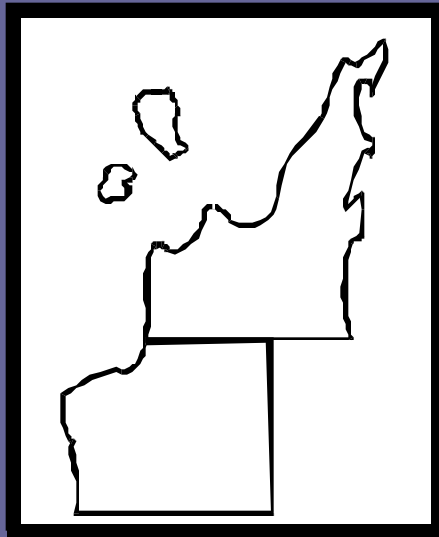


**Benzie-Leelanau
District Health Department**



ANNUAL REPORT
January 2002-October 2003

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY



To the Residents of Benzie and Leelanau Counties,

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Board of Health and Staff are pleased to present the 2002-2003 Annual Report. This "Annual Report" represents the period from January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. This report gives a snapshot of our agency's varied activities over the last 21 months and we hope you take the opportunity to review the information herein. The irregular time period reflects our department's change to an October 1-September 30 fiscal year, as of September 30, 2003.

Public Health agencies, including our district, have been presented with numerous communicable health challenges. West Nile Virus, SARS, and smallpox planning issues have taken much of our staff's time and effort during this period. Emergency Preparedness has been an ever-present theme of our health department. Through this timeframe it has become even clearer to us that cooperation with State, regional local public health, and other local agencies is critical in assuring the greatest level of protection for our two counties' residents.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, in the summer of 2003, was notified that we received Full Accreditation through the Michigan Local Public Health Department Accreditation Process. This process evaluates our administrative capacity, along with 18 public programs, based on a pre-determined standard of performance. Numerous programs were noted for their outstanding results and their innovative methods of exceeding the standards of performance.

I would like to thank the Board of Health members, community groups, and the two county Boards of Commission for their support over the last year. In addition, I especially want to thank the staff of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department for their positive approach to the very important work of ensuring the public's health in our region of the state.

William A. Crawford, R.S. M.S.A.
Health Officer

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BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2002-2003 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department received **full accreditation from the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation** Program in June of 2003. The notification indicates that the 18 programs/areas that were evaluated fully met the standards of the State of Michigan.
- Our agency was instrumental in obtaining a **Regional Beach Water Sampling Grant** from the Michigan DEQ in 2003. This grant provided for the sampling of seven major beaches in Benzie and Leelanau Counties. The results indicated that the water quality of our public beaches was very high.
- A regional collaboration of numerous human service, private medical, and public service organizations formed the **Grand Traverse Regional Health Care Coalition** in 2003. This Coalition's purpose is to provide to low income (non-Medicaid) residents of Leelanau, Benzie and Grand Traverse Counties primary care insurance and basic prescription drug coverage. Our Department has representation on the GTRHCC Board of Directors.
- In the summer of 2003, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department was a lead agency in forming the **Leelanau County Tobacco Task Force**. The task force focuses on preventing youth smoking, promoting smoking cessation, and reducing secondhand smoke in Leelanau County.
- In 2002, our agency was the **#1 health department in the State of Michigan for promoting breastfeeding duration**. Additionally, we were the **WC Silver Medal Winner** for exceeding our projected WIC Caseload.
- The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department received an award from the Michigan Department of Community Health for **improving our immunization rates by more than 10%** from January 2002 to May 2003. Currently, 74% of children 19-36 months of age in Benzie and Leelanau Counties are up-to-date with the required immunizations.

