

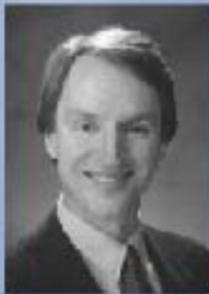


A YEAR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION



BRUCE DART, MS
Health Director

This year, the LLCHD focused on strengthening our agency so as to provide a higher level of service to our citizens. We did this to ensure that our workforce has the skills to perform key public health functions. We have begun to identify operating principles for guiding these public health services, which include using science as a basis for decision-making and public health action.



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Health improvement is what public health professionals strive to achieve. To reach this goal, we must devote our skill -- and our will -- to evaluating the effects of public health actions. Public health actions have expanded beyond infectious diseases to include chronic diseases, violence prevention, threats of bioterrorism, and the social contexts that influence health disparities. These tasks have become more complex.

By integrating the principles of accountability and action into all LLCHD program operations, we will experience overall outcome improvement for public health. More efficient and timely detection of these effects will enhance our ability to translate findings into practice. Guided by these basic principles, an action-oriented approach to program planning has also evolved. These strategies will result in increased problem solving; greater focus on early childhood development; a strengthened primary health care system; community based integrated approaches to public health and social structures that support family and community.

Public Health starts with you! - Thanks for your continued support of our work at the Health Department.

GOVERNANCE

In 1873, a City Council ordinance created the Board of Health. In 1886, the City Council approved an appropriation for the Health Department. The Department was created as an official city/county entity by interlocal agreement in 1947.

The Mayor appoints the Health Director, with confirmation by the City Council, County Board and Board of Health. The Board of Health consists of one physician, one dentist, one City Council member, one County Board member and five public-spirited members appointed by the City Council and County Board.

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