

**Chicago Department of Public Health
2014 Budget Testimony to the City Council
November 5, 2013**

Good morning Madam Chair and honorable members of the City Council.

I am honored to be with you today to discuss our plans to strengthen the health, safety and well-being of Chicago residents in 2014 and beyond. Before I provide those details, I would like to give you a brief update on the many successes our Department and our City has had during 2013.

As you will recall, shortly after taking office, CDPH joined Mayor Emanuel in releasing Healthy Chicago, the City's first comprehensive public health agenda. Healthy Chicago provides the framework for our efforts, guiding CDPH and our partners.

As you know, no entity alone – whether public or private – can make the differences necessary to improve and strengthen the health, safety and well-being of Chicago. This is why we work with other City agencies, local businesses, community based organizations, faith groups and others on improving the health, safety and well-being of all Chicagoans.

This work is paying off. We have seen considerable progress across the City – which I will highlight in a moment. We are also being recognized nationally for our work. In August, Chicago became the first big city public health agency and the first agency in Illinois to receive national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This honor serves as a testament to the hard work of the CDPH team and our partners in our efforts to serve the 2.7 million people of our city. It also demonstrates the Department's growing role as an innovator and national leader in public health.

During 2013, CDPH invested in the health and safety of Chicago youth. In partnership with CPS, we expanded our oral health services to include high school students. As a result of this effort, 120,115 students received dental services at no cost to them – many for the first time in their lives.

Also in 2013 – thanks to a \$1 million investment from the City Council – we expanded our school-based vision program, providing comprehensive vision exams and eyeglasses to 23,000 students at no cost to them or their families. During the first six weeks of this school year, nearly 3,000 students across 83 schools have received eye exams and more than 2,100 eyeglasses have already been distributed. We look forward to expanding this successful program in 2014.

Also this past year, we saw improvements in primary care and mental health services across the City, as a result of the reforms we implemented under Healthy Chicago. In 2012, CDPH improved the quality and availability of the mental health services network in Chicago. At that

time, CDPH was providing direct service to 2,396 active clients. Today, that number has grown to 2,440. We have also invested heavily in our community-based partners to improve City-wide options. As a result of a \$500,000 investment, there were 5,000 additional psychiatric visits made at partner agencies. Following the acquisition of a \$1 million federal grant, we ensured additional services could be delivered to an additional 4,500 residents. We also worked closely with the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, which this past month awarded an additional \$4 million to partner clinics in Englewood and Humboldt Park to provide integrated behavioral health services to Chicago children.

In 2013, we continued to expand the reach of primary care services while reducing costs. In July of last year we transitioned CDPH clinics to Federally Qualified Health Center partners or FQHCs. We have seen real progress as a result. In the first half of 2013, our FQHCs had 32 percent more patient visits than during the same period in 2012. That's 7,700 more visits. A number of our FQHC partners have also expanded services and now oral health services, diabetes education, transplant services and urgent care are available in the neighborhoods in which they are needed most. This improvement increased services while also saving taxpayers \$10 million. We have saved nearly \$12 million in taxpayer money which can be used to reinvest in other initiatives.

We have had a great number of successes this past year, and these investments are paying off. Most recently, we announced that we are turning the tide in the fight against childhood obesity. Obesity rates have declined among CPS kindergarten students. In fact, one in five CPS students today are entering kindergarten obese. Though this is still a very real concern that requires ongoing investment, it is a marked improvement over where we were 10 years ago when nearly one in four CPS kindergarteners were obese.

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- Since 2000, the annual number of HIV infections in Chicago has decreased by 45 percent. And nearly 80 percent of HIV-positive Chicago residents are already aware of their status – the highest number we have measured– ensuring that these individuals can get the care and medication they need to live long, healthy lives.
- Chicago's teen birth rate has also decreased by 33 percent over the past decade, outpacing the nationwide decrease of 21 percent.
- The percentage of babies delivered at low birth weights has also gone down to a new low of 9.7 percent. Furthermore, the number of Chicago women who reported smoking while pregnant has been cut in half to just 3.8 percent.

All of these numbers tell a good story of the progress we have made, but they also remind us of the work that remains.

Our 2014 budget has been designed to build off these successes as we work to take the health, safety and well-being of Chicago residents to the next level. Today, I would like to discuss two core areas of focus for CDPH in 2014. We believe that these areas of focus are the key to achieving the goals outlined in Healthy Chicago, which will in turn further transform the health of our city. The key areas of focus for 2014 are:

1. Investing in the Health, Safety and Well-Being of Chicago's Children
2. Ensuring Access to Quality Care for all Chicagoans

Investing in Chicago's Children

Consistent with the Mayor's ongoing work, CDPH will continue to expand and grow our efforts to improve the lives and health of Chicago youth. In 2014, we will expand our successful school-based vision program. We will invest an additional \$550,000, \$2 million overall, to serve a total of 45,000 CPS students, allowing us to provide exams and glasses to nearly twice as many children.

