

Renville County Public Health

2022 Annual Report



Renville County
Public Health
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Disease Prevention and Control

Renville County Public Health (RCPH) works together with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and healthcare providers within the communities to prevent the spread of a variety of diseases in the community. Public Health may be involved to screen high-risk populations in the county, assure follow-up testing, and periodically meet with infected persons to assess medication compliance. Medical clinics and hospitals are notified to be on alert for diseases or conditions that affect the public's health at the local, state or federal level.

Immunization & Immunization Registry (MIIC):

Controlling communicable or infectious diseases is one of the oldest and most fundamental public health responsibilities. Immunizations are an integral part of that control. Immunizations protect the health of entire communities and are particularly important in protecting children who are too young to be vaccinated or those that cannot be vaccinated due to medical conditions. RCPH provides influenza vaccinations to students and staff in the local schools each year, as well as to Renville County employees. *For Fall 2022 flu vaccine clinics, we started using Acuity software program which allows for virtual scheduling and collection of data which integrates into our Nightingale Notes system for documentation and billing, as well as upload to the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC).*

	2020	2021	2022
Influenza Vaccinations Administered	349	232	208

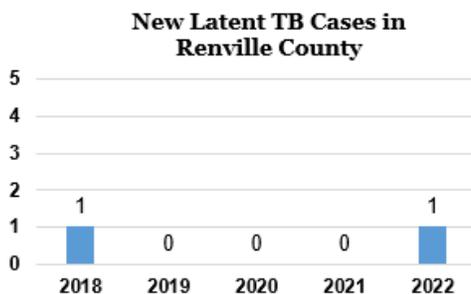
RCPH assists to operate MIIC. MIIC is a statewide system that stores electronic immunization records, and makes keeping track of vaccinations easier and helps ensure Minnesotans get the right vaccines at the right time. RCPH remains part of the Southwest Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (SW-MIIC), with the host position being held at Countryside Public Health. SW-MIIC focuses data to monitor coverage levels by county, to highlight how clinics compare to neighboring clinics, to provide reminder-recall to the public, to complete Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) visits to clinics, and to support disease investigators during outbreaks.

Kandiyohi County series completion went from 62.2% in 2021 to 62.9% in 2022. Renville County went from 71.5% to 69.5%

DtaP	Kandi ↑	Renville ↓	NC
Polio	Kandi ↓	Renville ↑	State ↓
MMR	NC	Renville ↑	State ↑
Hib	Kandi ↑	Renville ↑	State ↑
Hep B	Kandi ↓	Renville ↑	State ↑
Var	NC	Renville ↑	State ↑
PCV	Kandi ↑	Renville ↑	State ↑
Rota	Kandi ↓	Renville ↑	State ↓
Hep A	Kandi ↑	Renville ↑	State ↑

Refugee & Immigrant Health and Tuberculosis Case Management:

Public Health serves as the “entry point” for newly arriving refugees and other immigrants to our country. When a referral is received, we spend time initially with families to gather appropriate health and immunization information. New refugee and immigrant arrivals are screened for tuberculosis (TB) and are referred to area providers for health exams and immunizations. Tuberculosis case management is a significant part of the DP&C program, whether this be for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) or active TB infection. *We had one LTBI case in which we managed medications for starting the end of 2022 and extending into 2023. We had no active TB cases which we managed medications for during the 2022 year.*



DP&C Programs	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures – DP&C	\$18,265	\$14,393	\$14,963	\$18,944	\$13,234
Expenditures – Immunizations	\$22,650	\$22,408	\$21,516	\$20,226	\$15,787
% Staff Time	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

Preparation and response to a disaster can make all the difference to a community in need. Minnesota’s local public health system must be prepared to respond to disasters and assist communities in recovering from disasters. Whether the event is a flood, tornado, infectious disease, or manmade disaster such as terrorism, public health issues are inherent. The essential local activities in this area revolve around public health preparedness and planning to respond to disasters. Renville County Public Health belongs to the Southwest Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, which is comprised of multiple counties working together to plan a coordinated response to events or disasters that would overwhelm any one agency or county’s ability to respond.

RCPH transitioned to a new PHEP Coordinator in 2022, creating a shared position with Renville County Emergency Management.

