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Vermillion County Health Department

2024 Annual Report

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Health Department Board of Health and Staff Listing

Health Board Members:

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Phil Harrison, Board Member

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Dr. Greg Brock, Board Member

Vermillion County Health Department Staff

Dr. Paula Market, Health Officer

Wendy Farley, Administrator/Registrar

Joyce Taylor, Data Entry/Secretary

Lori Swinford, Health Educator/ Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Kim Hawkins, Environmental Specialist

Dana Brown, Environmental Specialist

Deb Mazura, Public Health Nurse

April Holloway, Assistant Nurse

Health Department 2024 Overview

In 2023, Indiana Legislature passed Senate Enrolled Act 4, allowing local health departments to receive additional funding to provide core public health services recommended by the Governor's Public Health Commission. Governor Eric Holcomb signed it into law in the Spring of 2023. The new law is the first significant additional appropriation by the State to expand funding for public health in Indiana.

Vermillion County has opted into "Health First Indiana" public health initiative. The goal was to identify strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies to ensure that all Hoosiers have access to core public health services that help prevent disease and promote positive health outcomes.

The funding that Vermillion County Health Department has received has opened so many health opportunities for the residents of Vermillion County.

General Services that are offered from the Vermillion County Health Department are issuance of Birth and Death Certificates, Retail and Mobile Food Permits, Septic permits, Pest and Vector control, Inspection of Food Establishments, Adult and Children immunizations (with or without insurance), Chronic disease prevention and education, TB Testing, Free Covid home test, free HIV and Hepatitis-C testing first Tuesday of each month (results are confidential), Public Health Education, Blood Sugar and cholesterol screening available, Tobacco/Vaping Prevention and Cessation, Childhood lead screening and case management.

Additional services that are offered through Vermillion County Health Department are CPR and First Aid classes at no charge to residents, Stop the Bleed.

The Health Department and Purdue Extension partnered together to hold a Dining with Diabetes class. Adults with type 2 diabetes (or who are at risk) are invited to participate. Family member, caregivers and support persons as well may participate. The class consist of 4 sessions and a reunion. The sessions consisted of week 1 What is diabetes?, week 2 Carbs & sweetener, week 3 Fats & Sodium, week 4 Putting it all together. The class was offered twice during the year.

A Community Resource Fair was held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The location was The Eagles #887 in Clinton, Indiana, and organized by Vermillion Parke Health Coalition. Vendors that were in attendance were Thrive West Central, Senior Medicare Patrol, Vermillion County Health Department, Indiana University Health, National Youth Advocate Program, All Babies Initiative, Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Sullivan County Community Hospital, Union Health, Vivid Smiles, Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Hospice of the Wabash Valley, Hamilton Center, Anthem, Clinton City Fire Chief, See Beyond The Addiction, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, The Will Center, Kid Kare, Nurse-Family Partnership, United Way, and Purdue University Extension. The vendors gave out

information to the public about their programs they offered. There were doors prizes and lunch was provided by Union Hospital of Clinton.

The staff at the Health Department also participated Perrysville Fire Days, Trunk or Treat on 9th street and National night out, where information on 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline were handed out, along with vaccine and public health information.

Another outreach that was done was purchasing basketballs and footballs that had the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline printed on them. The balls were taken to both school corporations where they were distributed to the students through throwing them out during athletic events.

Some of the programs the staff will be working on for 2025 will be Chronic Disease Prevention and Reduction . Obesity is a cause of Chronic Disease such as heart disease and Diabetes. Vermillion County which is ranked #92 out of the #92 counties for Obesity. This must be one focus out of many. This will encompass heart disease, stroke, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings. Will continue to do testing for HIV, HCV, STI's partnering within IU Health, continue with Childhood lead and screenings as well as case management. The ideas and we are looking at are possible Gym memberships, walking groups, healthy food give away and having a Lead Risk Assessor for the County for the home inspections.

VCHD made healthcare more accessible than ever by hosting fall vaccine clinics as 9 convenient locations across the county. Our goal? To ensure no resident had to drive more than 10 miles for essential health services. Thanks to strong partnerships with township trustees, fire chiefs, and the county auditor, these clinics were well-advertised via mailers and social media reaching residents where they were!

