

CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CLARK COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

210 SPARKS AVE.

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

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The Clark County Health Department was established by referendum on November 2, 1948 according to County Commissioners Book 28, page 563 as proclaimed in meeting of August 2, 1948, in accordance with Chapter 157, Acts of 1949.

In 1948 the voters of Clark County voted 2 to 1 in favor of establishing a full-time Health Department. In accordance with the law, it became mandatory for the Commissioners to appoint a Board of Health and to establish the Health Department voted into effect by the people. The local Board of Health was officially appointed and the department established by resolution of the County Commissioners on April 18, 1949.

The Board met during the early part of June for the purpose of organization and the budget was presented to the County Commissioners. The Clark County Common Council refused to make the appropriation requested by the Board of Health.

A Mandamus Suit was filed to force the Council to appropriate. This action was finally dropped due to the fact that the Council realized that the appropriation of the funds to finance the Health Department was mandatory.

The Board of Health and the Clark County Council met February 23, 1950 at the Court House with Dr. L. E. Burney, State Health Commissioner, and an agreement was reached after considerable discussion of the tax levy necessary to finance the department. In compliance with the previous agreement, the Council passed favorably upon the budget.

Mr. Dixon Prentice was the attorney who filed the Mandamus Suit against the County Council, according to September 1951 records, and the Council appropriated \$125.00, his fee for such action.

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Clark	1960	62,000	\$27,940	\$.45
Floyd-Harrison	1960	68,900	\$57,606	\$.84
Howard	1960	65,300	\$43,292	\$.66
Jefferson	1959	24,300	\$29,472	\$1.21
Johnson	1959	37,000	\$18,277	\$.49
Putnam	1959	27,400	\$14,850	\$.54
Shelby	1960	33,300	\$20,964	\$.63
Hancock	1960	26,800	\$14,840	\$.55
Fulton	1960	16,400	\$20,355	\$1.24
Gary (City)	1957	177,000	\$176,155	\$1.00
Hammond (City)	1957	109,000	\$79,700	\$.73

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Bartholomew 1959 17,738 \$29,598 \$1.67
 (This department is a part-time department. The city of Columbus has it's own Health Department.)

Seymour has no Health Department.

In the year of 1958, the cost of operating the Clark County Health Department dropped approximately \$2,000 from the previous year. The new Director, Dr. Adair, agreed to accept the position for a salary \$2,500 below the salary of the former Director. Also, an annual savings to the tax payers of \$600 (\$50.00 per month for rent) was realized by moving the Health Department to the Clark County Memorial Hospital from it's former quarters on Spring Street.

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Budget of Clark County Health Department for 1960 - \$.45 per capita.

" " " " " " " " 1961 - \$.50 per capita.

These figures were obtained from Mr. James McCoy, Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Local Health Services and are official figures from the Indiana State Board of Health.

Mr. McCoy has stated that the United States Public Health Service and the American Health Association estimates that a minimum of \$1.50 per capita is necessary to maintain adequate health service for a community of 50,000 or more.

If Clark County was paying the per capita cost that Jefferson County does (\$1.21), it would cost \$75,020 annually to operate the Clark County Health Department. If Clark County was paying the 84¢ rate that Floyd-Harrison is paying, the cost would be \$52,080 annually. The Budget for 1961 in Clark County is \$31,290.

It is felt by the Board of the Clark County Health Department that this budget is most considerate, essential and reasonable in order to maintain an adequate level of public health services for the citizens of Clark County.

CLERKS

COUNTY	POPULATION SERVED BY EACH CLERK	SALARY
Clark	62,000	1 @ \$2800
Floyd	22,000	1 @ \$2532 1 @ \$2400
Jefferson	22,000	1 @ \$3000

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

COUNTY	POPULATION SERVED BY EACH NURSE	SALARY
Bartholomew	12,000	1 @ \$4320 2 @ \$3720
Brown	6,000	1 @ \$4200
Clark	31,000	2 @ \$4000
Dearborn	25,000	1 @ \$4000
Decatur	18,000	1 @ \$4200
Fayette	11,500	1 @ \$3840 1 @ \$3720
Floyd	22,000	2 @ \$3900
Franklin	16,000	1 @ \$3800
Harrison	9,000	1 @ \$3900 1 @ \$3600
Jackson	28,000	1 @ \$3900
Jefferson	11,000	1 @ \$4500 1 @ \$3375
Jennings	15,000	1 @ \$4800
Ohio	4,000	1 @ \$3900
Ripley	18,000	1 @ \$3850
Rush	19,000	1 @ \$4000
Scott	11,000	1 @ \$4200
Switzerland	7,500	1 @ \$3600
Washington	16,000	1 @ \$4200

It is recommended by the State Nurses Association of Indiana that all nurses that have experience or preparation in Public Health Nursing should be paid \$4200 beginning salary and increased annually from \$10 to \$30 permonth until a salary of \$5100 is reached. This is recommended and used as a standard by other Health Officers in Indiana.

Both Public Health Nurses employed in Clark County have R. N. degrees, plus experience and preparation in Public Health Nursing.

The American Public Health Association recommends one public health nurse to a population of 2,500. Each nurse in Clark County serves over 31,000.

Each Clark County Public Health Nurse covers one-half the county where the total area is 367.78 miles.

Each nurse renders service to 14 schools.

SANITARIANS

COUNTY OR CITY	POPULATION SERVED BY EACH SANITARIAN	SALARY	MILEAGE
Gary	20,000	2 @ \$6500	None
		5 @ \$6100	
		*1 @ \$4800	
Lake	20,000	1 @ \$8400	10¢ per mile
		7 @ \$5400	
Fort Wayne	18,000	1 @ \$6136	10¢ per mile
		2 @ \$5746	
		8 @ \$5434	
		1 @ \$5057	
Greencastle	27,000	1 @ \$5100	9¢ per mile
Kokomo	16,500	1 @ \$6000	None
		3 @ \$5200	
Kosciusko	18,000	1 @ \$7000	10¢ per mile
		1 @ \$4800	
Jefferson	24,000	1 @ \$4500	Unknown
Muncie	32,000	1 @ \$5000	10¢ per mile
Johnson	37,000	1 @ \$5000	Unknown
Hancock	26,000	1 @ \$4500	Unknown
Floyd-Harrison	34,000	1 @ \$4152	8¢ per mile
Ripley	21,000	1 @ \$4000	Unknown
Clark	31,000	1 @ \$4150	8¢ per mile
		1 @ \$4000	

*Salary will be increased at end of one year to \$6100.

(to a report to the Board of Health)

This is a report from 12 of the 19 counties in Indiana having a full-time Health Department.