Illinois Department of Public Health Vital Statistics Summary/McLean County 2003**

Population	154,453
Live Births	2,127
Infant Deaths (under 28 days)	
Infant Deaths (28 days to 1 year)	
All Deaths (e	
Cancer	
Respiratory D	
Diabetes	
Cirrhosis of L	
Accidents (including motor vehicles)	
Suicide	
Homicide	
Cardiovascular	
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	
All others	

These 2003 figures were not yet available from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

**Health Education Presentations**

Topic	Number of Presentations	Attendance
HIV/STD, Pregnancy Prevention	90	1,366
Tobacco Education	160	5,634
Heart Smart	98	742
Dental Health	3	115
Breast Health	46	1,784
Osteoporosis	0	0
Health Fair/Other	85	1,717
Employee Wellness	23	2,276

**Health Education and Promotion**

Educational Programs	498
Educational Program Participants	13,634
Educational Displays/Special Educational Projects	86
Media Contacts/Articles	249
Promotional Materials Developed/Updated	577
Coalition Building/Community Groups	551

# Leading the Way to Excellence...Accomplishments of 2004

## McLean County Health Department Nurse Receives Outstanding Nurse Recognition Award

The department was proud to announce that Heidi German, childcare nurse consultant, received the March of Dimes Outstanding Nurse Recognition Award for 2004. The award recognizes nurses who are truly dedicated to providing quality nursing care and improving the lives of mothers and babies. The department has a long tradition of nurses receiving this prestigious award. Prior to Heidi, thirteen registered nurses employed by the McLean County Health Department received the award. Through an Illinois Department of Human Services contract, Heidi works each day to assure that the health needs of infants and young children in childcare settings are met in McLean, Ford, Livingston, DeWitt and Iroquois counties. She also serves as a member of the IPLAN Infant Mortality Task Force, working to prevent SIDS and promote the "back to sleep" concept.



Heidi German (center) led the volunteer efforts to raise funds for SIDS prevention during the Russell Rush Roof Sit for SIDS.

## 2nd Russell Rush Roof Sit for SIDS - A Success

The McLean County Health Department and IPLAN Infant Mortality Task Force partnered with numerous community agencies, McDonalds, and SIDS of Illinois to help Russell Rush, local WBNQ radio personality, hold his 2nd Russell Rush Roof Sit for SIDS. The event raised over \$30,000 in 2004 and increased community awareness of SIDS and SIDS prevention. A portion of the funds raised will help support the department's popular Back to Sleep Onsie® project for another year.



Joyce Adelekan (far right) accepts her award for accomplishments within the Teen Parent Services program.

## Leadership Award Given to McLean County Health Department Employee

Joyce Adelekan, Teen Parent Services program manager, was the recipient of the Illinois Department of Human Services Gold Crown of Leadership Award for 2004. The award recognizes human service professionals who provide motivation and assistance to Illinois residents and enable them to achieve self-sufficiency, independence, and good health. Joyce accomplishes just that by assisting teenage parents in obtaining the information, services and skills necessary to care for their baby.



Jan Morris (second from left) and Board of Health President Sue Berglund (second from right) accept the department's NACo Smoke-Free Home Pledge Initiative Award.

## Health Department Accepts Award for Tobacco Prevention Efforts

The department received an honorable mention award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for successfully launching the Smoke-Free Home Pledge Initiative in McLean County. The department collected pledges from over 1,200 county residents pledging to keep their homes smoke-free.



Training participants took a break from learning risk communication skills.

### *Public Health Professionals and First Responders Learn Crisis and Risk Communication*

The McLean County Health Department, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health, coordinated two crisis and risk communication workshops for hundreds of Central Illinois public health professionals and emergency first responders. During the Spring of 2004, guest speakers and expert communication consultants helped prepare spokespersons and others from law enforcement, emergency health services, fire departments, hospitals, and public health departments to communicate effectively through the media and with one another and to prepare public information during and after a crisis.



Marie McCurdy, Denise Hunt and Ruth Ann Ball display gifts for Family Case Management clients from the Giving Tree program.

### *Families Benefit from the Giving Tree, State Farm Insurance Companies*

The McLean County Health Department was selected as a new agency to receive gifts from the Giving Tree. As a result, especially needy families enrolled in the department's Family Case Management program received holiday gifts from many generous State Farm Insurance Companies® employees.



The limited flu vaccine was provided to nearly 3,000 high risk county residents in 2004.

### *Partnership Forms to Manage Community Flu Vaccine Shortage*

As a result of a nationwide flu vaccine shortage in 2004, McLean County hospital and healthcare organizations, physicians, and pharmacists worked in conjunction with the McLean County Health Department to establish priorities and develop a systematic vaccine distribution plan. The plan directed limited vaccine supplies to McLean County residents at serious risk of developing complications from the flu.