At the clinics, 66 people took advantage of free health screening and vaccinations, helping to protect the community from preventable illnesses.

Fighting Lead Exposure with Get the Lead Out

VCHD didn't stop at screenings and vaccines! Our partnership with Soil and Water Conservation District on the "Get the Lead Out" initiative empowered residents to take charge of their home's water quality. With 41 water tests conducted, results showed that 26 samples contained lead, a critical reminder of why this program is so important.

Water sample kits were conveniently available at township trustees' offices, libraries, and post offices, and residents had multiple drop-off options, including the health department, fall clinics and the Soil and Water Conservation Office. VCHD also provided education to help families take steps to protect their Health.

Community Impact and Looking Ahead

Thanks to the dedication of VCHD and its partners, these initiatives brought vital health services and education directly to residents, making a lasting impact on the community's well-being. As VCHD continues its mission, they encourage residents to stay informed, take preventive

measures, and participate in future programs. Together, they are building a healthier Vermillion County one clinic, one test, and one family at a time!

Picture Below: L to R Vermillion County Health Department Staff, Joyce Taylor, Dr. Paula Market, Deb Mazura, Lori Swinford, Makenzie Foster, Wendy Farley, not pictured Kim Hawkins, Dana Brown.





Kindergarten Round Up at Van Duyn Elementary
School Joyce Taylor and Deb Mazura

Picture below: Public Health Day at Indiana State House. Wendy Farley, Joyce Taylor, Deb Mazure, Lori Swinford.



Dana Brown, Environmental Specialist

Trunk or Treat!!!!!!!



Noah Combs participating in Trunk or Treat!! Deb Mazura PHN , Lori Swinford Educator



Joyce Taylor, Data Entry / Secretary setting up for Trunk or Treat!!!

Pictures below National Night Out at Sportland Park games for the community.



Picture above Brian Lonneman, Red Cross Instructor teaching CPR to residents of Vermillion County. Classes were held monthly at the Vermillion County Health Department .

2024 Solar Eclipse

The 2024 total Solar Eclipse, also known as the North American Eclipse, took place on Monday, April 8, 2024 it was visible from parts of Mexico, The United States, and Canada.

The Eclipse in Vermillion County is as follows:

