New Hanover County Health Department

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2015-2016 Annual Report

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Greetings,

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for fiscal year 2015-2016. All of us at New Hanover County Health Department believe that we can make a difference as we strive to become the healthiest county in North Carolina.

During fiscal year 2015-2016, the Health Department experienced many challenges and opportunities. A great deal of important work was done during the year, and is described throughout this report. For a more detailed account of our Health Department, please visit our website at www.health.nhcgov.com. We hope you find our report useful.

We are proud of our history of serving our community for the last 137 years.

“From the Northeast River to Federal Point, and from the Cape Fear to the Sea—City, Suburb, Village and Farm—we are one people striving for healthful "and useful living.”
Vision

Healthy people living in a safe environment to sustain a strong community focused on prevention and wellness

Mission

- To promote a safe and healthy community

Quick Facts

- Established in 1879, NHCHD is the oldest health department in North Carolina
- NHCHD is the first health department to become accredited in Southeastern NC
- In 2014, we renovated our Public Health building, adding more than 16,000 square feet of space to better serve New Hanover County citizens.

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Health Minute

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Health Promotion

- **Health Promotion Team**: Health Educators collaborate with partners throughout the community, such as worksites, schools, faith based community groups, and families to promote healthy lifestyles. The health educator’s goal is to encourage positive behavioral and environmental changes within the areas of injury prevention, sexual responsibility, HIV testing, physical activity, healthy eating, stress management, and tobacco use prevention and cessation.

- **Health Promotion Outcomes**: County health educators participated in 147 community outreach events and impacted 5,184 individuals. Program specifics include: 492 people tested were for HIV/Syphilis, 6,342 condoms were distributed, 40 car seats were provided to families, and 99 car seats were inspected for correct installation.

Safe Kids Cape Fear

- **Bike Safety Month**: The Safe Kids Cape Fear Coalition and WMPO (Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) successfully partnered together for a much more comprehensive effort promoting Bike Safety Month. The effort was broken into two phases for participating elementary schools, the first of which was A) offering an educational training to elementary school teachers. The second was B) promotion of Bike to School Day through a school led event.

- **Medication Drop Off Events**: is now the leading cause unintentional death in the U.S, surpassing motor vehicle accidents. To help get expired and unwanted medications out of the home and out of the reach of children, Safe Kids Cape Fear participated in two Medication Disposal events on 10/17/16 and 4/2/16 where a total of 1,500 participants disposed of 1772.4lbs of unwanted medications. In addition, partnership with Cape Fear for a Drug Free Tomorrow and Carolina Beach Police has allowed for the installation of a third permanent drop box for the collection of unwanted medications in New Hanover County.

- **New Permanent Checking Stations**: Safe Kids Cape Fear assisted in the registration of the first permanent checking station at an airport in NC. Wilmington International Airport now has two certified technicians at their fire station.

- **New Permanent Drop Boxes**: Safe Kids Cape Fear partnered with the Cape Fear Coalition for a Drug Free Tomorrow to get approval for a new permanent drop box to be implemented at the Carolina Beach Police Department. This drop box will be available for residents to dispose of expired, unwanted medications in a safe, secure location. Safe Kids Cape Fear continues to promote these locations within the community.

- **Heatstroke Campaign**: During the summer months, children’s bodies heat up much faster than adults. To assist with heightening awareness of this important topic, Safe Kids distributed window clings with prevention messaging. During the summer months 585 window clings were given out to daycares, churches the Department of Social Services and various child caregivers who presented to the health department.

HIV/STD Outreach Program

- **Continued Testing**: This year the HIV/STD Outreach program tested 492 individuals for Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Syphilis. Of that number, 254 people qualified to be tested for Hepatitis C.

- **National Testing Day**: For the annual National Testing Day event in June, program coordinators partnered with Rite Aid to enhance visibility. This partnership resulted in 25 persons being tested; is
...HIV Outreach cont.

- the largest amount of people tested at an annual testing day event in the past three years.
- Condom Distribution Program Expansion: As the condom distribution expanded this year, the program provided 7,592 condoms at a variety of health fair locations and to 8 recurring condom distribution sites.

