

# Director's Update to the Board of Health

## September 2023

### Protecting Health – Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease

#### Covid

We have recently seen a small uptick in the number of cases within Davidson County along with Tennessee and the US. There is expected to be an updated COVID booster available sometime in the next month. The CDC is expecting a moderate surge with a peak in late 2023 or early 2024.

With the introduction of the new booster, it is expected that the vaccine will no longer be free and instead will cost us in excess of \$100/dose. The new booster will be covered for those under 18 by the Vaccine for Children Program but we have not heard if there will be any federal program(s) that will provide reduced or free COVID vaccine for adults.

#### Flu

We are currently receiving our flu vaccine and we do have it available in our clinics. On November 1<sup>st</sup> MPH, will be participating in the annual "Fight Flu TN" event. On that date and after we will be providing flu vaccines free as we have in the past. The CDC has predicted an early peak in flu this year with an average number of cases.

#### RSV

The CDC doesn't have the same long-term data for RSV as it does for flu, but projects and average year for RSV. They did not have a prediction on when or if a peak would occur.

#### Ryan White

You may remember that a year ago the state notified us the Ryan White Part B (RWPB) program would begin phasing out funding to the five agencies that provide HIV treatment and/or support services in the Ryan White Part A (RWPA) program in the Nashville-Davidson County Transitional Grant Area (TGA). The TGA consists of Davidson County and 12 surrounding counties. The first phase was to decrease funding to each agency by 10 percent in fiscal year 2023. The second phase was to have been a decrease by 90 percent in FY24.

Last week, the state health department notified us that the cut in funding to those agencies has been halted. TDH also assures us the RWPA AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the Insurance Assistance Program (IAP) will remain intact with no changes.

### Improving Health - Services to Individuals & Families

#### Breast Cancer Awareness events in October

The Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening team is working on several things to highlight breast cancer awareness in October. Below are some events they are working on (more details on time/place to come):

- "Día de la Mujer", The Hispanic Family Foundation's community women's health event 10/14
- Titans "Crucial Catch" home game (date TBD)
- Screening mammogram event co-hosted with the Breast Center at Nashville General Hospital 10/20
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk 10/21
- Outlying clinic and Lentz events (aiming for 10/24, 10/25, and 10/26)

#### WIC

WIC is setting up a Mother's Tent at the Nashville Fair, from Sept 8-17. There will be a private space to nurse, change a diaper, or just take a break. WIC is donating diapers, but also working with Nashville

Diaper Connection to provide free diapers and wipes. Staff also will be providing information about WIC, breastfeeding, and other topics related to young children and infants.

### Creating Healthier Community Environments

Kudos to our clinical services staff who have been busy with back-to-school vaccinations. From July 31 to August 25, dedicated as our “Back to School” time, Preventive Health staff provided 4,879 vaccines to children aged 18 and younger.

We continue to see comparable unique patient numbers over the last few years. (Note: we anticipate the increase in patients from year 2021 to 2022 to be related to multiple primary care provider options being closed during the pandemic.) Great work and thanks to the preventive health clinical staff.

AGE_YEARS	Year 20-21	Year 21-22	Year 22-23	Year 23-24	Total
0	304	253	94	114	765
1	244	211	177	191	823
2	115	126	138	74	453
3	98	157	143	128	526
4	334	420	334	383	1,471
5	540	643	404	380	1,967
6	76	282	159	195	712
7	68	154	112	238	572
8	58	164	112	155	489
9	85	111	83	171	450
10	68	138	115	138	459
11	404	404	362	373	1,543
12	1,041	1,260	1,047	837	4,185
13	188	325	255	261	1,029
14	144	360	187	241	932
15	104	300	215	145	764
16	215	375	397	260	1,247
17	142	482	411	289	1,324
18	141	168	134	121	564
	<b>4,369</b>	<b>6,333</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>20,275</b>

### Infant Mortality Awareness

September is Infant Mortality Awareness month. Locally, we focus on infant vitality. The Nashville Strong Babies team and partners will be hosting a community 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party to celebrate all the NSB babies who made to their first birthday and beyond. The celebration and education event is Saturday, October 7 at the Northwest YMCA from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Community Health Workers

Two weeks ago (Aug. 28 – Sept. 1) was National Community Health Worker Awareness Week. Our CHW Initiative, led by Chemyeeka Tumblin and Michaya Reeves, hosted a “Brunch and Learn” session with MPH teams to learn more about the vital role of Community Health Workers and to introduce our new CHW team members to staff.

## Suicide Prevention Week

The Behavioral Health and Wellness group is participating in multiple events in recognition of Suicide Prevention Week. See flyer of events below.

**Suicide  
Prevention &  
Awareness  
Week**

**Hope is Available**

## Join the Behavioral Health & Wellness Division for the following events:



### Monday

September

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### **Forever Flowers**

Create "forever flowers" - tissue paper flowers with inspirational quotes on the leaves.

South Nashville Clinic: 10:00am-12:00pm  
East Clinic: 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Tuesday

September

**12**

### **Community Outreach**

Connect with youth, aging adults, and unhoused individuals to promote mental health and pass out Hope Kits.

View flyer for volunteer locations and times and to sign up for a volunteer slot.

### Wednesday

September

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### **2nd Annual "Hope is Available" Event**

Hear from individuals who have lived experiences with suicide and experts in the mental health field.

Lentz Health Department Centennial Rooms  
9:00am-11:30am

### Thursday

September

**14**

### **Hope Walks Together**

Walk with us to honor and remember those who are impacted by suicide.

Lentz Health Department outdoor walking track  
(indoor option available)  
11:30am-12:30pm

### Friday

September

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### **QPR Training**

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training.

Lentz Health Department Centennial Room A  
10:00am-11:30am

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to sign up for these events and to find additional information and resources

<https://linktr.ee/behavioralhealthwellness>



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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

# NFHS Basic Data Matrix

08/01/2023 and 08/31/2023

		Species							Totals	
		Canine			Canine Totals	Feline				Feline Totals
		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		
Beginning Animal Count as of 08/01/2023		162	15	0	177	22	98	0	120	297
I N T A K E S	Stray/At Large	243	40	19	302	40	102	0	142	444
	Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
	Relinquished by Owner	18	1	0	19	4	10	0	14	33
	Other Intakes	14	0	10	24	4	1	0	5	29
	<b>Total Intakes</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>516</b>
O U T C O M E S	Adoptions	78	26	0	104	21	68	0	89	193
	Returned to Home	82	1	9	92	3	0	0	3	95
	Transferred to Rescue Group	68	12	11	91	7	4	0	11	102
	Other Live Outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Return to Field	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	<b>Total Live Outcomes</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>393</b>
	Died in Care	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Lost in Care	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Euthanasia	41	1	4	46	9	11	0	20	66
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total Other Outcomes</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>78</b>	
<b>Total Outcomes</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>471</b>	
Ending Animal Count as of 08/31/2023		166	14	6	186	35	121	0	156	342
Save Rate		85.09%	95.12%	86.67%	86.42%	81.25%	88.50%	0.00%	86.34%	86.39%



# NFHS Basic Data Matrix Deceased Animal Intake Only

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		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		
Beginning Animal Count as of 08/01/2023		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>I N T A K E S</b>	Stray/At Large	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Relinquished by Owner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other Intakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Intakes</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>