

Laboratory Services Bureau Program Goal		Agency/Program #: 6901-07-G5
		Division: Public Health and Safety
		Program: Laboratory Services
Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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Program or Project Description:

Laboratory Services - Provide laboratory testing services in support of public health programs.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of June 30, 2009
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	1,281,614	1,281,604	1,297,387	1,297,387	
State Special	2,521,743	2,208,479	2,972,555	2,894,997	
Federal Funds	848,611	686,880	1,057,402	925,877	
Total:	\$4,651,968	\$4,176,963	\$5,327,344	\$5,118,261	

Legislative Goal(s):

Reduce communicable disease in Montana through a surveillance system based upon public health laboratory disease diagnosis and assessment

Legislative Performance Measures:

1. By November 30, 2007, distribute grant monies to Board(s) of Health for tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits programs.
2. By June 30, 2009, summarize use of tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits grants, including the number of Montanans served and a breakdown of the services provided.
3. Through June 30, 2009, maintain accurate, reliable laboratory testing services (including human clinical and drinking water) that are accessible to 95% of local health jurisdictions and public clinics.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:

	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 Distribute grant monies to Board of Health for tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits programs.	11/30/2007	2/14/2008
2 Summarize the use of tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits grants, including the number of Montanan's served and a breakdown of services provided	6/30/2009	in progress
3 Clinical testing done by the Public Health Laboratory was provided to 55 of 56 counties during FY08.		
4 Analysis of data for drinking water testing provided by the Environmental Laboratory is pending due to temporary loss of summary reporting functionality during database upgrade process.		
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Agency Performance Report:

1. A contract was signed with Lincoln Co. Board of Health; following that, funding for FY08 was provided on 2/14/08 and funding for FY09 was provided in August, 2008.
2. The Contractor, Lincoln Co Board of Health, has not yet provided their final report. It is expected on or before Dec 31, 2009.
3. Clinical testing was provided to 55 of 56 counties (98%) in FY 09. Water testing was provided for residents in 53 of 56 counties (95%) in FY 09.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: Progress Report Needed

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Appropriation and expenditure information provided for both fiscal years

Comments/Issues: The 2007 Legislature provided \$1.5 million in general fund to support grants to county health boards in counties with a proliferation of tremolite asbestos-related diseases. The 2009 Legislature provided \$2.0 million in general fund in HB 645 for the same purpose. Information on the benefits provided including a breakdown of services and number of Montanans served in the previous biennium could allow the 2011 Legislature information on the need for continuing support of these services. Information on the reliability and accuracy of laboratory testing provides assurance over Montanans drinking water tests which examine for such contaminants as ecoli. The workgroup may wish to request an update on the status of these 2 performance measurements in June.

Options: Change LFD assessment

Request update in June on the final report for the 2009 biennium on the tremolite asbestos-related diseases and the laboratory testing results

Release from reporting

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