Community Health Education

- Community Garden Growth: Through the Healthy Communities Grant provided by the Division of Health and Human Services, coordinators worked with schools, faith based groups and community based organizations to establish and enhance seven community gardens throughout the county.
- Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less: Health Educators provided evidenced based strategies for weight loss and weight management to some 15 staff members at Gregory School of Science, Math, & Technology. In the weekly meetings, staff provided success stories and learned strategies for adopting behaviors that will help with weight management. Learn More: Health Minute- Small Steps Add Up.
- Minority Health Fair: In partnership with UNCW school of Nursing, the Health Promotion Team served as partners in the community’s Minority Health Fair in April during Minority Health Month. This event is held by New Hanover’s NAACP. The Health Promotion team served as the community mentor for 50 nursing students, who worked to design, implement and evaluate the Minority Health Fair. It was a unique partnership that provided a service to the community and a learning experience to the students.
- Community Health Assessment: In an effort to better evaluate the health needs of the community, county health departments are required to complete Community Health Assessments every 3-4 years. Surveys were passed out to a variety of community groups including, but not limited to, faith-based groups, community based organizations, major employers in the area and the school system. During that time, some 2000 residents contributed to the data collection efforts. The top three community health priority areas were Obesity Prevention, Substance Use Prevention, and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention.
- Fit Family Challenge: Wilmington Parent Magazine launched a challenge to all New Hanover County families during the 15-16 year. The challenge included physical activity and nutritional goals for the general population. Also, wellness experts were invited to conduct a more intense challenge with two chosen families. During the 6 week challenge, health department staff served as the wellness expert to help the families move from contemplation to action.
- Teen Maze Pilot: Teen Maze is an interactive learning experience for youth ages 13-18. The goal of Teen Maze is to stimulate teens to think about the ramifications of risky behavior, consider vocational choices and learn how to navigate and negotiate through dangerous situations that greatly impact teens. This exposure helped the teens to correct their perceptions, increase their confidence, and enhance in their ability to become a success story instead of a statistic. Some 25 teens were a part of the pilot program. Evaluation was collected with hopes of conducting a full scale event in the coming year.
Environmental Health

- **Fight the Bite:** Public education was determined to be the highest priority in response to the threat of Zika virus transmission when research confirmed the impact the virus has on growing fetuses. Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito (Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus). These mosquitoes typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases. They are aggressive daytime biters, preferring a blood meal from humans rather than other mammals. Control efforts were implemented which includes engaging residents in removing standing water on their property. Environmental Health staff launched a strong campaign using all forms of media including brochures, presentations, school lesson plans on mosquito ecology, billboards, vehicle magnets, radio and television interviews, and a news conference featuring additional health department staff. Learn More: [Health Minute-Mosquitoes](#)

- **NEHA Funded Internship:** Upon learning of a paid internship for a student majoring in environmental health at an accredited university, the Environmental Health Team quickly looked for a program area that might see benefit from having a short term staff person. The most obvious areas were seen as Vector Control and On-Site Water Protection (septic systems and drinking water wells). In March 2016, the team was offered the opportunity for Amy McAdams, a rising senior at East Kentucky University to work as an intern from late May until early August. Interestingly, an unexpected mosquito species survey project was announced by state DHHS immediately after she agreed to work in New Hanover. Setting routine light traps and ovitraps along with collecting samples of larva became her week to week responsibilities during the internship. She also learned to identify mosquitoes by taxonomic species and proved to be an invaluable resource as she supported staff performing this task.

- **Signage Giving Notice of Water Quality** County drinking water, ground water and recreational water areas all received environmental health investigations, and mitigating exposures and associated risks. Flooding from an October weekend downpour of rain, as much as 12-inches in some neighborhoods, created ponds of storm; water making streets impassable and surrounding homes dependent on individual drinking water wells and septic systems. While first responders directed their efforts to solving the challenge of gaining access through flood ravaged neighborhoods, Environmental Health Specialists assessed the impact on septic systems and collected samples from drinking water wells. This exorbitant amount of rainfall lingered on the ground surface in many areas giving rise to the highest count of mosquitoes collected from light trap stations and the highest number of citizen’s complaints for the entire summer and fall seasons. The unexpected impact occurred where contractors were attempting to construct sewer collection mains in the Marquis Hills neighborhood. With many soils in the subdivision recognized as far from ideal for septic system treatment and disposal of wastewater due to wetness conditions, it was not unexpected that shallow groundwater would pose a challenge. Provisions were in place to pump groundwater to get sewer mains constructed at the required depth by discharging excess into low lying naturally occurring drainage features and also into Silver Lake. Warmer than normal
...Environmental Health cont.