In 2012, we launched PlayStreets, designed to provide children and their families new opportunities to get and stay active on their block. In 2013, more than 11,000 Chicagoans were served in more than 60 events across the City. In 2014, we will expand this program with a \$250,000 investment, hosting more than 150 events with our partners in 15 neighborhoods.

In 2014, we are also increasing our efforts to reduce smoking among Chicago youth. We recently concluded a series of town hall meetings bringing together residents and content experts where we heard first hand stories about their concerns, as well as new ideas on how to reduce smoking. In the coming year, we will launch new marketing campaigns targeted specifically to young people and work with the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection on ways to reduce the number of illegal sales to minors.

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

Ensuring Access to Quality Care is another key focus for our agency. Just as we have worked to make sure our students have access to vision exams and teeth cleanings, we are working to make sure all Chicagoans have access to the care they need to stay healthy – from their once-a-year flu shot to full time health insurance coverage.

Flu season is starting – and our immunization team is already increasing their efforts to distribute 300,000 vaccines for Chicago residents, including children and seniors who are often most impacted by the flu. In addition to our regular fast-track flu clinics, we are hosting 60 free flu clinics in your neighborhoods– many in conjunction with your offices – for everyone to get

their flu shot free of charge. We are partnering with local sports celebrities including Mike Ditka and Gonzalo Segares to spread the word and have also launched chicagoflushots.org, providing an interactive map for residents to find places in their own neighborhood to get their shot.

To ensure Chicago takes full advantage of new opportunities under the Affordable Care Act, Mayor Emanuel recently launched Enroll Chicago!, our city-wide effort to provide information and resources to residents, many of whom have never had access to health insurance before.

We are also working with partners to ensure access to care for Chicago's children. We recently awarded \$1 million to LISC Chicago to help enroll uninsured CPS students into Medicaid and will increase that investment by \$500,000 in 2014 to ensure that Chicago's children have access to the quality health care they deserve.

Again, these initiatives and partnerships are just part of our story. We are working with partners across the City to fulfill the ambitious goals laid out in Healthy Chicago as we continue to invest in children, ensure access to care and improve the health, safety and well-being of all Chicagoans. But we owe this success – and our recent accreditation – to our staff, our partners, our funders and to you, the members of the City Council who support our work and efforts every day. Most importantly, we owe this success to the people of Chicago who make the difference.

The ultimate decision to live a healthy life is up to the people of our City. By prioritizing environmental changes, investing in communities, passing forward-thinking policies and improving our health and healthcare infrastructure, we are providing new opportunities and new options for the people of Chicago.

Thanks to our combined efforts, more Chicagoans have more opportunities today. And more Chicagoans are seizing it - making the decisions that will enable them to live healthier, happier, longer lives.

I look forward to working with all of you and all Chicagoans in the years ahead as we make Chicago the healthiest city in the nation.

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MBE/WBE Data

Period: 01/01/13 to 10/21/13

Total Purchases: \$8,602,401

	MBE	WBE	Total MBE/WBE Purchases
Caucasian (WBE Only)	N/A	\$208,658 (2.43%)	\$208,658 (2.43%)
Asian	\$732,231 (8.51%)	-	\$732,231 (8.51%)
African-American	\$504,570 (5.87%)	-	\$504,570 (5.87%)
Hispanic	\$82,039 (0.95%)	-	\$82,127 (0.95%)
Other	\$4,304 (0.05%)	-	\$4,304 (0.05%)
Total Spending	\$1,323,144 (15.38%)	\$208,658 (2.43%)	\$1,531,802 (17.81%)

Staffing Data

Department Ethnicity and Gender				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	15	34	49	9%
Black	47	241	288	50%
Hispanic	38	83	121	21%
White	49	63	112	20%
Other	2	1	3	<1%
Total	151	422	573	100%
	26%	74%		

New Hires Ethnicity and Gender				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	2	0	2	18%
Black	1	1	2	18%
Hispanic	0	1	1	9%
White	3	3	6	55%
Other	0	0	0	0%
Total	6	4	11	100%
	55%	45%		

Department Managers Ethnicity and Gender				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	1	1	2	5%
Black	3	7	10	27%
Hispanic	0	4	4	11%
White	9	12	21	57%
Total	13	24	37	100%
	35%	65%		

Interns

School	Gender	Race
Adler School of Professional Psychology	Female	White
Argosy University	Female	Black
Argosy University	Female	White
Chicago School of Psychology	Female	Unknown
Chicago State University	Male	Black
DePaul University	Female	Black
DePaul University	Female	Hispanic
DePaul University	Female	White
Emory University	Female	White
Governors State University	Male	Black

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Governors State University	Female	Black
Meharry Medical College	Female	Black
Rush University Medical Center	Female	White
University of Chicago	Male	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	Asian
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	Asian
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Male	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Male	Hispanic
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	Black
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Male	Asian
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University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Male	Asian
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Illinois at Chicago	Female	White
University of Pennsylvania	Male	White
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Male	Asian
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Male	White