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FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES



PROGRAM	NUMBER SERVED	
	2002	2003 (9 months)
WIC	632 individuals, 111 migrant workers	721 individuals, 90 migrant workers
IMMUNIZATION	2657 individual vaccines administered 3606 vaccines distributed to health care providers	1782 individual vaccines administered 2500 vaccines distributed to health care providers
MATERNAL SUPPORT/INFANT SUPPORT SERVICES	99 MSS clients received 708 visits 41 ISS clients received 456 visits	233 MSS clients received 542 visits 104 ISS clients received 513 visits
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES	154 Children	181 Children
OUTREACH Prenatal care coordination	115 families assisted 211 pregnant women	53 families assisted 298 pregnant women
HEALTHY FUTURES viduals	3 Over 400 individuals	217 indi-
HEARING SCREENING	1882 with 44 referred for additional testing	2088, with 56 referred for additional testing
VISION	2056 children screened 124 referred for additional testing	2652 children screening 172 referred for additional testing
WOMEN'S HEALTH Reproductive Health Services Breast & Cervical Cancer	637 individuals 182 women	458 individuals 137 women

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Testing, follow-up and coordination provided for:	2002	2003 (9months)
TB skin tests	125	181
HIV Counseling and Testing	46	28
Cases of reportable diseases required follow-up	65	44
Sexually transmitted diseases	33	26

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SERVICE	BENZIE		LEELANAU	
	2002	2003 (9 months)	2002	2003 (9 months)
General Environmental Health				
Type II Water Supplies	85	85	135	139
Swimming Pools Licensed	12	12	19	19
Subdivision/Site Condo Eval.	1	2	7	6
FIA Facility Inspections	24	15	22	15
Campgrounds Licensed	12	12	11	11
Mobile Home Parks	5	5	3	3
Septic Waste Haulers Licensed	3	3	5	5
Food				
Fixed Food Licenses	86	79	99	101
Fixed Food Inspections	212	155	213	183
Follow-up Inspections	45	44	46	44
Temporary Food Licenses	59	53	67	57
Water and Sewage				
Sewage Permits	378	296	352	258
Well Permits	319	272	307	257
Septic/Well Evals	230	213	2	2
Vacant Land Evals	94	71	187	113

BIOTERRORISM AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In response to the increased threat of biological terrorism, the Centers for Disease Control provided funding to local health departments to enhance our ability to effectively respond to biological and other small and large scale emergencies. A Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator was hired, with the primary duties of developing emergency response procedures and plans, and training health department staff to implement these plans.

- **Collaboration with regional and county emergency response partners**

For emergency response purposes, Benzie and Leelanau County are located in Michigan's 7th District, which covers 19 counties in northern lower Michigan. Collaboration among local, regional, and state emergency response partners is vital to ensure an effective, coordinated response to a large scale disaster. Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department staff actively participate in numerous local and regional workgroups with the goal of creating a multi-disciplinary, integrated emergency response plan.

- **Smallpox response planning**

In late 2002, amidst national unrest and concerns about the U.S. vulnerability to weaponized smallpox virus, public health was directed to form teams of public health and hospital workers who could quickly and effectively respond to an outbreak of smallpox disease. Michigan's Region 7, which includes Benzie and Leelanau County, was among the first in the country to begin vaccinating public health and health care smallpox response teams. Furthermore, Region 7 has more vaccinated smallpox response team members per capita than any other region in the state of Michigan.



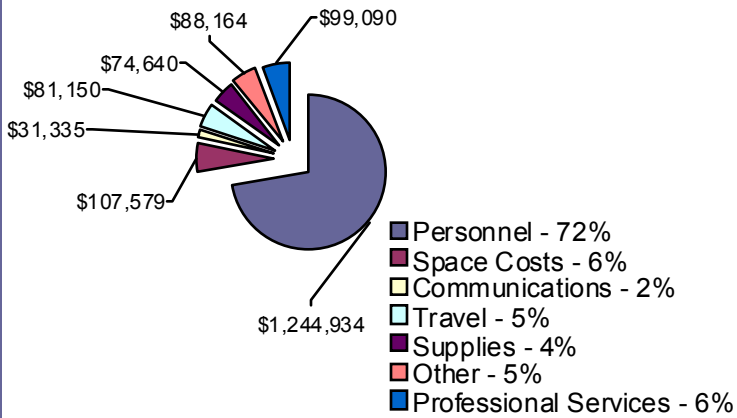
- **Enhanced Surveillance and Detection**

Recognizing the importance of early detection of a disease outbreak, the health department is working with hospitals, health care providers, and other health departments to enhance both syndromic and non-syndromic surveillance systems.

