

Fiscal Year  
**2012**  
Annual Report



**South Central Public Health District**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



**Healthy People in Healthy Communities**

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our annual report highlights the essential public health services we provide to the communities we serve. Our public health vision is *Healthy People in Healthy Communities*.

This last fiscal year has been very busy for the staff of South Central Public Health District (SCPHD). We have recently completed the integration of a new electronic health records (InSight by Netsmart) system which is compliant with HITECH and will allow us to demonstrate “meaningful use” for Medicaid billings. We have also completed the Environmental Health electronic software transition from Magic to Paragon. Both systems enhance our customer service and greatly reduce paper files and storage. The senior staff has been very aggressive in seeking other funding sources, including grants from the National Association of County and City Health Officials, Medical Reserve Corps, and the Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust. We are also expanding our work in Home Visitation programs with Early Head Start and the Community Council (Migrant Head Start). Our health promotion and preparedness staff continues to work with our community partners in developing health polices for improving health outcomes and in developing plans for disaster preparedness. Lastly, we completed key infrastructure needs on all our facilities in order to continue to make them safe and healthy environments for our clients and staff.

South Central Public Health District continues to provide the basic health services of community health, communicable disease and prevention, environmental health, public health preparedness, and public health administration. We are pleased with the service provided to our communities in light of fiscal reductions; our public health workforce has continued their unwavering commitment in providing the best in customer service. We are grateful to the support shown by our elected officials and look forward to another successful and productive year ahead in south central Idaho.



Rene R. LeBlanc, District Director

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# PUBLIC HEALTH'S MISSION

TO PREVENT disease, disability, and premature death;  
TO PROMOTE healthy lifestyles; and  
TO PROTECT the health and quality of the environment.

## ADMINISTRATION

Rene LeBlanc, MS, RS	District Director
Bonnie Spencer, CPA, CPM	Deputy Director
Amy Lierman	Public Information Officer
Kathlyn Egbert	Management Assistant
Cheryle Becker, RN	Family and Children's Health Division Administrator
Merl Egbert, REHS/RS	Environmental Health Division Director
Karyn Goodale, MPH	Public Health Promotion and Preparedness Programs Director
Jeff Pierson, MCP	IT Resource Manager



# DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

## Operations

- Administrative and General Support
- Facilities and Equipment
- Fiscal Operations
- Human Resources and Personnel
- Information Technology
- Public Information

## Family and Children's Health

- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Child Health and Safety
- Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology
- Family Planning
- HIV/STD Prevention
- Immunizations
- Maternal Child Home Visitation
- Refugee Health
- School Health
- Tuberculosis Control
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

## Environmental Health

- Day Care Health and Safety
- Environmental Complaints
- FDA Inspections
- Food Permits and Inspections
- Land Development
- Public Drinking Water
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Solid Waste Management
- Subsurface Sewage Disposal

## Public Health Promotion and Preparedness

- Action for Healthy Kids
- Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Child Passenger Safety
- Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control
- Diabetes Prevention and Control
- Fit and Fall Proof™
- Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
- Oral Health
- Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Sun Safety Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention
- Tobacco Cessation
- Emergency and Preparedness Planning and Response
- Hospital Preparedness
- Medical Reserve Corps



# Network of Care Idaho

Idaho's seven Public Health Districts recently launched the Network of Care website for Public Health statewide.

Network of Care is a community-based Web portal program which is a resource for individuals, families, and agencies concerned with community health.

To learn more, visit Idaho's Network of Care Sites at:  
<http://idaho.networkofcare.org>.

The following list highlights just a few of the tools available through Idaho's Network of Care website.



- **Community Health Indicators:** local, state, and national statistics covering everything from smoking to obesity rates.
- **Library:**
  - Medical articles on a large variety of medical conditions. Articles are updated regularly by medical staff.
  - See photos, imprints, interactions, and side effects of all medications.
  - Descriptions of various medical tests and procedures.
  - A comprehensive list of contact information for local and national support groups for a variety of health concerns.
  - Interactive quizzes and calculators to help manage health.
  - The interactive Symptom Checker helps you discover the cause of your symptoms.
- **Links:** a comprehensive list of links to local, state, and national government agencies and non-profit organizations.
- **Legislate:** track current health related legislation, contact your legislators, find out about voter registration, and much more.
- **My Personal Health Record (My PHR):** create a personal login and track your personal medical information. Prescriptions, medical conditions, tests, treatments, and legal documents can all be stored in a secure environment and in one convenient place.



## Fiscal

- SCPHD continued its tradition of successful audits with completion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 financial audit.
- The District continues to experience the effects of a struggling economy with over a 5% decrease in regular revenues, primarily due to reduced State and contract funding.
- Dedicated reserve funds provided for the purchase of property for a planned Mini-Cassia facility.