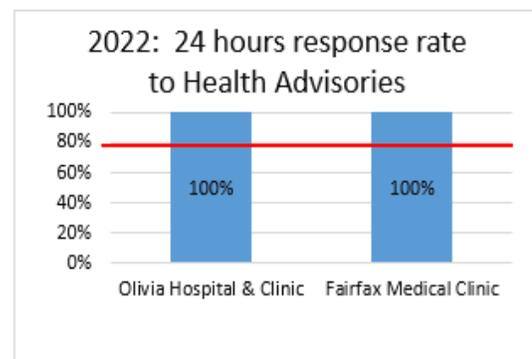
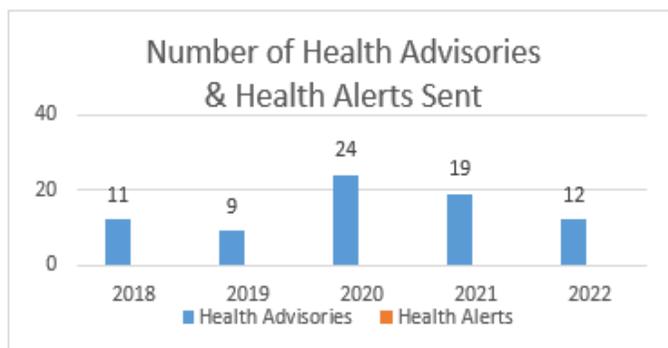
Between Kandiyohi and Renville Counties, there has been a standing goal to have at least one staff person in the local public health departments to have ICS-300 and ICS-400 training. In 2022, the new PHEP Coordinator in Renville County fulfilled that goal, and the Renville County Public Health Director completed ICS-300 training in order to work towards having a management staff at that level as well.

Along with continued response to COVID-19 (see Public Health Emergency Response section), a number of other events occurred in 2022 which RCPH was Stand Alert ready to respond and provide information to the community, including Monkeypox, Measles, and Avian influenza in local poultry flocks.

One of our PHEP grant duties in 2022 was the COPEWELL project. One component of response is how we care for ourselves in order to care for others, and this project focuses on just that. Not only has the community been surveyed for a variety of projects and feedback since COVID-19 came into our lives, the Public Health staff also took a survey focusing on us, as individuals, teammates/co-workers, and caregivers. The feedback from the staff survey has contributed to pieces of staff meetings, trainings (past, present, and future), and our ability to continue transitioning through not only the end of the COVID-19 response but day-to-day tasks as well. We have worked with local, regional, and state partners throughout 2022 to share research, resources, programs, ideas, and so much more to insure the best possible resources and services for those we serve and for our departments.

Health Alert Network (HAN):

The Health Alert Network (HAN) is a notification system designed to quickly distribute reliable information when a disease or event threatens the health of Minnesotans. from public health to hospitals, clinics, emergency management, and others. Renville County is responsible for acknowledging the message received from the Minnesota Department of Health and forwarding the message to appropriate community partners (such as hospitals, clinics, emergency management, and others as applicable) within one hour for alerts and within 24 hours for advisories.



Public Health Emergency Preparedness	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures - PHEP	\$37,136	\$46,194	\$34,738	\$45,506	\$60,959
% Staff Time	2.0%	2.4%	1.7%	2.3%	3.7%

Public Health Emergency Response – COVID-19:

Public Health continued responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, through disease investigation, public communication and inquiry, providing connection to resources, provision of over-the-county COVID-19 test kits, and holding mass immunization clinics for Moderna COVID-19 vaccines (including primary series, booster doses, and bivalent booster doses to those eligible age 18 years and older). RCPH's Department Operations Center (DOC), which opened on 2/3/2020, continued to meet regularly throughout 2022 to review their response plans.

Local Public Health departments received a COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Development Grant at the end of 2021. Through this grant, Renville County Public Health was able to increase the time available for the PHEP Coordinator to allocate to the program in order to provide additional training to department staff on emergency preparedness and response, develop and enhance the PHEP orientation for new staff, and develop a community impact assessment related to COVID-19 effect on general public mental well-being and resiliency.