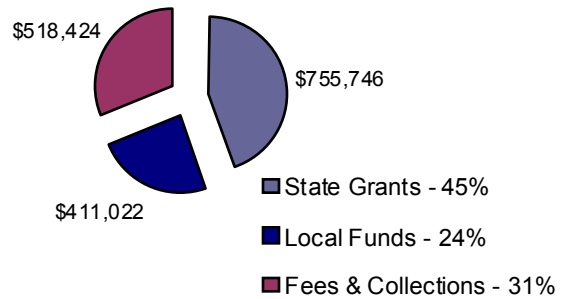
BUDGET

2002

2002 Expenditures
\$1,726,892



2002 Revenues
\$1,685,192

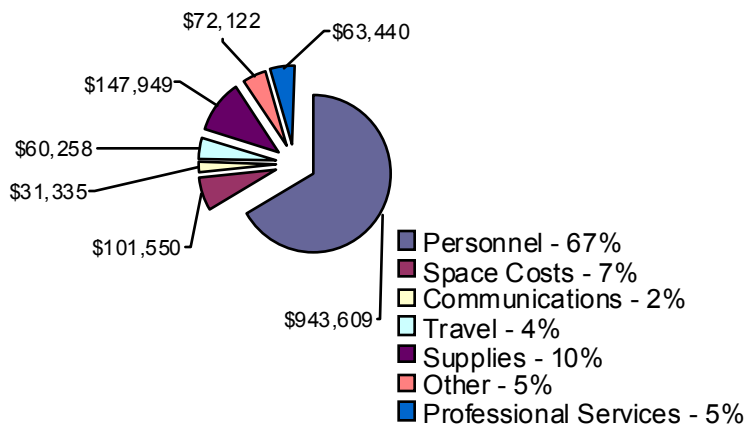


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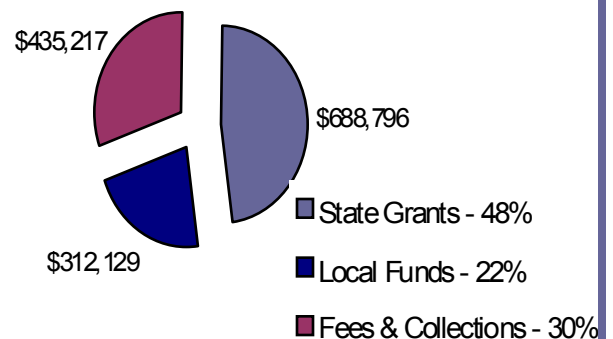
2003

(9 months)

2003 Expenditures
\$1,414,628



2003 Revenues
\$1,436,142



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BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF



Front Row: Eric Johnston, Vicky Krisky wicz, Diane Mille, Ruth Griner, Debbie Aldridge, Vicky Houdek, Kathy Cudney, Tammy Flores, Sharon Husted **Back Row:** Tom Fountain, Jenifer Murray, Tom Rademacher, Marc Grossnickle, Anna Boman, Chuck Grant, Heidi Grimes, Bill Crawford, Kris Malkowski, Carole McCord, Sue Kline, Michelle Klein, Dodie Putney
Not Pictured: Becky Coats, Sheila Pritchard, Patty Bauer, Clay McNitt, Dr. Mike Collins

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OUR MISSION:

The mission of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is to continually and diligently endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote public health through:

- Prevention and control of environmental health hazards•
 - Prevention and control of diseases•
- Prevention and control of health problems of particularly vulnerable populations•
 - Development of health care facilities and health services delivery systems•
- Regulation of health care facilities and health services systems to the extent provided by law•