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Mary's friends at church had been noticing for a while that she was having trouble. After her husband's death last year, Mary had been trying to live independently; however, some days she was uncharacteristically unkempt and struggled to remember the names of her grandchildren. One day a friend stopped by Mary's home to find the stove burner had been left on after Mary had prepared lunch for herself.

Friends became concerned and contacted Mary's son who lives out of state. Mary's doctor confirmed what everyone feared. Mary's son began making necessary arrangements to help his mom through this new phase of her life; fortunately he contacted the Local Public Health Agency in the county where Mary lives. While Mary's son made new living arrangements for her, the local public health agency provided nursing and home care aide visits to help her through the transition. The services were provided at minimal cost, due to the sliding fee scale offered through the Local Public Health Service Grant.

Mary's "team", as her son affectionately called everyone, worked together to help keep her safe and provide her with the reassurance and comfort she needed. Thanks to the care coordination, referrals to other necessary services, and health services that the local public health agency provided, Mary's transition to her new home wasn't rushed and she and her son were able to find comfort during a difficult time.

Did you know? Local public health services exist in all of Iowa's 99 counties and local boards of health assure that all communities have services that help promote healthy Iowans and healthier communities.

Why are Local Public Health Services important to promoting and protecting the health of Iowans?

- All lowans deserve a local public health system that:
 - ✓ supports local capacity to assess, plan, and ensure a basic standard of service delivery, and
 - ✓ serves as the mechanism to continually assess changing health needs and develop strategies to address those needs and achieve local health improvements.
- Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Strengthen the public health infrastructure

Promote healthy behaviors

- Increases the capacity of the local board of health to safeguard the health and wellness of communities by:
 - ✓ providing leadership in engaging community stakeholders to support health promotion and preventive services, and
 - ✓ providing public health services that promote healthy behaviors in individuals, groups and communities to prevent and reduce illness, injury, and disease, and
 - ✓ providing gap-filling services when there are no other providers.

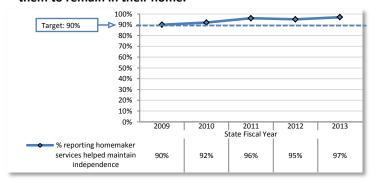
What do we do?

IDPH supports local public health services through:

- Grant funding for local programs that:
 - ✓ Strengthen the public health infrastructure in supporting local needs assessment and community organizing processes to encourage community change for improved health;
 - ✓ Facilitate strategic planning, including initiating partnerships with other community sectors to improve health and setting priorites so available resources are used more efficiently;
 - ✓ Help lowans engage in healthy behaviors, including promoting health & wellness where lowans live, work, and play; and
 - ✓ Improve access to health services for those who "fall through the cracks" and often have no other options, including
 - In-home skilled nursing; home care aide; homemaker; health maintenance; and immunizations for children and adults when there is no other funding source.
- Regional consultants provide education, technical assistance, and support to 101 local boards of health and local public health agencies in all 99 counties. Support is directed to resolving community health issues, problems, or concerns; building and maintaining the knowledge and skills necessary to provide local public health services and build healthier communities; developing and delivering quality and effective public health services that are community-driven, culturally appropriate, and responsive to community health needs asssessments and changes in the health care delivery system; acting as catalysts for sharing best practices; and providing the linkage between federal, state, and local public health services at a time when the health care system is experiencing tremendous change and

health reform efforts continue to evolve.

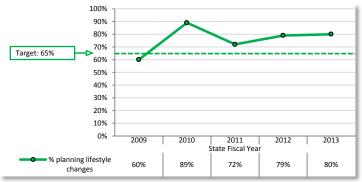
• Percent of clients who report that homemaker services helped them to remain in their home.



Data Source: LPH service contracts End of Year Report. Data are available annually.

How are we doing? Our target is to achieve at least 90% each year. In SFY2013, we exceeded our target with 97%.

Percent of clients who verbalize a plan to make lifestyle change to reduce risks identified in screening and assessments.



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How are we doing? SFY2009 baseline was 60%. We have set a target of achieving at least 65% each year and have exceeded this each subsequent year. For SFY2013, 80% of clients verbalized a plan to make lifestyle changes to reduce risks identified in screening and assessments.

What can Iowans do to help?

- 1. All lowans should be familiar with their local public health agency and the services provided.
- 2. All Iowans can support local public health policies and
- 3. All lowans should consider serving as a board of health member.
- 4. All lowans can create a personal and family health improvement plan.



Expenditures

Local Public Health Liaison: general fund and federal funds. State funds are used for maintenance of effort match for the PHHS Block Grant. K09-0957; 0153-0958

Local Boards of Health: general fund K09-0959 Public Health Nursing: general fund K11-1103 Home Care Aide: general fund K11-1105

	State Fiscal Year 2012 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2013 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2014 Estimate
State funds	\$8,836,935	\$8,747,583	\$8,839,312
Federal funds	\$314,575	\$350,879	\$287,467
Total funds	\$9,151,510	\$9,098,463	\$9,126,779
FTEs	5.89	6.28	10.35

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information. In SFY2013, Public Health Nursing (K11-1103) and Home Care Aide (K11-1105) were combined into "Healthy Aging: general fund K11-1111."