Eclipse begin 1:48 pm

Total 3:04 pm

Totality Peck 3:05 pm

Total End 3:07 pm

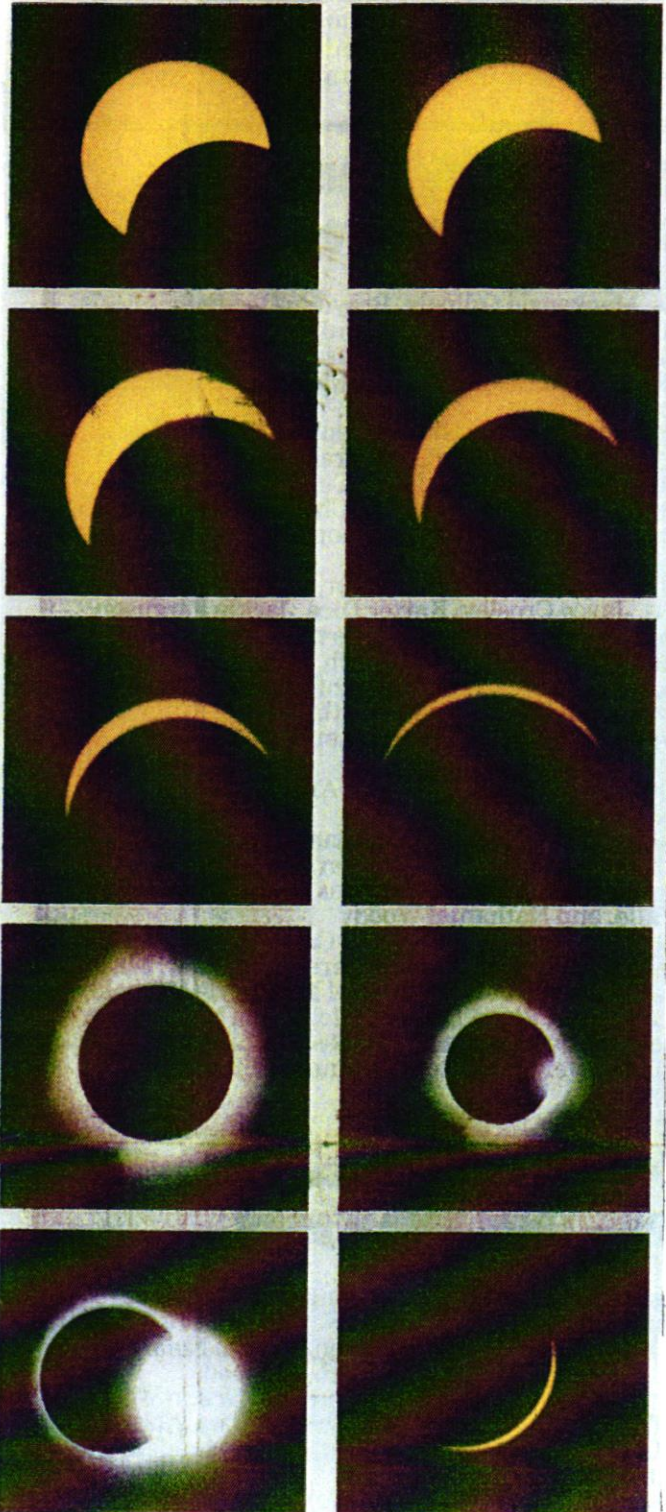
Eclipse 4:21 pm

Totality Duration 2 minutes 58 seconds

The staff were able to hand out 500 solar eclipse glasses partnering with the Terre Haute Children's Museum.

News in Photos – 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

Photos by Allison Klein



DNR

Indiana Department
of Natural Resources

Indiana Eclipse Route featuring DNR properties

60
PROPERTIES
FOR
BEST VIEWING

SCAN the QR code



for a full list of
properties and
viewing times

STATE PARKS

1. Brown County
2. Fort Harrison
3. Harmonie
4. Lincoln SP & Col. Jones Home
5. McCormick's Creek
6. Mounds
7. Ouabache
8. Shades
9. Shakamak
10. Spring Mill & Cave River Valley
11. Summit Lake
12. Turkey Run
13. Versailles
14. Whitewater Memorial

STATE PARK INNS

1. Abe Martin Lodge
2. Canyon Inn
3. Spring Mill Inn
4. Turkey Run Inn
5. Fort Harrison State Park Inn

STATE PARK MANAGED FOREST RECREATION AREAS

1. Starve Hollow SRA

LAKES

1. Brookville
2. Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA)
3. Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA) & Mansfield Roller Mill
4. Hardy
5. Monroe
6. Patoka

FISH & WILDLIFE AREAS

1. Atterbury
2. Blue Grass
3. Chinook
4. Crosley
5. Deer Creek
6. Fairbanks Landing
7. Glendale
8. Goose Pond
9. Hillenbrand
10. Hovey Lake
11. J.E. Roush
12. Sugar Ridge
13. Wabashiki
14. Wilbur Wright

STATE FORESTS

1. Ferdinand
2. Greene-Sullivan
3. Jackson-Washington
4. Martin
5. Morgan-Monroe
6. Mountain Tea
7. Owen-Putnam
8. Pike
9. Ravinia
10. Selmier
11. Yellowwood

NATURE PRESERVES

1. Big Walnut (Oscar & Ruth Hall Woods Trail) (Tall Timbers Trail)
2. Bluffs of Beaver Bend
3. Loblolly Marsh Wetland

* Nature Preserves have limited parking

NOTE: The properties located closest to the white center line will have the longest periods of time viewing the solar eclipse in totality.