MNResponds:

MN Responds is a national network of local groups of volunteers committed to improving the public health, emergency response, and resiliency of their communities. Public Health manages MNResponds, a group of volunteers credentialed, enrolled and trained to help locally or regionally with Public Health emergencies or needs. To assist in our mass COVID-19 vaccinations clinics, 5 volunteers were utilized in 2022, totaling 24 hours served (in 2021, 18 volunteers were used, serving 213 total hours).

<i>Public Health Emergency Response</i>	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures - PHER	\$231,330	\$172,779	\$52,659
Expenditures – Workforce Development	n/a	\$660	\$12,855
% Staff Time	10.6%	8.5%	2.9%

Environmental Health

Environmental health activities include areas such as clean air, clean water and sanitation, safe food, healthy communities, and preparation for disasters. The Environmental Health Program is governed by the Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board. The environmental health program licenses and inspects food, beverage, and lodging establishments, manufactured home parks, campgrounds, pools, and spas; they also review and approve for special event food stands and mobile food trucks. The Environmental Health Specialists respond to public health nuisance complaints as well as rental tenant issues and general home conditions. Staff also provides education and consults with the community on issues such as methamphetamine lab clean up, pest infestations, water, lead, mold, radon and other environmental health issues.

Food, Pools, and Lodging Licensing & Inspection:

A delegation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health allows local licensing of establishments. Kandiyohi-Renville counties operate under this combined this program. Education and follow-up for problem areas are important components of this program. *Each county has an Environmental Health Ordinance; this was reviewed and updated to match current statutes and rules in February 2022.*

Our program is evaluated annually by MDH to determine our compliance with the terms of our delegation agreement. The evaluation process is broken into 8 standards. Each year 2 standards are evaluated. 2022 were standards 1 & 2 for ordinances and staff training, in which we met all criteria of the program evaluation.

In 2021, we started a new mobile inspection program that works with EH-Doc electronic system; this program was used in its entirety in 2022.



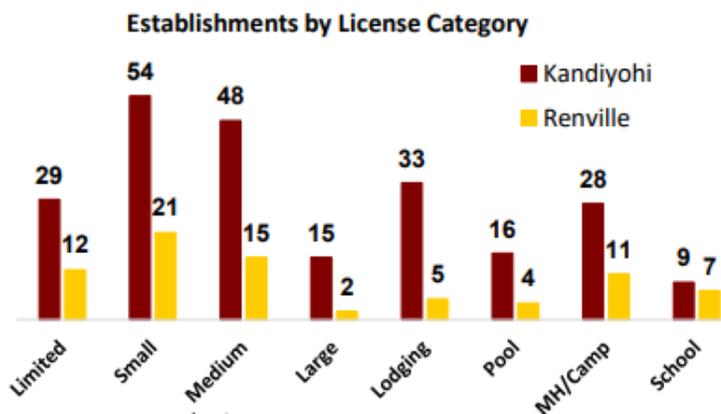
Our mobile inspection application was implemented in 2021. The system allows us to track violations using these newly implemented categories:

Priority 1 violations: items that directly impact hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury (such as cooking, reheating, cooling, and handwashing).

Priority 2 violations: items supporting Priority 1 items (such as personnel training, documentation, and labeling).

Priority 3 violations: item that relates to good retail practice (such as cleaning frequency, operational controls, equipment management and general maintenance).

*Data for Kandiyohi & Renville Counties



	2021	2022
Total Licensed FPL establishments	267	274
Total # of inspections	359	340
Total # of FPL complaints	4	7
Required enforcement action	0	2
Total Special Events Licensed	390	332

Healthy Housing:

We added the Healthy Housing program to services we offer; the grant funding for this project started in January 2022. This program focuses on healthy homes assessments and interventions, as well as primary prevention activities through the development and distribution of educational materials to the general public. Home assessments started in May 2022; six assessments were completed in Renville County in 2022. Social media messages were created and posted twice monthly; display boards highlighting hazards found in homes as well as features of clean, safe homes were developed and displayed at the Renville County Fair and a Home Expo in Kandiyohi County. Program information was shared widely with resources throughout the county.