Jan Weber (far right) accepts the department's award for excellence in maternal and child health services from DHS staff.

### *Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Honors McLean County Health Department*

The department was honored with three service awards in the area of Maternal and Child Health in 2004. A delegation of nurses, nutritionists, case managers, and office support staff attended the Healthier Families Through Community-Based Partnerships conference hosted by DHS in Springfield and returned with the following awards: Shining Star of Performance, Ranking Report/Performance Outcome, and Fiscal Year 2005 Incentive Award.

# Recognitions

## *Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year Award*

The Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award honors an employee of the McLean County Health Department for outstanding achievement related to public health services in McLean County.



## *Donalda Voss, 2004 Employee of the Year*

The McLean County Health Department recognized Donalda Voss as recipient of the 2004 Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award. Donalda is the administrative support supervisor II and has been with the McLean County Health Department for 19 years. She received the award for her outstanding display of commitment, dedication, and success in 2004. She was noted by coworkers as someone who is first to take on a challenge, always works to assure equality, and serves as a voice for the few. She was nominated for her vigor and conviction, and for continuously upholding the mission of the department through her work. Donalda oversees various administrative functions of the department and provides support to the director. The nomination lauded her for carrying out her duties in a highly effective, diligent manner. Employees nominating Donalda pointed to her skills and the compassion she brings to the workplace each day as especially beneficial to both internal and external customers.



# Recognitions

## Public Health Award

Each year, the McLean County Health Department sponsors the McLean County Board of Health Public Health Award. The award honors a McLean County resident who has furthered public health principles and practices and provided valuable service to county residents. The nominee's public health contribution can be either professional or occupational as a volunteer or in a paid capacity.