Be there **APRIL 8, 2024**

For more info: on.IN.gov/eclipse



Sources: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2024/apr-8-total/where-when/>
https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse_cities/states.php?type=TOTAL&state=Indiana&country=USA
Map Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, NPS

1159-Health Department Budget

January 1, 2024 Starting Appropriation

January 12024 Cash Balance

	Budget	Expense	Balance	Appropriation Number
Health Officer	19,000	19,000	0	1159.11106.000.0214
Public Health Nurse	34,100.00	32,557.50	1542.5	1159.11506.000.0214
Public Health Educator	12,200	12,592	-392	1159.11508.000.0214
Environmental Specialist	19,900	19,256.86	643.14	1159.11604.000.0214
Administrator	44,100.00	44,100.02	-0.02	1159.12011.000.0214
Social Security	8,370	8,919.21	-549.21	1159.12300.000.0214
Medicare	1,975	2,086.08	-111.08	1159.12301.000.0214
Group Insurance	20,950	20,495.34	454.66	1159.12500.000.0214
Unemployment	500	337.93	162.07	1159.12600.000.0214
PERF	7,350	7,291.31	58.69	1159.12900.000.0214
Office Supplies	2,000	1,576.68	423.32	1159.21200.000.0214
Environmental Supplies	1,000	765.60	234.4	1159.21401.000.0214
Medical Supplies	1,000	507.38	492.62	1159.21600.000.0214
Printing	300	0.00	300	1159.30260.000.0214
Legal Notices	300	109.50	190.5	1159.30260.000.0214
Operating Expenses	100,000	11,513.90	88486.1	1159.30303.000.0214
Professional Services/Fees	1,000	0.00	1000	1159.30570.000.0214
Board of Health	2,100	1,740.00	360	1159.31004.000.0214
Animal Lodging	200	22.16	177.84	1159.31104.000.0214
Postage	700	690.72	9.28	1159.32200.000.0214
Travel	1,000	711.88	288.12	1159.32400.000.0214
Dues & Subsciprtions	350	194.18	155.82	1159.34300.000.0214
Training & Conferences	95,826	4,540.73	91,285.12	1159.35100.000.0214
Utilities	11,000	3,118.90	7881.1	1159.37300.000.0214
Rent	15,500	10,615.00	4885	1159.37400.000.0214
Total	400,721	202,742.88	197,977.97	

Tax Distribution	153,784.53
Trust Indiana Interest	7,283.68
Total Collections (birth, death, food permits, septic permits)	21,749.86
Misc. Receipts	3,677.93
Total Receipts	186,496.00
Cash Carried forward	324,681.89
Total Investment (Trust Indiana)	150,000.00
Total Receipts for 2024	661,177.89
Total Expenditures	202,742.88
Cash Balance for Year Ending 2024	458,435.01

1161 Local Public Health Services (HFI funding Budget		Expense	Balance	
Public Health Educator				
Data Entry Clerk	10,700	8,468.00	2,232.00	11508.000.0214
Part-Time Help	33,280.00	31,396.00	1,884.00	11700.000.0214
Nurse (Part-Time)	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	11702.000.0214
Social Security	20,800.00	10,656.25	10,143.75	11704.000.0214
Medicare	4,450.00	3,192.13	1,257.87	12300.000.0214
Group Insurance	1,041.00	746.50	294.50	12301.000.0214
Unemployment	27,375.00	22,672.05	4,702.95	12500.000.0214
Overtime	400.00	107.96	292.04	12600.000.0214
PERF	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	12800.000.0214
Office Supplies	7,734.00	4,688.70	3,045.30	12900.000.0214
Operating Expenses	2,500.00	443.06	2,056.94	21200.000.0214
Printing	21,605.00	6,680.84	14,924.16	21300.000.0214
Professional Services/fees	15,000.00	9,638.75	5,361.25	30260.000.0214
Recycling Event	14,000.00	10,002.45	3,997.55	30570.000.0214
Travel	700.00	700.00	0.00	30575.000.0214
Repairs & Maintenance	2,000.00	1,888.96	111.04	32400.000.0214
Training & Conferences	18,612.00	17,878.82	733.18	33501.000.0214
	3,000.00	1,295.00	1,705.00	35100.000.0214
Total #1161	193,197.00	130,455.47	62,741.53	