Tobacco Licensing and Compliance Checks:

Our Renville County Tobacco Licensing Ordinance was updated in 2021, and thereafter provided to all establishments. Unannounced compliance checks are completed annually to retailers of tobacco to determine if they are selling to persons under age 21. Education is required of all establishment employees annually, and upon new hire. This is attested upon renewal of their tobacco license each year.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pass Rate	17/19	15/20	n/a	21/21	17/21

Renville County Public Health also administers a Tobacco Educate & Congratulate program. This is funded through the Department of Human Services. Staff complete unannounced visits to retailers of tobacco to determine if they are selling to persons under age 21. There is no penalty associated with these checks. If an establishment passes, they are presented with a congratulatory certificate; if they fail, education is provided.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pass Rate	14/19	18/20	n/a	n/a	21/21

<i>Environmental Health Programs</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures - Environmental Health	\$88,977	\$94,407	\$78,684	\$95,392	\$93,776
Expenditures - Healthy Housing	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$827	\$4,437
% Staff Time	5.2%	5.1%	4.4%	5.4%	6.0%

Adult Health

Case Management:

Renville County administers a county-based Medical Assistance program through PrimeWest Health to provide a quality, accessible and cost-effective health plan. Case management from Nurses in Public Health and Social Workers in Human Services (a best practice dual-case management model) is provided to targeted groups, such as elderly, those in nursing homes, those with special needs such as mental illness or chemical dependency, and complex health issues. Preventative and primary care is emphasized. Consultation and monitoring are provided to assure the best care possible. RCPH also participates in providing case management services, along with Social Workers from Renville County Human Services, to Renville County members receiving state-funded waiver services.

In 2022, Public Health and Human Services participated in procurement with Department of Human Services. The results add Blue Plus as a Medical Assistance program option in 2023 for members in Renville County. RCPH staff will not provide case management services for Blue Plus; Human Services will.

PrimeWest County Case Management	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Average Number of Members Receiving Services	183	165	175	204	214
Long Term Care Consultations/ Health Risk Assessments/ Skilled Nursing Facility Assessments Completed	185	189	173	211	155
Contacts Made by RN Case Manager	1,299	1,539	1,486	1,440	1,303
Medication Reconciliation Visits Made by RN	16	17	11	10	17

State-Funded Waiver County Case Management	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Average Number of Clients Eligible for State-Funded Waiver Programs	55	48	62	66	56
Case Management Contacts Made by RN	392	402	514	488	449

MnCHOICES Assessments:

Staff are trained and certified as MnCHOICES assessors. Nurses, often in conjunction with a social worker, assess client needs and levels for services for a variety of placements and services in the community including home care, nursing homes, adult foster care, assisting living, personal care assistant (PCA), and traumatic brain injury services. *In 2022, staff spent time completing training for an anticipated update to the MnCHOICES platform.*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Screening Assessments Completed	138	138	115	109	131

Home Health Care:

Renville County Public Health operates a Medicare-certified home health care service. Nurses provide services including monitoring a health problem, getting needed medical equipment and supplies, instructing the person and family on medications, meal plans, wound care management and dressing changes, or lifestyle changes caused by illness, and coordination of care. Home Health Aides help people with personal cares such as bathing, shampoo, exercises, meals, laundry, and light housekeeping. Therapy services may be ordered for those who are homebound and qualify for the service. While some of the persons served are acutely ill, the majority of persons served have chronic health conditions. They need support services to remain in their homes and communities, saving taxpayers money by preventing or delaying nursing home placement.

RCPH staff continued to visit all clients face-to-face with Personal Protective Equipment precautions in place, due to COVID-19, and screening procedures for staff and clients. We also transitioned a Home Health Aide position to a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) position in July 2022, which revised our LPN descriptions to include both nursing and home health aide duties; this has been a beneficial change to our department.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Average number of Home Care Clients	60	61	68	72	60
Nurse Visits Made	1,913	2,084	2,325	1,925	1,112
Home Health Aide Visits Made	1,498	1,678	1,686	1,423	1,180
Therapy Visits Made (PT, OT, SLP)	417	293	518	144	223

<i>Adult Health Programs</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures – Waivered Services	\$288,947	\$300,664	\$250,755	\$234,539	\$225,255
Expenditures – Home Health	\$452,527	\$462,857	\$568,492	\$489,341	\$493,821
Expenditures – Home Health Aide	\$91,610	\$85,044	\$80,148	\$72,920	\$72,862
% Staff Time	43.0%	42.9%	44.1%	42.3%	42.4%

Family Health

Car Seat Education:

Public Health has certified Car Seat Technicians, providing one-to-one demonstrations for installing car seats as well as education. We also provide car seat education for foster care and daycare, known as C.A.R.S. class. Car seats are available to PrimeWest members as well as others who may qualify through a grant.

