

# Bell County Public Health District

Overview

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- Bell County Health Department (1942) vs. Health District
  - Creation of the Health District in 1994 – Chapter 121 of the Health and Safety Code
  - Cooperative Agreement:
    - Operation
    - Board of Health
    - Director
    - Health Authority
    - Membership – representation on the Board of Health
    - Financial obligations
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# Page 1 – Full Member Contributions

- Full Members – Municipalities and Bell County
  - Member contributions are based on population – last census 2010
  - Representation on the Board
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Page 2 – EH/FP Staff – Salaries

Page 3 – Environmental Health Division Expenses

- Page 2: As agreed upon and outlined in the Cooperative Agreement, the local contributions fund the salaries and fringe benefits of the Environmental Health Division staff. This page shows the job title and the salary of these staff members. A new Sanitarian position was added to the Proposed 16/17 budget, which reduced the amount for Admin support.
  - Page 3: Environmental Health Division Expenses: Note the reduction in Admin support from previous years, and no salary adjustments for FY 16/17.
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## Page 4 – Food Protection Division services

- Routine food inspections
- Food complaint investigations
- Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, club, tavern, mobile food operation, public and private school, and university inspections
- Regulation of non-profit food and special events
- Day care inspections
- Foster home inspections
- Food worker classes
- Sewage, trash, swimming pool, bedbug, and loan inspections

Killeen has fewer septic systems, but they have the majority of food establishments, convenience stores, day cares, schools, and foster homes in Bell County.

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## Page 4 – Environmental Health Division Services

- On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) review (most of Killeen is on city water/sewer)
  - Permit and inspection for wastewater disposal
  - Maintenance contract tracking
  - OSSF related real estate inspections
  - Subdivision evaluations
  - Mobile home park inspections
  - Public health nuisance complaints
  - On call 24/7 to respond to fires, sewage complaints, and accidents involving environmental issues
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# Page 5 - Medical/Nursing Division Services

Clinics in Killeen and Temple (Immunization staff housed at Belton office)

- Immunizations
- Sexually Transmitted Disease testing/treatment
- Pregnancy testing/counseling/referral
- Perinatal Hepatitis B surveillance
- Tuberculosis surveillance – Daily Observed Therapy
- Option House screenings
- Family Planning – Complete exams, and all contraceptive methods available on site (except sterilization)

## Funding

- Grants – State and Federal
    - Immunizations
    - Family Planning (3 separate grants)
    - Tuberculosis (2 separate grants)
    - 1115 Waiver – for STD services
    - Program income from fees and co-pays collected
  - Program income from fees and co-pays collected in various programs
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# Page 6 - Women's Infants & Children (WIC) Services

- Food provided to:
  - low income pregnant, postpartum, & breastfeeding women
  - infants
  - children until age 5
- Nutrition education
- Breastfeeding promotion & support
- Referrals for healthcare
- Offices in Killeen, Ft. Hood, Copperas Cove, & Temple

Electronic Benefit Cards are loaded with food benefits for clients to use at local stores. The monetary benefit is approximately \$60 per client x 82,167 = \$4,930,020 spent in Killeen area stores per year. (\$13,247,520 in Bell County total).

Funding:

Federally funded through USDA / funds managed by DSHS.

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# Page 7 - Preparedness

Community preparedness, recovery, emergency operation coordination, emergency public information & warnings, fatality management, information sharing, mass care, medical countermeasure dispensing, medical material management & distribution, medical surge, non-pharmaceutical interventions, public health laboratory testing, public health epi investigations, responder safety & health, volunteer management, and practice exercises.

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# Page 7 - Disease Surveillance

- Notifiable condition investigations (Pertussis, Perinatal Hepatitis B, Shigella, Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease, Salmonella, E.Coli, Legionella, Ebola, and Zika).
- Trainings on disease reporting requirements with:
  - Local hospital infection control staff
  - School nurses
- Education with clients affected by various conditions
- Monitors disease activity in the County
- Mosquito baiting & testing (West Nile Virus/Zika/Dengue/Chikungunya)

## Funding:

- Grants – State and Federal
    - Preparedness
    - Ebola
    - Infectious Disease Control
    - Various discretionary grants
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# Health District achievements

- Exemplary fiscal and programmatic audits
  - Low staff turnover and many long term staff – meaning expertise in service provision remains constant
  - Restored services in 2013 to Bell County citizens that were cut in 2012; 1115 Waiver project; 3 Family Planning grants (2 in 2016); 2 TB grants; Immunization grant; expansion of Preparedness funding to include Ebola and an Epidemiologist position;
  - Staff are active in State and National organizations – to be current on funding, legislation, & best practices
  - Financially sound – general fund balance \$1.9 million (which is the recommended 3 months operating expenses)
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Thank you!

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