8111 PHER Grant Emergency Preparedness Grant

	Budget	Expense	Balance	
Public Health Coordinator	20,488.00	11,800.00	8,688.00	11113.000.0445
Social Security	1,293.57	731.6	561.97	12300.000.0445
Medicare	377.61	171.1	206.51	12301.000.0445
Unemployment	250	24.28	225.72	12600.000.0445
PERF	1,510.00	0	1510	12900.000.0445
Office Supplies	3,942.40	2,246.42	1,695.98	12100.000.0445
Operating Expenses	6,748.54	0	6,748.54	30303.000.0445
Travel	2,659.38	803.11	1,856.27	32700.000.0445
Storage Unit	3,017.99	1,170.00	1,847.99	33404.000.0445
Registration & Conf. Fees	3,100.00	830.13	2,269.87	35101.000.0445
Equipment	5,721.80	2,662.99	3,058.81	37200.000.0445
#8111 Total	49,109.29	20,439.63	28,669.66	

This grant is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

8112 School Liaison Grant

School Liaison	15,000.00	9,980.75	5,019.25	11501.000.0214
Social Security	950	0	950	12300.000.0214
Medicare	300	0	300	12301.000.0214
Unemployment	200	3.58	196.42	12600.000.0214
Operating Expenses	45,050.00	19,404.52	25,645.48	30303.000.0214
Equipment	43,813.00	25,051.12	18,761.88	37200.000.0214
#8112 Total	105,313.00	54,439.97	50,873.03	

8113 County Health Vaccine Fund

Vaccines & Med Supplies	5,000.00	2,591.02	2,408.98	21306.000.0439
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8134 Covid Vaccine Grant

Data Entry Clerk	1,847.42	270	1,577.42	11700.000.000
Nurse Part Time	5,600.00	1,850.00	3,750.00	11704.000.000
Social Security	424.59	18.6	405.99	12300.000.000
Medicare	109.49	4.36	105.13	12301.000.000
Unemployment	85.86	43.05	42.81	12600.000.000
Nursing & Clinical Supplies	6,501.70	5,280.11	1,221.59	24600.000.000
Travel	937.71	368.48	569.23	32400.000.000
Equipment	937.91	824.02	113.89	37200.000.000
Part-Time Help		4,430.00		11702.000.000
#8134 Total	16,444.68	12,688.62	3,756.06	

2024
VITAL STATISTICS
ANNUAL REPORT

The Vermillion County Health Department Vital Records Department has entered 1 birth and 145 deaths into the computer for the year 2024. The total as of December 31, 2024 is 36,078 births and 28,443 deaths. All birth and deaths records are filed electronically with the Indiana Department of Health. The information is also recorded in a separate system used by the VCHD. We continue to back up all records daily.

Certified copies of birth	355
Certified copies of death	910
Genealogy copies of birth/death	52
Septic Permits issued	42
Veteran's Copies	26
Births recorded electronically	01
Death recorded electronically	145
Affidavit of Amendments	01



Vermillion County Environmental Services

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Sanitation Services:

Complaints received and acted on:

Red Tag (Possible Violation)	13
Animal Bites	38
Misc. Complaints	41



Septic Activities:

Septic Permits Issued	42	
Septic Permits Pending	03	Waiting to be installed
Septic Paperwork not paid for	00	
Expired Septic Permits	00	
Final Inspections	25	
Septic Complaints	08	

Tattoo Permits:

Tattoo Artist Permits	06
Temporary Tattoo Artist Permit	10
Tattoo Establishment Inspection	02

Food Retail Activities:

Food Inspections	63
Permanent Food Permits	68
Mobile Food Annual Permits	24
Temporary Food Permit	34

Vaccine Break Down 2024 Annual Report

Covid-19	134
DTaP	05
DTaP,IPV,Hib,HepB	02
DTaP,Hep B-IPV	02
DTaP-IPV	10
HPV9	59
Hep A adult	06
Hep A, ped1,2 doses	05
Hep B, adolescent/ped.	02
Hep B, adult	03
Hib (PRP-T)	03
IPV	06
Influenza	101
MMR	01
MMRV	13
Meningococcal B, OMV	43
Meningococcal MCV40	84
Pneumococcal PCV 13	03
Pneumococcal PCV20	08
Pneumococcal PCV15	03
RSV	40
TB	72
Tdap	71
Meningococcal MCV4P	00
Meningococcal MCV4	00
Rotavirus Monovalent	03
Rotavirus Pentavalent	01
Varicella	03
Zoster Recombinant	14
B-12 injections	24
Total Vaccines	719
Total Clinics	29
Flu Clinics	23
Total Clinics	152



Vermillion County Health Department
Public Health Education and Emergency Preparedness
Year End Report for 2024

Emergency Preparedness for 2024:

Grant Requirements met for 2024

Worked closely with Mark O'Heir, Vermillion County EOC Director in preparation for the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. There was little disruption to the area. Slight traffic issue at State Road 63 and 234 due to ongoing road construction and lane restrictions.

