

Letter from the Health Officer

Our Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report offers an overview of the Harford County Health Department's efforts to advance health and wellness. The report will provide insight into the successes achieved and diverse opportunities presented during the last year (July 2021 - June 2022). The Harford County Health Department is committed to making Harford County the healthiest community in Maryland.

When we entered FY 22, the COVID-19 pandemic was still a high priority for the Harford County Health Department. The pandemic required extensive coordination between our communicable disease, emergency response, environmental health, health education, health planning, outbreak investigation, and population health units. The health department will continue to provide COVID-19 response and partnerships as necessary in FY 23 and will continue utilizing lessons learned from the pandemic to strengthen existing programs.

The aim of FY 22 was to continue to strengthen wraparound services. Our 1 N. Main Family Health Center began offering Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Care Coordination services at the beginning of FY 22 and pediatric dental services in late May 2022. In FY 22, an average of 4,055 WIC clients were seen and 3,126 dental visits were completed. The health department Clinical Health Bureau assisted in providing 2,524 flu vaccinations in Harford County elementary schools and completed 1,689 family planning visits. We have increased our clients seen in many of our programs, specifically, we have increased the number of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) clients seen and provided 2,796 translation or interpretation services.

We anticipate these programs to continue to excel in FY 23 with the 1 North Main Family Health Center continuing to evolve and provide families access to wraparound services in one convenient location.

Thank you for your part in advancing Harford County's public health. The Harford County Health Department looks forward to continuing our work and meeting challenges together in the Fiscal Year 2023.

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