- Temperatures during November and the mechanical force of water being discharged into the lake brought otherwise bottom dwelling microorganisms and nutrients together to produce a striking bloom of blue green algae. Testing reported marginal amounts of toxin, but an enormous count of single celled cyanobacteria indicating the potential for high concentrations when organisms began to die and release toxin into the lake. Signs were posted to warn of the hazard if either persons or their pets came into contact with the lake water. Follow-up sampling of ground and surface water by state Department of Environmental Quality staff at a historic EPA Superfund site near the Southgate neighborhood raised concerns about water quality in a tributary discharging into the Cape Fear River. High levels of vinyl chloride were reported from stream samples and are thought to be the by-product of soil organisms breaking down "chlorinated" solvents used during past manufacturing processes. Signs warning of the exposure risk were posted along the stream.

- Environmental Health cont.

Public Health Preparedness

- The mission of the Public Health Preparedness Program is to provide preparedness planning and readiness assessment to establish leadership, direction, assessment and coordination of activities during bioterrorism events, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and other threats to community health. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning provides guidance for responding to public health emergencies such as the intentional release or natural occurrence of a biological agent that poses a high risk of fatalities or serious long-term disabilities to large numbers of people.

- Operational Readiness The CDC’s medical countermeasure (MCM) operational readiness review (ORR) process is designed to be a rigorous, evidence-based assessment of a jurisdiction’s ability to plan and successfully execute a large-scale response requiring MCM distribution and dispensing. Information in this report is the result of the Health Department’s assessment conducted in October, 2015. Moving forward we will be looking at areas for improvement within this report that will help guide our focus for the coming year.

- Ebony Plans New Hanover County Health Department has developed specific emergency response plans tailored to the needs of the County that address a variety of health related hazards. Isolation and Quarantine planning has been at the forefront with the recent occurrence of Ebola Virus Disease and its introduction into the United States. Plans have been developed and exercised with local stakeholders to ensure their efficiency. Other plans of importance that were a focus this year were the crisis communications, responder health and safety, as well as updates to the county’s nuclear emergency plans.

Health Programs Administration
**General Clinic**

- **Gardasil Update:** The clinic has been preparing to transition to the new version of the Gardasil® vaccine, Gardasil®9, which will protect against five additional HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) strains.

- **New Vaccines Released:** Two new vaccines were released to protect against meningococcal group B which accounts for nearly a third of meningococcal bacteria in the United States general population. The Accrediting Committee on Immunization Practices would like adolescent ages 16 to 18 years to be vaccinated along with the meningococcal conjugated vaccine which protects against groups A, C, W and Y.

- **General Clinic Outcomes:** The clinic team provided 13,040 vaccines to 8,631 clients that included vaccinations for influenza, international travel, and our walk-in immunization clinic. Learn More: [Health Minute - Immunizations](#)

- **International Travel Clinic** continues to see a high volume of clients. The travel clinic provided services to 493 clients in the surrounding area.

- **Well Child Health Clinic** continues to see ages birth thru 21 years for yearly examinations. The clinic’s enhanced role nurse and saw 73 clients.

**Women's Health**

- **Family planning services** provide preventive health screening services for both men and women; sexually transmitted infection screening, testing, and treatment; contraceptive services; Level I infertility services; and patient education and counseling on risk reduction and healthy lifestyles.

- **Increased Contraceptive Options:** During 2015-2016, the Women’s Health Program was able to offer the option of long acting reversible contraceptives; the Paragard (a 10 year IUD), Mirena (a 5 year IUD), and soon will offer Liletta (a 3 year IUD).