Attended Monthly District 7 Meetings and HCC District 7 for Emergency Preparedness.

Participated in communication and preparation drills for District 7 and the State.

Held quarterly meeting with office staff and Health Nurse to follow grant requirements.

Completed FEMA Training up to date.

Worked with Brian Lonnerman from the Red Cross to partner in order to offer CPR Classes to our area residents.

Provided CPR Training for 28 students in the Occupational Development Class at SV High School. Students attend from SV and NV High Schools, along with students from Parke County.

Met with Kristine Stewart, Preparedness Coordinator for District 7, monthly to discuss Preparedness readiness and requirements.

Completed the Narcan grant so we can continue to maintain our supply of Narcan and make it available to our area partners. Such as EMS, Sheriff Department, Physicians' Offices, School etc.

Public Health for 2024:

Attended meeting with the Public Health Nurse and School Corporation Nurse, Hannah Hoover, for the Wellness Committee to discuss healthy nutritional choices and exercise at school.

Taught Stop the Bleed Training to North Vermillion Elementary and High School Staff members.

Worked with community health partners to put together components for the Resource Fair held on June 1, 2024. Great vendor turnout and have discussed making it a yearly event.

Met with Traci Brannin from Mental Health American about securing the Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer for the Resource Fair to be held on June 1, 2024.

Posted on our Facebook page, website and other outlets to get information out to our area residents.

Held Dining with Diabetes classes. Two were held during 2024. In Partnership with Purdue Extension.

Met with our State Regional Team quarterly for Health First Indiana.

Attended Virtual meetings pertaining to the Homeless Council of the Wabash Valley.

Completed the School Liaison Grant requirements for the grant cycle 2024/2025.

Participated in the Clinton, Indiana Trunk or Treat on 9th Street. Passed out our printed 988 balls and educated on calling this resource for help 24 hours a day. Also participated in National Night Out in Clinton where vaccine information was passed out as well as the 988 education.

Attended meetings such as LEPC, LCC, Coffee & Chill sponsored by the Indiana Youth Institute.

Participated in several organized presentations pertaining to drug awareness, homelessness, health equity, smoking cessation, health living through diet and exercise.

Picture below Dining with Diabetes class. Held at the Vermillion County Health Department



Health Department Administrator / Registrar

Submitted by Wendy Farley, Health Department Administrator/ Registrar

The administrator assumes many of the responsibilities delegated by the Health Officer. The following are a few of the duties assigned to the administrator.

- Attends meetings as needed
- Makes decisions on a day-to-day business regarding the department
- Prepares the office budget, attends budget hearings and submits to Health Board for approval.
- Prepares all financial reports regarding grants and budgets. Sends to ISDH as requested and responsible to State Board of Accounts for audits
- Keeps personnel records for staff.
- Responds to and gathers information for request of records.
- Reviews time sheets and answers questions regarding time sheets, corrections.
- Approves time off request for staff, per health officer. (Health Officer approves time off for administrator.)
- Prepares biweekly payroll.
- Coordinates meetings for Health Officer and Board.
- Meets with Health Officer and keeps him/ her informed of all events, concerns, etc.
- Prepares board minutes for Health Officer.
- Attends Health Board Meetings.
- Coordinates and facilitates staff meetings when needed.

The administrator works closely with the County Health Officer. The administrator spends time working with the Health Officer regarding any Health Department issues such as: budget, personnel, health officer duties, arranging trainings, letter reviews, etc.

The administrator also does daily activities in the office such as answering questions from the public, answering the phone, filing. deposits, bookkeeping duties, monthly claims for accounts payable, collection reports, all state reports concerning grants and grant review. She assists with vital records as needed.