

A New Partnership Forged

VCPHD has partnered with the Texas A&M Health Science Center's Coastal Bend Health Education Center to provide better access to diabetes services and education to the citizens of Victoria County. The services that are now available through this partnership include educational classes, lab screenings, and assistance with developing individualized treatment plans for clients with diabetes.



A Snapshot of Activity

The following table shows an overview of Victoria County Public Health Department's activities over the past three years.

*Please note that fluctuations may be due to changes in reporting requirements or policies. 2016 values are projections based on the data available in November of 2016.

Department Workload Measures

	2014	2015	2016
Hours Spent Larviciding for Mosquitos	12	74	51
Hours Spent Spraying for Mosquitos	155	244	186
Reports of Mosquito Activity Responded To	141	62	48
Water Samples Tested	4653	4791	4550
Water Samples Positive for Coliforms (Bacteria)	245	266	351
Food Establishment Inspections	2013	1974	2233
Environmental Complaints Investigated	285	326	309
On-site Sewage Facilities Inspected	328	325	307
WIC Client Participation	4080	3903	4073
HARP Clients Enrolled	70	86	107
Flu Shots Administered	933	606	610
STD Clinic Visits	547	566	579
DOT Tuberculosis Antibiotics Administered	N/A	37	469
Number of Pet Adoptions Facilitated	352	229	242
Number of Animals Transferred to Shelters	566	464	712

Total Funds 2016: \$3,735,973

- Victoria County Funds
- Local Fees
- Interlocal Agreement Funds
- State & Federal Grants



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Staff



Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) came under the guidance of a new director in April of 2016. The new director, Derrick Neal, is a visionary leader that has truly revitalized the department and is leading it to new heights. In the months since he assumed his new role, Mr. Neal has elevated the acceptable standards throughout all

\$1.9M

Local
Funding

the department's programs and set the department on the path toward national accreditation.

\$3.7M

Total
Budget

Additionally, under Mr. Neal's leadership, the VCPHD participated in various efforts throughout the year to prevent Zika Virus in Victoria County. The department developed a Zika Preparedness & Response plan in the spring and has been spraying and larviciding to reduce the mosquito population throughout the year. There have been no reported cases of Zika in Victoria County.



ACTIVE LIVING PLAN



Being physically active is one of the most important things a person can do to improve their health. Unfortunately, Victoria County has a higher than average obesity rate. Victoria County also has elevated rates of death from cancer and complications of diabetes.

VCPHD has collaborated with key community stakeholders to develop an active living plan that will encourage residents of Victoria County to implement healthy habits to improve health and wellness. Learn more at FitVic.org.

MOTHER FRIENDLY WORKSITE

VCPHD worked with the rest of Victoria County to make it one of the first counties in Texas to be declared a Mother Friendly Worksite at all 52 of its worksites.



SOCIAL MEDIA

In the past year VCPHD has strived to find new ways to connect with the citizens of Victoria County. Therefore, the department has set up a new Facebook page to keep citizens updated on current events and help them stay informed.