## Personnel

- SCPHD took advantage of staff attrition to reduce FTEs again in FY-12 allowing the district to manage increased benefit costs and to align personnel resources with decreased State and contract funding.
- Longevity among District staff remains high, with 36% of staff having over ten years of service.



# Facilities

- The District completed two large facility projects during FY-12:
  - Installation of new heat pump units in Twin Falls to accommodate new EPA standards for refrigerants.
  - Parking lot chip sealing at the Jerome and Twin Falls office locations.
- SCPHD purchased a 2.26-acre lot in Heyburn which provides an ideal location for a joint Mini-Cassia facility in the future, as the current property leases in Burley and Rupert expire within the next three years.

# Information Technology

- Implementation of new clinical software was the primary focus for the IT unit this year. This new software meets current Federal HITECH requirements and provides for electronic medical records and more efficient exchange of medical information.



# Revenues and Expenditures FY-2012 and Budget FY-2013

## EXPENDITURES

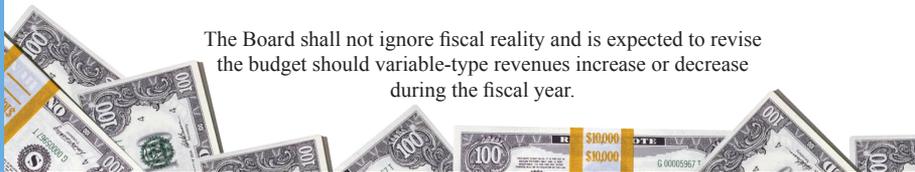
### BY CLASSIFICATION

Personnel costs	\$
Operating expenses	
Sub-grantee payments	
Capital outlay--general	
Capital outlay--building	—
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>

## REVENUES & OTHER FUNDING

County funds	\$
State general fund	
State millennium fund	
Contracts	
Fees/donations and miscellaneous	—
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	
Reserve draw	—
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FUNDING</b>	<b>\$</b>

The Board shall not ignore fiscal reality and is expected to revise the budget should variable-type revenues increase or decrease during the fiscal year.



ACTUALS FY-2012	ORIGINAL FY-2013 BUDGET	REVISED FY-2013 BUDGET (adopted 09/26/12)
4,317,999	\$ 4,645,315	\$ 4,610,465
1,395,365	1,305,052	1,376,169
161,459	161,459	165,665
159,048	53,000	53,000
150,180	-	121,400
<u>6,184,050</u>	<u>\$ 6,164,826</u>	<u>\$ 6,326,699</u>
1,009,920	\$ 1,031,901	\$ 1,031,901
1,014,700	1,059,300	1,059,300
33,300	51,800	51,832
2,962,989	2,978,385	2,970,753
1,002,848	934,300	937,325
<u>6,023,757</u>	<u>6,055,686</u>	<u>6,051,111</u>
160,293	109,140	275,588
<u>6,184,050</u>	<u>\$ 6,164,826</u>	<u>\$ 6,326,699</u>



# Insight

In February 2012, SCPHD implemented a new electronic medical record (EMR). New requirements with the Affordable Care Act and HIPAA made the change to electronic records necessary. Some clinical programs, such as nurse home visitation, are still in the process of converting to the new EMR.



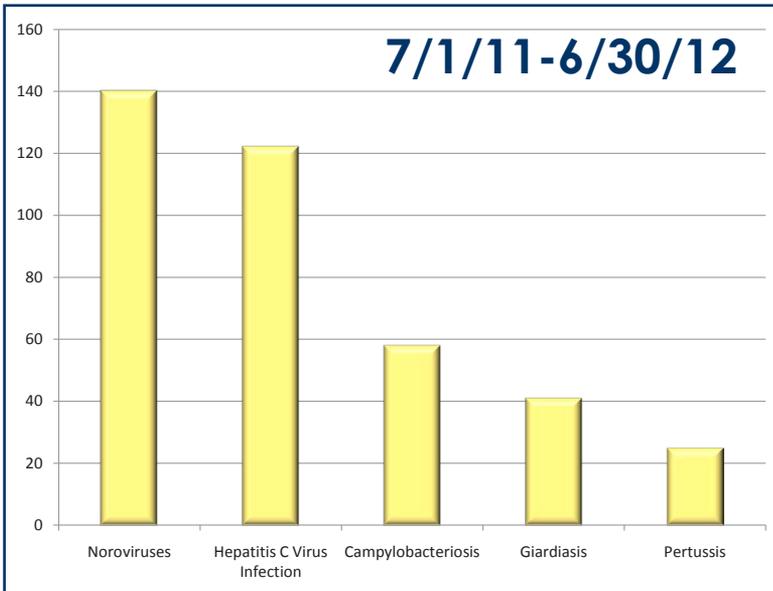
The new software allows coordinators to produce reports for a variety of purposes. These include: clinic efficiency, directed studies of specific factors, and program reporting for contracts.