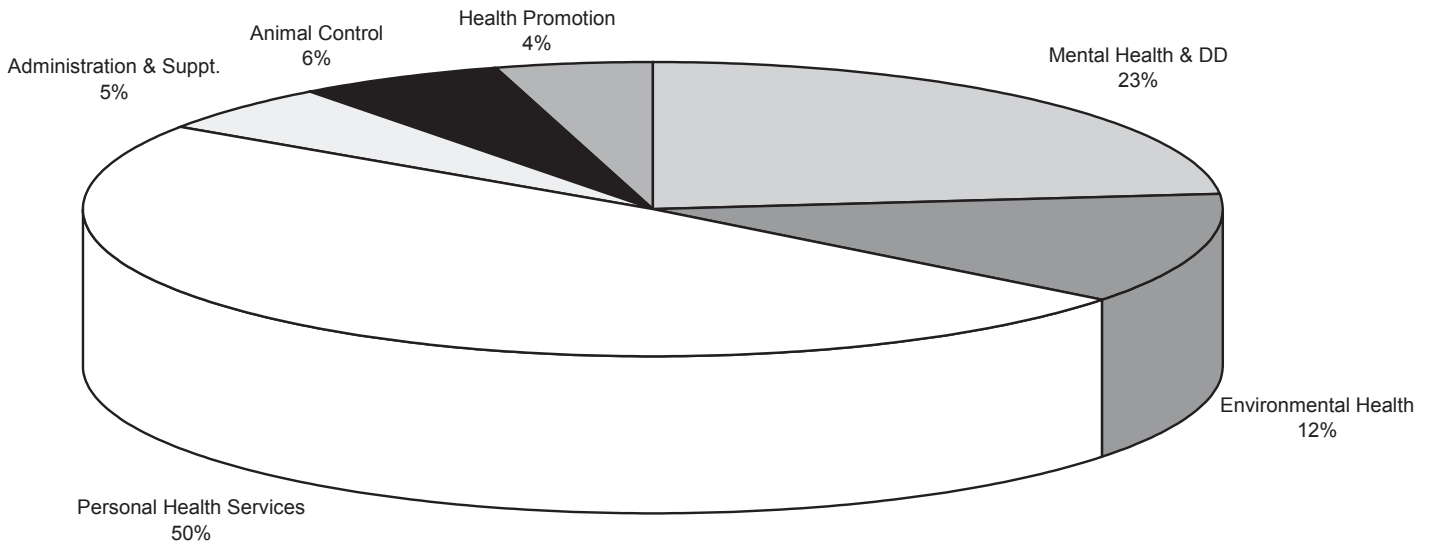


## Bruce T. Lang, 2004 Public Health Award Winner

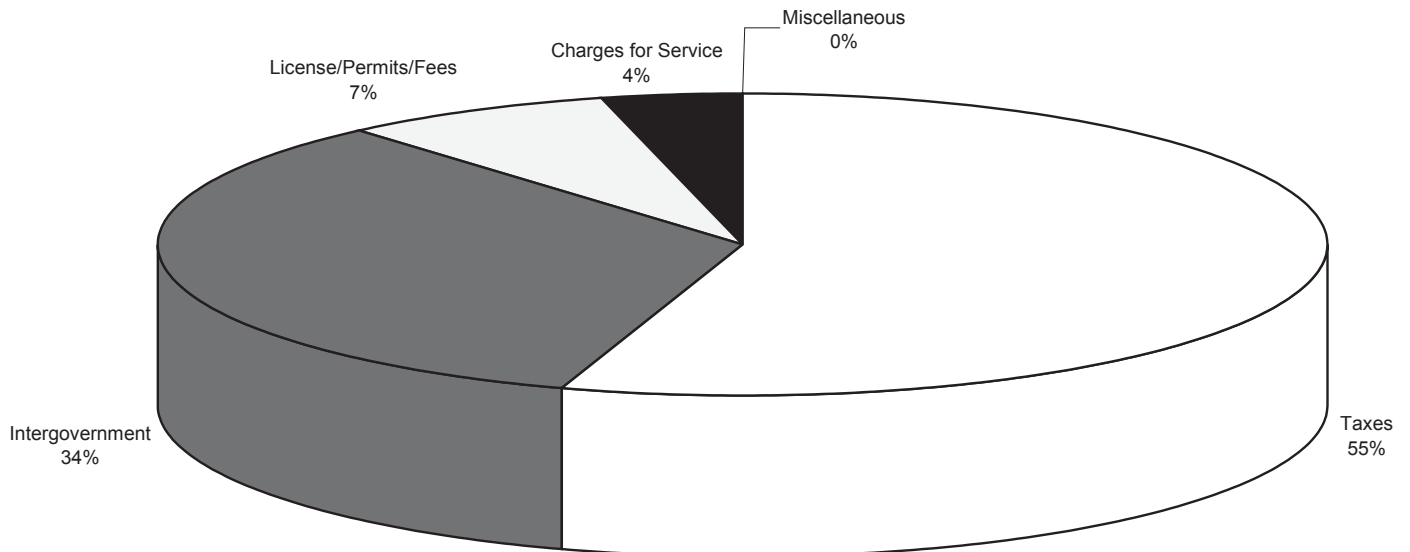
Mr. Lang was honored with the McLean County Board of Health 2004 Public Health Award for his dedication to helping reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in McLean County through prevention and education. He has been a volunteer with the McLean County AIDS Task Force (MCATF) for over ten years, serving as the organization's treasurer and on its Board of Directors. Mr. Lang has been involved with a number of MCATF prevention projects over the years. Specifically, he has designed and distributed county-specific HIV/AIDS educational materials, established and coordinated HIV+ support groups, fostered relationships with community organizations, and maintained the MCATF Food Bank to ensure that the nutritional needs of clients are met. His leadership as treasurer and grant writer helps MCATF remain financially sound and continually improve and expand HIV/AIDS services. Mr. Lang's commitment to help reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in McLean County is honorable and truly appreciated by residents of McLean County and the McLean County Board of Health.