- **Alternative Service Choices:** The Women’s Health Program has increased its ability to offer Level 1 Infertility services and Natural Family Planning services to women who are trying to achieve pregnancy. The team also assists with referral for these patients to Level 2 and Level 3 infertility services with other Providers after they have experienced one year of attempting without success to become pregnant.

- **Women’s Health Program Outcomes:** In the 2015-2016 year, NHCHD provided annual and initial preventive screening exams to 1159 patients with 112 IUD insertions and 61 colposcopies. Birth control pills and the contraceptive injection Depo-Provera are the options most often chosen by patients.

- **In House Pharmacy:** The clinic’s in-house pharmacy allows many patients to receive all of their services at one visit. The services can be billed to Medicaid, Family Planning Waiver, or other private insurances; or can be billed to the patient on a Sliding Fee Scale basis if they are uninsured.

- **STD/HIV Clinic:** The STD program is has two Family Nurse Practitioners and one Enhanced Role Registered Nurse that provides screenings and treatment options for sexually transmitted diseases to adolescents and adults. In 2015-2016, the Clinic Team provided STD services to 2,255 patients and had 4 confirmed cases of HIV during this time period. Learn More: [Health Minute - Sexual Health](#)

- **Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) Outcomes:** The NHCHD BCCCP enrolled 92 patients with Federal Funds and 19 patients with State Funds in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. This was 89.2% of the overall target number. The Clinic Team also completed 64 cervical screening exams (pap tests) and 81 initial screening mammograms. The priority age range for these screenings are clients from age 50-64; however a small number of women in the 40-50 age range are included.
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- **BCCCP Medicaid Coverage Extended:** In the 2015-2016 year, the BCCCP Medicaid coverage was extended to include the entire length of time that patients receive treatment with anti-cancer drugs such as Tamoxifen and Anastrozole, which can extend up to five years. This past year, the clinic team had five patients who were found to have breast cancer and no cases of cervical cancer. The Clinic Team was able to identify three women who had pre-cancerous cervical findings.

**Child Health**

- **Fatality Prevention:** The Child Fatality Prevention Team reviews the fatalities of all children under the age of eighteen years old that reside in New Hanover County, in order to identify any ways to prevent future deaths. The team consists of state mandated representatives for community agencies. Team members also participate in community forums offered to professionals and community members on topics related to child abuse prevention. The team purchased Pack-n-plays to promote safe sleep to distribute to low income families.

- **Pack-n-play Provisions:** The Care Management Team works closely with Wilmington Kiwanis Club to offer pack-n-play cribs to needy families to provide a safe environment for newborns to sleep in.

**Maternal Health**

- **Maternal Health program:** The Maternal Health program consists of several programs designed to meet the needs of pregnant women in our community. Staff in the program conduct new Obstetrician interviews at New Hanover Regional Medical Center OB clinic, complete post-partum newborn home visits, make high-risk home visits to pregnant women, provide diabetes instruction, medical nutrition therapy, and high risk behavior assessments. The program also provides diabetic supplies and pre-natal vitamins to pregnant women who are not eligible for Medicaid. During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the maternal health team made 225 Postpartum / Newborn Home Visits, 50 Behavioral Health contacts with Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and 35 Diabetic teaching contacts. The maternal health team is also providing Lamaze Child Birth classes at the Health Department.

- **Family Counseling:** The CC4C team includes a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Cape Fear Memorial Foundation supports a collaborative effort between New Hanover County Health Department and Family Support Network to provide two evidenced based practices, one clinic based, one home based. The LCSW is providing evidenced based Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) in the Health Department. This program is also supported by Medicaid and served 364 contacts during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Early Interventionist is providing Triple P (parent education) in the home and served 35 contacts during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

- **Pregnancy Care Management (PCM):** Pregnancy Care Management is provided by a partnership between NC Division of Public Health, NC Division of Medical Assistance, and Community Care of NC. The purpose of the program is to improve birth outcomes with the following goals: providing case management to only the high risk pregnant women, to ensure that pregnant woman have one medical provider for prenatal/postpartum care; and decrease the number of non-urgent emergency room visits. Through these unique partnerships, the PCM team was able to serve 596 pregnant women during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The program currently has four case managers. The staff...
...Maternal Health cont.