A new car seat technician was trained in 2022 to administer this program.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Car Seats Given	76	75	61	61	44

Child & Teen Checkup Outreach (C&TC):

RCPH provides outreach activities for Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC), helping families connect with medical and dental providers, as well as other programs and services. C&TC is a comprehensive child health program provided to children and teens from newborn through the age of 20 who are enrolled in Minnesota Health Care Program.

A new C&TC Coordinator was trained in 2022 to administer this program. Starting in July 2022, Local Public Health agencies saw a decrease in their caseloads attributed to them as clinics considered Integrated Health Partnerships were able to start their own C&TC programs if they so desired.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Phone Calls Made	116	83	1,026	349	89
Total Letters Sent	2,883	2,688	2,531	2,710	2,541
Face-to-Face Contacts Made	1,192	1,315	302	582	561

Child Care Consultations:

By Minnesota Administrative Rules, Child Care Centers must have a health consultant who reviews the center's health policies and practices and certifies that they are adequate to protect the health of children in care. Renville County Public Health employs licensed public health nurses, qualified to provide early consultation services. These consultation services include annual and monthly site visits, as well as phone consultation and training sessions as requested. In 2022, RCPH held contracts with The Learning Funhouse in Bird Island as well as Little Stangs Learning Center in Buffalo Lake for provision of these health consultation services.

Early Childhood Screening & School Health:

Early Childhood Screenings (ECS) is a screening program which offers comprehensive health and developmental components in accordance with the rules of the Department of Education. Components of the screening include health history review, nutrition assessment, immunization review, and hearing and vision screening. *Renville County Public Health contracted with three school districts throughout 2022 to assist in completing these screenings (BOLD, Cedar Mountain, and RCW); 92 screenings were completed.*

2022 brought a change to our Public Health department's school component. We no longer contracted with schools for provision of Licensed School Nursing services. Rather, a nurse on our staff serves as a school health liaison, providing health education and connection to resources as the district's school nurses request.

EHDI/BHDI – Early Hearing Detection / Birth Defects:

Agency nurses receive referrals from Minnesota Department of Health on infants born in Renville County with any one of the identified birth defects conditions. The Public Health Nurse contacts the families to assist them with connections to community resources and helps to coordinate care as needed.

	2021	2022
Number of Children Served	5	7

Follow Along Program (FAP):

Family Health offers the Follow Along Program as a way for parents of children from birth to age 3 to learn about their child's healthy growth and development. Parents can use the program to learn if their child is playing, talking, growing, moving and acting like other children the same age. Participating parents receive Follow Along questionnaires related to the child's growth and development when their child reaches 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30 and 36 months of age; a public health nurse follows up with any concerns parents may have about their child's development.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Children Served	780	857	394	333	128

Family Home Visiting:

Home visits are made to pregnant women, newborns/toddlers and their parents, and preschool children with physical or developmental conditions, using the Growing Great Kids curriculum. The goal of the Family Home Visiting program is to foster healthy beginnings. The relationships are often long-term visiting with the child and parents until about age two. Referrals may also be made to Help Me Grow, where infant and toddler intervention staff help set up an appointment with the family to determine if the child is eligible for services through an evaluation process.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Infants and Children Served	1,143	1,097	761	904	712
Number of Home Visits Made	899	838	736*	727	632

*mostly telephone/ video visits in 2020

PACT for Families:

PACT For Families Collaborative (Putting All Communities Together) is a five-county, multi-agency partnership with operates as a Children's Mental Health Collaborative and a Family Services Collaborative. Renville County Public Health Nurses support PACT and actively participate in their meetings and initiatives.

