Virginia Department of Health

Community Health Services
Structure SJ-47

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§ 32.1-30. Local Health Departments

• Each county and city shall establish and maintain a local department of health which shall be headed by a local health director. Each such local health director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this Commonwealth.
§ 32.1-31 through 33. Three Options to Operate a Local Health Department

1. State & locality cooperatively operate and fund local health department
   - 93 counties
   - 36 cities

2. Locality independently operates and funds local health department
   - Two counties: Arlington, Fairfax
   - Two cities: Falls Church City, Fairfax City

3. State operates and funds local health department
   - No localities participate

Data Source: Code of Virginia Title 32.1-31, Title 32.1-32, Title 32.1-33
Community Health Services
10 Core Service Areas

• Administration
• Chronic Disease
• Communicable Disease
• Local Dental
• Environmental Health
• Family Planning
• Immunization
• Maternal/Child Health
• Nutrition, and
• Personal Care Services

Data Source: 2018 Appropriation Act, Item 292 Community Health Services
Local Government Agreement (LGA)

- The LGA service areas are specific to each jurisdiction, based on the needs and funding (options 1 & 2)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, ATTACHMENT A(1.)**

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

BASIC PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO BE ASSURED BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
INCOME LEVEL A IS DEFINED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO BE MEDICALLY INDIGENT (32.1-11)

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Lifespan Public Health Services

- Unique Clients Served Through WIC = 243,521
- Vital Records Issued = 418,388
- Oversight of Healthcare Facilities = 9,226
- Restaurant Inspections = 72,823
- Long Term Services Screenings = 17,039
- Newborns Screened = 100,431
- Summer Food Program Meals Served = 3,268,208
- Vaccines Administered = 287,625
- Served By Family Planning Services = 53,645
- Deaths Investigated = 7,185
- Preventive Dental Screenings = 11,091
- Home Visits Conducted = 28,734
- Screened For Sexually Transmitted Infectious Disease = 108,523

Data Source: Virginia Department of Health 2017 and Federal Fiscal Year 2017
Community Health Services

Virginia Department of Health
Regions and Districts

Health District Offices
- District Headquarters
- Local Offices

Health Regions
Name
1 - Northwest
2 - Northern
3 - Southwest
4 - Central
5 - Eastern

Health District

Data Source: Virginia Department of Health Internet “Local Health Departments” [link](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/local-health-districts/)
Community Health Services

- 95 counties and 38 cities organized into 35 Health Districts

- District boundaries usually follow planning districts, include as few as 1 and up to 10 cities and/or counties

- There is at least one service delivery site in every city and county

- Services vary among localities within a district and between districts based on local needs, funding, and private sector capacity
Local Health District Philosophy

• Partnership between state and local governments

• Work closely with private sector health care providers and health systems

• Array of services varies based on local need

• Flexibility on how to improve community health while assuring compliance with policy, regulation, and law

• Partnership is the key
Strengths of Virginia’s Public Health System

• The cooperative funding model was created by the General Assembly in 1954.

• Minimum and maximum amount that each locality would pay was set at 20% and 45% respectively, based equitably on revenue generation capacity

• This model was changed in 1964 by allowing localities to pay as little as 18%, no change was made to the top range; these percentages are still used today.

Data Source: “Funding the State and Local Cooperative Health Department Program, JLARC, 1988”
Challenges of Virginia’s Public Health System

• Cities and counties **without** strong revenue base tend to pay less, but also tend to have greater need.
  • They cannot “match” additional state resources, despite need

• Cities tend to have more established, better funded public health services

• Is revenue generating capacity of a locality the best approach to funding public health?

• Funding formula does not recognize health disparities, or social determinants of health
Service Delivery Models

• Most districts operate within safety net continuum based on service and community capacity:
  ▪ District provides service directly to clients
  ▪ District provides service using individual provider contracts or through agreements with non-profits
  ▪ District provides initial service, then hand-off to private sector
  ▪ District collaborates with private sector to assure service available for community
Visualization of a Local Health District Budget Breakdown

Lord Fairfax Health District FY18 Budget: $6,249,319

Multi-jurisdiction Health District
(Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, City of Winchester)

- State Funds: $2,173,440 (35%)
- Local Funds: $1,618,764 (26%)
- Grants: $1,227,615 (19%)
- Revenue: $1,229,500 (20%)

Data Source: Virginia Department of Health Lord Fairfax Health District FY18 Cooperative Budget
Visualization of a Local Health District Budget Breakdown

City of Virginia Beach Health District
FY19 Budget: $10,544,895

Single-Locality Health District

- State Funds
- Local Funds
- Revenue
- 100% Local Funds
- Grants

- $3,275,199 [PERCENTAGE]
- $3,166,567 [30%]
- $2,589,103 [PERCENTAGE]
- $1,174,721 [PERCENTAGE]
- $339,305 [PERCENTAGE]

Data Source: Virginia Department of Health City of Virginia Beach Health District FY19 Cooperative Budget
Questions?