# McLean County Health Department

## Expense by Category



## Revenue by Category



Financial Statement

January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004

	TB Care & Treatment Fund	Persons/Dev. Dis. Fund	Dental Sealant Fund	WIC Fund	Health Promotion Fund	Prev. Health Fund	FCM/DCFS Case Mgt. Fund	AIDS/Com. Dis. Fund	Total All Funds	Eye Clinic Fund	Emily Baker Fund	
Fund Bal. Brought forward Jan. 1, 2004	\$ 590,277	\$ 144,851	\$ 32,248	\$ 68,112	\$ 80,632	\$ 1,726	\$ 18,585	\$ 318,269	\$ 39,546	\$ 1,294,244	\$ 24,368	\$ 59,556
Revenue												
Taxes	\$ 2,517,959	\$ 281,181	\$ 569,961						\$ 3,369,101			
Intergovernmental	\$ 305,447			\$ 139,639	\$ 333,008	\$ 16,747	\$ 128,089	\$ 860,768	\$ 279,415	\$ 2,063,113	\$ 5,581	\$ 9,928
License/Permit/Fees	\$ 448,648								\$ 448,648	\$ 5,581	\$ 9,928	
Charges for Service Transfer	\$ 221,816	\$ -		\$ 18,588					\$ 240,404			
Miscellaneous	\$ 706	\$ 108				\$ 2,132		\$ 109	\$ 3,055			
Total Revenue	\$ 3,494,576	\$ 281,289	\$ 569,961	\$ 158,227	\$ 333,008	\$ 16,747	\$ 130,221	\$ 860,768	\$ 279,524	\$ 6,124,320	\$ 5,581	\$ 9,928
Expenditures												
Mental Health & DD	\$ 808,484		\$ 562,011						\$ 1,370,495			
Environmental Health	\$ 690,251							\$ 26,119	\$ 716,370			
Personal Health Services	\$ 1,026,993	\$ 266,454		\$ 135,628	\$ 332,268	\$ -	\$ 113,715	\$ 853,192	\$ 242,022	\$ 2,970,272	\$ 4,469	\$ -
Administration & Support	\$ 318,956								\$ 318,956			
Animal Control	\$ 336,883								\$ 336,883			
Health Promotion	\$ 128,694					\$ 16,633			\$ 145,327			
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,310,262	\$ 266,454	\$ 562,011	\$ 135,628	\$ 332,268	\$ 16,633	\$ 113,715	\$ 853,192	\$ 268,141	\$ 5,858,304	\$ 4,469	\$ -
Excess of Revenue or (Expenditure/Transfer)	\$ 184,314	\$ 14,834	\$ 7,950	\$ 22,599	\$ 740	\$ 114	\$ 16,506	\$ 7,576	\$ 11,383	\$ 266,016	\$ 1,112	\$ 9,928
Fund Balance Ending Dec. 31, 2004	\$ 774,590	\$ 159,685	\$ 40,198	\$ 90,711	\$ 81,372	\$ 1,840	\$ 35,091	\$ 325,845	\$ 50,929	\$ 1,560,260	\$ 25,479	\$ 69,484

# Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need (IPLAN)

The Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need (IPLAN), instituted in McLean County in 1993, serves as a guide to improving the health of all McLean County residents. The plan involves thorough assessment of health needs and collaboration among community partners to address those needs. As a result of demands placed on local health departments to meet deliverables under federal bioterrorism planning and preparedness criteria, the 5-year Community Health Plan (CHP) for 1999-2004 was extended by the Illinois Department of Public Health to end in 2007. According to the plan, the McLean County Health Department, Community Health Advisory Committee, and the CHP Implementation Task Forces have been working to improve the following three priority health problems in McLean County:

1. **Coronary Heart Disease/Heart Disease**  
*(including Cerebrovascular Disease)*
2. **Cancer**  
*(including Lung Cancer and Breast Cancer)*
3. **Infant Mortality**  
*(including Low Birth Weight, SIDS and Congenital Anomalies)*

Three task forces, comprised of community leaders in business, education, and health have been working to implement intervention strategies and steadily improve the health status of McLean County residents. Significant progress was made in 2004 to improve risk factors associated with the priority health problems. The most notable improvement has been the decrease in the percentage of adult smokers in McLean County from 26.8% in 1997 to 19.7% in 2002. Also, the number of residents told that their cholesterol was high has decreased from 29.9% in 1997 to 25.4% in 2002.

Task Force members executed some key community initiatives in 2004:

- The American Heart Association “Go Red for Women” campaign was promoted county-wide to increase awareness of heart disease in women.
- The McLean County Health Department provided Heart Smart for Women classes to nearly 300 women, teaching them how to make heart healthy decisions about nutrition and physical activity.
- Quit Smoking Kits were provided to area businesses by the Cancer Task Force to help employees quit smoking during the American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout in November of 2004.
- The Cancer Task Force worked with Illinois Wesleyan University to conduct a public opinion poll on tobacco use in March 2004. The survey revealed 70% of McLean County residents support a ban on smoking in restaurants.
- The Infant Mortality Task Force Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) subcommittee provided SIDS educational packets to the nurseries at local hospitals.
- Infant Mortality Task Force members participated in the 2nd Russell Rush Roof Sit to raise funds for SIDS awareness and education.