Universal Contact:

A Public Health Nurse contacts all mothers of newborns in Renville County to offer a home visit. The nurse visits with the family about the baby's weight, sleeping and eating patterns, breastfeeding and normal newborn characteristic. Other topics are well child check-ups, immunizations, car seat usage, bonding with the baby, and how to comfort the baby when fussy or crying. This program is a "gateway" to many other community services, as the nurse determines needs.

Olivia Hospital & Clinics, located within Renville County, ended their Labor & Delivery services in 2022. This has impact on our family home visiting program as our Public Health nurses used to make visits to birthing mothers in the Hospital to connect and share resources.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Families with Newborns who Received a Home Visit	80	60	22	46	37

Talking is Teaching

This campaign was launched in Renville County in 2018. It is a collaborative effort between many organizations to support the early brain and language development of young children through educating and empowering parents and other caregivers to find daily opportunities to "talk, read, and sing" with children. Currently with the help of grants, the nurses are handing out Family Toolkits when they make a new baby visit. They are also dispersing Milestone boxes to the families that are enrolled in our Family Home Visiting program. The boxes are age specific and designed to promote appropriate development activities.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a nutrition and breastfeeding program for pregnant women, breastfeeding and postpartum mothers, infants, and children up to age five. Eligible families receive nutrition counseling, food prescriptions to improve and maintain health, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and other social services. *The WIC program remained virtual in 2022, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; families could be seen in person at their request. Food prescriptions were changed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with participants seeing higher fruits and vegetables allowances. There was an infant formula shortage in 2022 which WIC nurses had to help families coordinate and find other resources to feed their infants.*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Food Packages Given	622	563	529	536	568
Estimated Value of Food Prescriptions	\$59 per child, \$70 per pregnant mom, \$133 per fully breastfeeding mom *per month	→	→	→	\$78 per child, \$112 per pregnant mom, \$170 per fully breastfeeding mom *per month
Number of Participants Served	647	589	547	547	582
Average Monthly Participants	400	368	374	364	380

Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership (SHNFP):

Renville County collaborates with twenty-one other counties to offer this program. SHNFP is an evidence-based home visiting program that helps transform the lives of first-time pregnant women. Visits begin during pregnancy and continue through the child's second birthday, offering education and support throughout the time together. Renville County Public Health serves as the fiscal and billing agent for this collaborative.

Renville County Public Health's Director also served as Interim Executive Director for SHNFP from July 2022 through December 2022 as a new Executive Director was hired; RCPH's Finance Officer also committed additional duties during this time period. Renville County Public Health's Medical Accounting Technician took on more duties for Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership towards the end of 2022 as SHNFP's Outreach Worker position ended.

<i>SHNFP</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures - SHNFP	\$47,917	\$49,919	\$49,744	\$48,291	\$77,903
% Staff Time (SHNFP)	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%	2.8%	4.6%

<i>Family Health Programs</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures - Family Health	\$53,257	\$45,092	\$39,834	\$41,613	\$32,212
Expenditures - C&TC	\$62,866	\$53,244	\$42,368	\$53,038	\$41,785
Expenditures - School Health	\$100,260	\$86,784	\$93,682	\$78,932	\$9,189
Expenditures - WIC	\$99,783	\$105,792	\$84,711	\$93,924	\$110,771
Expenditures - MCH Prenatal	\$386,839	\$382,026	\$283,629	\$331,796	\$286,641
Expenditures - Follow Along	\$9,601	\$10,133	\$6,751	\$4,953	\$3,479
% Staff Time (except SHNFP)	36.7%	35.6%	27.6%	28.9%	27.0%

Health Promotion

Renville County Public Health works to promote the health of all those living, working, and playing within Renville County. Blood pressure checks are offered free of charge from our office. We offer foot care clinics. We provide public education and referral to resources.

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP):

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living. Using a health equity lens, SHIP seeks to make positive changes in policies, systems, and environments.

Over the last two grant periods (2020-2022) SHIP has awarded \$103,506 in partner grants.