The process to connect our new EMR with the Idaho immunization registry (IRIS) has been difficult. With the old IRIS system, our EMR connected in real time. With the new IRIS system, which came online just after our new EMR implementation, submitting of batch files was required. Much work was completed by our software provider and SCPHD staff to make uploads to the IRIS system possible. The process was not completed during the fiscal year, but was finally completed on October 4, 2012.



# Top 5 Reported Diseases

According to Idaho administrative rules, SCPHD staff investigate reports of over 70 different diseases and conditions. During fiscal year 2012, 489 diseases and conditions were investigated in our eight county health district. The following chart shows the diseases which are most frequently reported.



During this fiscal year, two rabid bats were reported. Six individuals required post exposure treatment as a result of exposures to the rabid animals.



# Farmers Markets

The mission of Environmental Health is to protect the public from risks associated with their environment, whether it is a food establishment, a childcare facility, a swimming pool, the very water they drink, or from waste water and solid waste produced from human activity.



One activity that has become very popular in our state is the farmers market where agricultural produce is sold directly from the producer to the public at outdoor displays. This year, SCPHD has provided educational training opportunities to the farmers demonstrating how best the produce can be grown, prepared, and displayed to provide maximum protection from contamination. A booth was also set up at the farmers market to educate the public about food safety. This program will be featured on the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice website.



# Solid Waste

Handling of solid waste is also of public health concern. SCPHD is very unique in that all eight district counties have joined forces to create the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.



*Unmanned Transfer Station at Magic Reservoir*

Fifteen transfer stations are operating in the eight counties from which nearly all solid waste is transferred to the regional landfill south of the Milner Dam area. This is the only operating lined “section D” Municipal landfill in the district. Seven counties provide Construction and Demolition (C & D) sites that will accept the inert C & D materials thus eliminating the need to ship those materials to the regional landfill. Recycling and recovery activities also take place at each of the transfer facilities. The regional landfill site and all the transfer stations are inspected regularly for compliance with Idaho state regulations.



# Impact Health through Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change

Policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change improves community health by making healthy choices practical and available to all. By changing laws and shaping landscapes, measurable impacts are made with little time and resources. Through PSE changes, communities tackle issues such as tobacco, poor nutrition, and physical inactivity to make the healthy choice the easy choice.

In 2011-12, the Health Promotion Programs lead PSE changes district-wide. This included guiding local government and businesses to adopt tobacco free policies, assisting educators to make systematic changes to enhance nutrition and physical education, and partnering with service clubs to make environmental changes that support physical fitness.



# Family Assistance Center

Immediately following a mass-casualty/fatality event, families and friends seek assistance to acquire information and to locate their loved ones. In this environment of worry and need for information, Family Assistance Centers (FAC) are a critical community resource.

During 2011-12, the Public Health Preparedness Program was tasked to write a FAC Plan. By assembling a multi-disciplinary team and facilitating detailed discussions, the South Central Idaho Family Assistance Center Plan was built. The final document is both a guide for response personnel and a template for local jurisdictions to modify as needed. It is also being used statewide as a model-planning tool.



# COUNTIES SERVED



Blaine County



Camas County



Cassia County



Gooding County



Jerome County



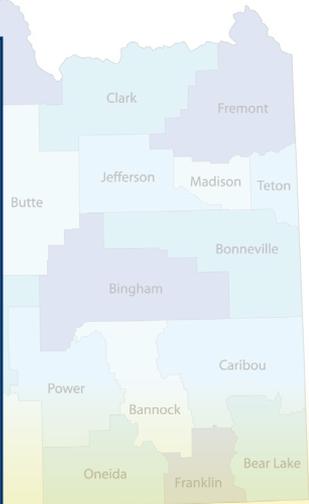
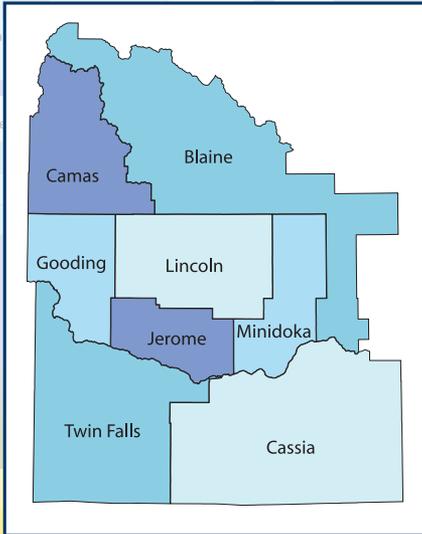
Lincoln County



Minidoka County



Twin Falls County



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