- works closely with New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Coastal Family Medicine, Wilmington Maternal Fetal Medicine and MedNorth to meet the needs of these women.
- Maternal Health Outcomes: The Maternal Health Team made 225 Postpartum / Newborn Home Visits, had 50 Behavioral Health contacts with Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and 35 Diabetic teaching contacts. Learn More: Health Minute-Healthy Childbirth
- Care Coordination for Children (CC4C): The program is provided in cooperation with NC Division of Public Health, NC Division of Medical Assistance, and Community Care of North Carolina. The goal of the program is to improve health outcomes of children birth to five years old by improving access to quality care and supporting family self-sufficiency, while reducing costs to Medicaid. Staff persons work closely with other community agencies in New Hanover County that serve young children such as local pediatricians, schools, Department of Social Services, Wilmington Children’s Developmental Services Agency, and private providers of services. The program served over 1057 children this last year.

Nutrition Services

- Food Packaging Change: The Women’s Infants and Children (WIC) program now offers yogurt on vouchers. Also infant formula has changed to Similac Advance and Similac Isomil. This is the first time in a long time that WIC is only offering 2 types of contract formula.
- Staff Trained: In January, two nutritionists were trained to monitor vendors for the program. The team must monitor 1/3 of all WIC vendors every federal fiscal year.
- WIC Fun Day: The WIC Team had their Fun Day in February and it was well attended in spite of freezing rain. There were multiple physical activity stations set up for children. Several local businesses attended to help with the celebration. Lowes Food attended and did a healthy snack food demonstration using foods that are available on WIC vouchers and Fit For Fun attended and did multiple activities
- Increased Caseload: The Nutrition and WIC Team maintained a caseload at or above 97% for more than half of the fiscal year.
- Compliance Review Completed: The WIC Program had the bi-annual state review to determine compliance for all the state and federal rules and regulations. No deficiencies were found.
- New Vendor Added: A new vendor was added to WIC responsibilities. Currently the team works with 46 stores. There are talks of several new grocery stores coming in the next year which will increase the vendor number even more.
- Healthy Covered Dish Luncheon: The Nutrition Team hosted a Healthy Covered Luncheon Event during March in honor of National Nutrition Month. The event showcased a variety of healthy options as prepared by health department staff. The event included an informative PowerPoint with facts about the many benefits of eating healthy. Around a dozen staff attended the drop in event and shared recipes.
- Nutrition Outcomes: WIC nutritionists completed 11,498 nutrition assessments; 66 WIC vendor monitoring visits were completed at various vendor sites; the registered dietitian completed 418 community MD referrals for medical nutrition therapy; and a total of $2,692,156 in WIC vouchers were redeemed at NHC WIC vendor locations. Learn More-Health Minute-Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right
Community Health Services

- **Enhanced Investigation Methods:** By promptly investigating communicable disease cases and outbreaks, the Community Health Team can more effectively reduce health risks in our community. During fiscal year 2015-2016, the communicable disease (CD) nurses investigated 258 reportable diseases and 127 non-reportable diseases, as well as 107 potential rabies exposures. Two facilities were issued control measures for norovirus/gastrointestinal outbreaks. Two facilities were issued control measures and monitored for Invasive Group A Streptococcus outbreaks. Four infants were tracked for perinatal Hepatitis B.

- **Ebola Monitoring Changes:** The 21 day Ebola monitoring for travelers continued in 2015. Effective December 29, 2015, state and local public health officials discontinued active monitoring of travelers from Guinea arriving in North Carolina. Active monitoring for Ebola was discontinued for travelers from Liberia on June 17, 2015 and for travelers from Sierra Leone on November 10, 2015. Ten New Hanover County residents received active monitoring for Ebola in fiscal year 2015.

- **Zika Monitoring:** The CD nurses continue to prepare for Zika response by attending webinars from the NC Communicable Disease Branch and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Six people were tested for Zika in this fiscal year. Learn More: [Health Minute-Zika Virus Prevention](#)

- **Tuberculosis Control:** It is the goal of the TB program to assure patients who have latent TB infection (LTBI) will not progress to TB disease by placing them on preventative medication. According to the last audit, the state consultant stated that the health department has one of the finest LTBI completion rates in the state.