Renville County partners included:

- Active Living Plans in the cities of Olivia and Renville
- Renville County Food Shelf and Hope for our City
- BLHS, RCW and BOLD Schools
- Renville County Parks
- Farmers Markets in Bird Island, Buffalo Lake, Fairfax and Olivia
- Renville County Masters Gardeners and MN Extension
- ACTS (Adult Client Training Services)
- Dakota Wicohan
- Tobacco projects with RAPAD, Educate & Congratulate and Tobacco Free Parks initiatives

The SHIP coordinator connects community with health strategist time and technical assistance to these groups:

- ACEs Coalition
- Kandiyohi-Renville CLT (Community Leadership Team)
- Feeding Renville Coalition
- BOLD Community Education Board
- Renville County Food Shelf Board
- RAPAD Coalition
- City of Olivia Park & Rec Board
- Island HUB Board
- Renville County Wellness, Housing and ARPA committees
- Transportation Groups- CCT Board of Directors, MMRTCC and ATP-SW Transportation Partnership
- Renville County Pickleball Group

Renville County was named a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in 2022 for its contributions to the health of parents and their babies. MDH recognizes workplaces and county health departments that have demonstrated their commitment to supporting breastfeeding employees by creating a workplace lactation support program.

ACES Coalition:

The Kandiyohi-Renville Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Coalition evolved from the 2019 Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Improvement Plan, based on the Community Health Assessment that was completed in March 2019. Adverse childhood experiences (ACES) are potentially traumatic events or environments a person experiences or is exposed to before age 18. ACES can include experiencing and/or witnessing violence, abuse, or neglect and living in an environment where there is mental illness, domestic violence, substance abuse, or instability due to parental separation/divorce or a household member's incarceration. Research shows that the adversity experienced as children can affect us into adulthood. The health improvement goal of this focus is increasing awareness and understanding of the impact ACEs on individuals throughout their lifespan, as well as on the community.

This ACEs Coalition developed and distributed a 2022 calendar which included resources, education, statistics, family discussion questions, and an “ACES with Hope” message for each month of the year in order to increase awareness. The calendar was distributed through the schools and other community partners. The coalition was also awarded the 2022 Pinwheels for Prevention award for the development and distribution of their 2022 House of Hope calendar. The Pinwheels for Prevention award is presented to innovative programs to encourage continued investment in prevention and family strengthening efforts statewide.

Renville Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs (RAPAD):

The RAPAD coalition is made up of concerned individuals and entities such as volunteers, parents, students, law enforcement, businesses, local government, schools, media, healthcare, spiritual and civic groups that are dedicated to the prevention of underage abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Renville County Public Health supports RAPAD and actively participates in their meetings and initiatives.

Opioids Settlement:

Renville County received fund in 2022 from a nation-wide Opioid Settlement. Local Public Health is tasked with providing strategist expertise in determining how to best utilize this funding to support our communities in response to opioid-related challenges. Staff at RCPH spend time learning about best practices and participating in listening sessions during 2022.

<i>Health Promotion Programs</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures – Health Promotion	\$15,761	\$17,775	\$9,371	\$25,172	\$24,224
Expenditures – SHIP w/Projects;	\$118,771	\$152,294	\$129,494	\$136,759	\$109,926
Expenditures – SHIP w/out Projects	\$73,058	\$90,756	\$80,162	\$72,619	\$72,616
% Staff Time	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%	5.2%	6.2%

Community Health Services Administration

In Minnesota, Public Health responsibilities are shared between state and local governments as specified in the Local Public Health Act (Chapter 145A) and can best be described as a partnership. Fifty-one locally-governed Community Health Boards (CHB) oversee local health departments that work in tandem with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to fulfill public health responsibilities. This interlocking, statewide system, known as the Community Health Services (CHS) system, enables state and local governments to combine resources to serve public health needs in an efficient, cost-effective way. Public Health departments from Kandiyohi County and Renville County are joined as a Community Health Board, in which Renville County Public Health serves as the Community Health Services Administrator and Kandiyohi County Public Health serves as the fiscal host.

Funding for local public health is a mix of local, state and federal funds as well as fees and reimbursements. It is a critical component of an effective response to public health threats as well as efforts to improve the health of Minnesotans. The system is structured to be flexible so it can meet the different needs of communities around the state and promote direct and timely communications between state and local health departments. The CHS system relies on shared goals and a desire to work together to improve the lives of all Minnesotans. This partnership is the basis of Minnesota's public health system—one entity cannot function without the other.

