Message from Director—Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, MD, MPH

2014-15 was a banner year for our Local Public Health System for which we are privileged to have a leadership role. Public Health activities included working together with multiple partners to protect our community from Ebola, promoting Healthiest Weight and conducting community health assessments for updating our Nassau Community Health Improvement Plan. Going forward, we appreciate the strong support of our State and County community partners as we continue our journey to National Public Health Accreditation as well as raising awareness that Health is in all Policies and Places.

2014—2015 Highlights

- Partnered with Nassau County Emergency Management forming a county wide Ebola Incident Management Team from October 2014 to February 2015 to coordinate efforts with the State ESF-8. Community partners were provided Ebola preparedness training in multiple face to face trainings. Returning travelers from West Africa were monitored for symptoms. A county level full scale drill and a table top exercise were conducted to test capabilities.

- To promote environmental stewardship, we adopted John Muir Ecological Park, Yulee for Florida Health Cleans Up!, signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Keep Nassau Beautiful. Clean up events occurred on September 30th, December 12, 2014 and April 29, 2015 with a total of 31 volunteer participants and nine bags of trash collected. The John Muir Ecological Park is a beautiful roadside park, and we are proud to contribute to maintaining its beauty.

- Hosted a Public Health Accreditation (PHAB) national review team February 2015. Staff shared public health successes in our community. We are addressing recommendations to strengthen our local performance improvement process and await National Accreditation designation.

Budget

Operating Budget 2014-2015

- $4,488,212.00
Clinical Health Services Division

Clinical Health Services Division is dedicated to providing health services that protect the health and well-being of Nassau County citizens and visitors including:

- Medical Primary Care Services
- Immunizations
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening & Women’s Health for women 30-64
- Family-planning services & Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV Infection Testing, Treatment & Counseling
- Professional Counseling & Education
- Medical Care through St. Vincent’s Mobile Health Van
- Compassionate care medicines and specialist care services

Community Health & Performance Improvement Division

This Division provides education & support to reduce infant mortality, low birth weight babies, prevent injury, and performance improvement excellence.

- Healthy Start—provides case management, support, and education on childbirth, parenting, breastfeeding, interconceptual health, smoking cessation, counseling, car seat safety, and nutrition.
- Injury Prevention – Car seat safety, bicycle helmet safety, safe sleep education including pack n’ plays for families without a newborn crib
- Performance Improvement—Community Health Planning (CHIP), Strategic Planning, and Quality Improvement measures which align with National Public Health Standards.
- Public Health Accreditation - Local public health alignment with National Public Health Practice Standards and Measures.

Dental Services Division

This Division provides oral health services to children age 1 through 20. Services are provided in Yulee and Hilliard.

Services include:

- Oral Hygiene
- Dental Examinations
- Cleanings
- Fluoride Treatment
- Dental Sealants
- School Presentations
- Oral Health Prevention
- Restorations
- Extractions
- Cancer Screenings

Disease Control & School Health Division

Disease Control: Prevent and control the spread of diseases and conditions affecting the health of Nassau County residents and visitors. Services:

- Investigate diseases, disease surveillance, infection control
- Issue health advisories/alerts
- Educate and refer for communicable diseases (hepatitis, food and waterborne illnesses, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, & tuberculosis)
- HIV/AIDS Care Management

School Health: Protect and promote the health of all students in Nassau County. Professional nursing services include:

- Supervise medication administration and nursing care for students with both acute and chronic conditions (such as diabetes, seizure disorders, mental health, asthma and other conditions)
- Provide health education
- Conduct health screenings, assure statutory compliance with immunizations and school physicals requirements

Environmental Health Division

This Division provides prevention of injury and disease by controlling the links between humans and their environment. The division focuses on inspections and investigation involving:

- Food hygiene
- School Facilities
- Foster Care
- Rabies Surveillance
- Group Care Facilities
- Biomedical Waste

WIC Services & Community Health Education Division

This Division provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, and community health education. Programs include:

- Women, Infants, & Children Program—serving over 3,000 individuals each month with nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support and supplemental nutritious foods
- Community Health Education Lending Library—provides lending library to several health education programs including healthy cooking classes, healthy lifestyle classes, diabetes self management classes, and healthy savvy supermarket shopper classes
- Community Breast Pump Loan Program
- Healthiest Weight Florida—Nassau County Initiatives

Emergency Preparedness: It is the responsibility of all divisions and staff to train and be prepared to work during times of disaster. Nassau County Health Department participates in County, State and National preparedness initiatives including Project Public Health Ready, Special Needs sheltering, and Strategic National Stockpile. In addition, the department maintains partnerships for preparedness and response with key community entities, including public agencies, businesses, and community-based and faith-based organizations.