- **Tuberculosis Outcomes:** During the fiscal year 2015-2016, the TB team investigated and treated 4 cases of active TB. The team actively investigates contacts to cases and collaborates with the clinic on positive TB skin tests. There were 503 home visits related to TB services this fiscal year. Learn More:[Health Minute-Tuberculosis](#)

- **Homeless Medical Clinic:** For the fiscal year 2015-2016, the Good Shepherd Medical Clinic provided 893 total patient visits with 270 unduplicated patients. In addition, there were 949 prescriptions filled and 193 lab and diagnostic testing performed. In order to promote preventive health and to help reduce emergency room visits, the health department in collaboration with the UNC-W nursing students provides education sessions to the residents of the shelter. The UNC-W nursing students will continue to participate in this clinic rotation in order to learn about the medical needs of this population.

- **The Mobile Dental Unit (MDU):** provides comprehensive dental care to children 3-18 years old in New Hanover and Brunswick counties. During this fiscal year, the MDU added one new school site for a total of 10 schools in New Hanover County and 8 schools in Brunswick County.

- **MDU Outcomes:** Dental care was provided to 469 new patients, 435 returning patients with 1452 patient visits. This year was a record year for revenues collected since the dental unit’s inception in 2006. Learn More:[Health Minute-Flossing](#)

- **Child Lead Poisoning Prevention:** The Lead Prevention Program has followed an average of 30 children at all times during the 15-16 fiscal year. The lead team has worked with our lab and now performs in house lead testing which has drastically decreased turnaround time and improved outcomes. The lead nurse and environmental health has also conducted several home investigations where sources of lead were identified.
School Mental Health
• **School Mental Health Outcomes:** The School Mental Health program provided individual and family psychotherapy services to children and families of the New Hanover County School System. In 2015-2016, the program was able to provide these services to 707 students in five middle schools and 14 elementary schools. Therapists collaborated with school staff and many community professionals to assure their clients had access to appropriate supportive services.

• **New Additions:** A new clinical therapist position was added this year as well as two new schools: Murry Middle and Winter Park Elementary. Learn More: Health Minute Suicide

School Health
• **School Nurses:** School Nurses are a vital part of the collaborative team in schools whose goal is to increase academic success by ensuring physical, emotional and social wellness. They strengthen the educational process by improving and protecting the health status of students by eliminating or minimizing those health problems which are barriers to learning. School Nurses reduce health related absenteeism by managing acute and chronic illnesses through promotion of student and family involvement; health education and counseling; assistance in finding a medical home and securing of medical care.

• **School Health Outcomes:** Nurses facilitated the in-school Flu vaccine clinics where 3,395 students and staff received the vaccine in 2015. In 2015-2016 school nurses served New Hanover County students as follows:
  - 123,153 health room visits by students reported;
  - 3,175 students received medications;
  - 461 students received medical procedures;
  - 4,873 students with chronic conditions such as asthma were managed by the school nurse

Laboratory
• **Accredited Laboratory:** The New Hanover County Health Department Laboratory is classified as a moderately complex lab by COLA, a national accrediting organization and is certified by the State Lab of Public Health to test drinking water from wells of private homes and businesses.

• **Staffing:** The New Hanover County Laboratory is staffed by three Medical Assistants, a Medical Technologist and a supervisor. The laboratory performs and refers tests for all of the Health Departments’ clinics, WIC and outreach programs. The lab also accepts self-pay clients who have a doctor’s order for its test menu.

• **Laboratory Outcomes:** The lab performed a total of 15,316 tests in-house, 8,781 referred to referenced labs and performed analysis on 275 well water samples for area businesses and community residents.
The revenues and expenditures were approximately $12.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2016.

- **Table Left** is a comparison of revenues over the last five years.
- **Table Right** is a comparison of expenditures over the last five years.

Looking forward to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the Health Department has a budget of approximately $13.4 million.
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