The CHS Administrator for Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board oversees all grants for the departments, including applying for grants and assuring completion of required grant reporting. They share communication with key leaders in the public health departments to ensure updates from MDH are implemented. The CHS Administrator coordinates (or assures) the Local Public Health assessment and planning cycle, and possesses oversight and approval of Local Public Health Act annual reporting. This Administrator also facilitates CHB meetings and assures the CHB meets the responsibilities outlined in the Local Public Health assurances and agreements, possesses signature authority for routine matters of the CHB (serves as the Agent of the Board), and participates in State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) meetings and workgroups.

2022 Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board (CHB) Members:

- Commissioner Greg Snow, Renville County – Chair
- Commissioner Dave Hamre, Renville County
- Commissioner Steve Gardner, Kandiyohi County
- Commissioner Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County
- Pat Berg, Kandiyohi County Community Member – Vice-Chair
- Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Renville County Community Member
- Harlan Madsen / Chery Johnson, Community Member At Large

Staff Ex-Officio

- Cindy Firme, Renville County Public Health Supervisor and CHS Administrator
- Sara Benson, Renville County Public Health Director
- Jennie Lippert, Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services Director and Fiscal Agent
- Lisa Herges, Renville County Administrator
- Larry Kleindl, Kandiyohi County Administrator
- Dr. Thomas Gilles, Renville County Medical Consultant
- Dr. Mary Amon, Kandiyohi County Medical Consultant
- Kelsie Kingstrom, Renville County Attorney
- Shane Baker, Kandiyohi County Attorney
- Kristin Erickson, Minnesota Department of Health Public Health Systems Consultant

<i>CHS Program</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures – CHS Admin	\$95,364	\$104,251	\$68,549	\$88,244	\$116,489
% Staff Time	2.8%	3.7%	2.3%	3.1%	5.9%

Renville County Public Health Services

In 2022, our public health department completed a NACCHO profile update regarding services we provide, as well as a Cost & Capacity Assessment. The Cost & Capacity Assessment measured the expertise and capacity of local health departments across 53 headline responsibilities, as well as the current implementation of and spending on Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHR) and the resources needed to fully implement and better understand how and by whom governmental public health services are delivered. A legislative report was completed from this, and ongoing meetings will occur in 2023 to complete a full report.

RCPH office support staff started assisting the Restorative Justice program in 2022 with meal planning and shopping for their program's Circles.

We continue to work with colleges to offer Student Nurse Experiences. Our staff mentor works with the student to arrange a schedule of vast public health experiences. We hosted 6 students in 2022, for over 170 hours.

As a new program, we were able to receive the services of a Public Health Project Coordinator through the Public Health AmeriCorps program. This person started in our department in October 2022, and will remain through July 2023. In 2022, this service member helped our agency complete a COPEWELL project for Public Health Emergency Preparedness as well as summarize a community resiliency survey.

All RCPH Programs	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures	\$2,121,496	\$2,183,585	\$2,189,214	\$2,055,818	\$1,858,261
Staff Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	20.98	21.06	20.88	19.71	18.56

Credit to Renville County Public Health Staff in 2022:

- Amy Agre, Medical Accounting Technician
- Polly Ahrens, Public Health Nurse
- Sara Benson, Public Health Director
- Sam Best, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- Barb Billmeier, Public Health Nurse
- Rhonda Buboltz, Home Health Aide
- Dave Distad, Environmental Health Specialist
- Britany Egge, Public Health Nurse
- Kim Erickson, Administrative Assistant
- Jeff Filipek, SHIP Coordinator
- Cindy Firme, Adult Health Supervisor & Kandiyohi-Renville CHS Administrator
- Stacey Larson, Public Health Nurse
- Carol Loftness, Licensed Practical Nurse
- Melanie Netland, Public Health Nurse
- Kaylee Padrnos, Public Health Nurse
- Kendra Rigge, Public Health Nurse
- Jen Scharfencamp, Finance Officer & Office Support Supervisor
- Krista Schneider, Administrative Assistant
- Katie Slagter, Family Health Supervisor
- Annmarie Suess, Public Health Nurse
- Laurie Thielen, Public Health Nurse
- Tara Wertish, Licensed Practical Nurse
- Kendra Wubben, Public Health Nurse
- Lacy Zeitz, Registered Nurse