# Staff

## Administration

Robert J. Keller, Director  
Walter Howe, Assistant Administrator  
Nancy Hannah, Office Support Specialist II  
Christi Heberer, Accounting Specialist I  
Stacy Jackson, Office Support Specialist I  
Vera Price, Accounting Specialist I  
Donalda Voss, Administrative Support Supervisor II

## Animal Control

Randy Brunswick, County Veterinarian  
Peggy Gibson, Animal Control Director  
Bill Clark, Animal Control Manager  
Ryan Bevers, Animal Control Warden  
Arthur McBurney, Animal Control Center Operator  
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Elliot Sedgewick, Animal Control Warden  
Marshell Thomson, Animal Control Warden  
Deena Wood, Animal Control Warden

## Health Promotion and Assessment

Jan Morris, Health Promotion Program Manager  
Kathleen Davis, Public Health Communication Specialist  
Jackie Lanier, Health Promotion Specialist  
Connie Montague, Administrative Specialist  
Carolyn Rutherford, Health Promotion Specialist  
Megan Traynor, Intern

## Environmental Health

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Tom Anderson, Environmental Health Program Supervisor  
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Mark Gramley, Staff Sanitarian  
John Hendershott, Senior Sanitarian  
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Laurie Mayberry, Office Support Specialist II  
Michelle Roemersberger, Staff Sanitarian

## Personal Health Services

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Chris Shadewaldt, Communicable Disease/Health Program Supervisor  
Jan Weber, Maternal-Child Health Services Supervisor  
Deborah Adekoya, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Joyce Adelekan, Case Manager  
Ruth Ann Ball, Public Health Nurse  
Laura Beavers, Health Works Case Manager  
Deborah Berggren, Communicable Disease Program Coordinator  
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Carol Bucher, Clinic Nurse  
Leslie Carmack, Clinic Nurse  
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Marilyn Cunningham, Public Health Nurse  
Kimberly Dowd, Women, Infants & Children Program Coordinator  
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Ceci Gaspardo, Office Support Specialist II  
Heidi German, Public Health Nurse, CCNC  
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Vicki Hall, Public Health Nurse  
Valerie Harlacher, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Christine Herring, Peer Counselor  
Mary Hill, Public Health Nurse  
Stacey Hirsch, Public Health Nurse  
Sara Holthaus-Weidemier, Supervising Office Support Specialist  
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Lacy Jones, Public Health Nurse  
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Laurie Mayberry, Office Support Specialist I  
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Kathleen Powell, Nutritionist  
Sophie Rebert, Case Manager  
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Bev Roberts, Public Health Nurse  
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Alisa Sorenson, DCFS Coordinator  
Geri Stuart, School Health Consultant  
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Tamara Thoennes, Case Manager  
Amy Ward, Office Support Specialist I  
Kim Wenthe, Office Support Specialist I  
Monica Williams, Office Support Specialist I  
Rita Zimmerman, Clinic Nurse

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David Skillrud, M.D.

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Dina Lunkin, D.D.S.  
Stacey Van Scoyoc, D.D.S.  
Theresa Reyes, Dental Hygienist  
Teri Summrail, Dental Hygienist

In addition to internal operations, Health Department administrative and professional staff participate on various state and local committees, task forces, coordinating councils, and network organizations.

### *Local:*

American Red Cross of the Heartland Disaster Action Team  
Bloomington Municipal Credit Union Board  
Bloomington Plumbing Board of Appeals  
BroMenn Healthcare Advisory Board  
Community Health Advisory Committee  
Community Health Care Clinic Board  
Community Youth Liaison Council  
Cornbelt Health Educators Association  
Heartland Coalition for Youth and Families  
Heartland Headstart Health Advisory Committee  
Human Services Council  
John M. Scott Commission  
Livingston-McLean Counties Mental Health Planning Committee  
Marc Human Rights Committee  
March of Dimes Health Professional Advisory Committee  
McLean County AIDS Task Force

McLean County Children and Adolescent Local Area Network (Mental Health)  
McLean County Compact Council  
McLean County Compact Executive Committee  
McLean County Compact Clearinghouse Committee  
McLean County Disaster Council  
McLean County HIV Prevention Forum  
McLean County Local Interagency Council  
McLean County Mental Health Association Board  
McLean County Senior Citizen Providers Task Force  
McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee  
McLean County Terrorism Task Force  
McLean County Volunteer Coordinator's Association  
Normal Plumbing Board of Appeals  
Partners for Community  
United Way Day Care/Preschool Committee  
United Way Health Allocations Panel

### *Regional/State/National/International:*

Air and Waste Management Association  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control  
American Public Health Association  
American Society on Aging  
Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois  
Illinois Association of Boards of Health  
Illinois Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators  
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators  
Illinois Conference on Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Inc.  
Illinois Diabetes Advisory Council  
Illinois Environmental Health Association

Illinois Groundwater Association  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Public Health Futures Institute  
Illinois Public Health Improvement Project Committee  
Illinois Public Health Nurse Administrators  
Illinois Society for Public Health Education  
International Association of Food Protection  
National Association of City and County Health Officers  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)  
North Central Association of Food and Drug Region 6 HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

### *Community Health Advisory Committee*

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BroMenn Healthcare

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“Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

Aristotle