Payne County Health Department presents

Public Health Evolution

Where we started, where we’ve been, where we are today.

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Disease and Sanitation Era
1930-1950

Safety Net Era
1950-1990s

Population-based Services Era
2000-Present
THE 1930s

WANTED

INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF

CHAS. A. LINDBERGH, JR.
OF HOPEWELL, N.J.
SON OF COL. CHAS. A. LINDBERGH
World-Famous Aviator

This child was kidnapped from his home in Hopewell, N.J., between 8 and 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 1932.

DESCRIPTION:

27 to 30 lbs. 29 inches Eyes, dark blue
Hair, blond, curly
Complexion, light
Deep dimple in center of chin

In one-piece coverall night suit

COMMUNICATIONS TO:

W. H. SCHWARTZOFF, TRENTON, N.J., or
CHAS. A. LINDBERGH, HOPEWELL, N.J.

COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE

COL. H. HOPPER, SCHWARTZOFF
Superintendent, New Jersey State Police, Trenton

USA WORK PROGRAM

WPA

- Image of a dust storm
- Image of a World War I football team
- Image of a couple kissing
- Image of a wanted poster
- Image of a construction site with workers
- Image of a vintage car inside a garage
- Image of a man wearing a tin man costume from "The Wizard of Oz"
City-County Health Unit Opens Today

Payne County is 18th on the list of Oklahoma Counties to take advantage of the federal governments offer to pay half the cost of such a unit and the state health department’s offer to furnish equipment for immunization and disease prevention purposes. Activities will be wholly in the direction of disease prevention.

Dr. JF Hackler will head up the unit. Dr. Hackler said “at no time will the health workers enter into competition with the local professional men.”

Immediate activities will include the examination of all school children in Payne County at which time recommendations for health improvement will be offered. Inoculations for typhoid fever, smallpox and diphtheria will also be given in conjunction with the clinics.
“Activities will be wholly in the direction of disease prevention. At no time will the health workers enter into competition with the local professional men. In addition to giving serum to immunize children and other communicable diseases health officers will give lectures on health education and sanitation.”

Dr. J.F. Hackler on the occasion of the opening of the first health department in Payne County
CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1936 STAFFING PATTERN 4 FTE

- Physician
- Nurse
- Sanitary Engineer
- Secretary
Five purposes are outlined as duties of the health unit.

♦ Control of communicable diseases
♦ Sanitation of milk, water supplies and proper disposal of sewage
♦ Maternal and infancy service in an effort to lower the mortality of mothers at childbirth and to lower infant mortality
♦ School hygiene and the examination and recommendation for correction of physical defects and handicaps of school children
♦ Public health education to give people proper information on prevention and control of diseases
CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. 1936 BUDGET

One-half of the salaries of the unit members are paid by the county/city, one-half by the federal government and all immunizing supplies are furnished by the state.* Each dollar spent in prevention of diseases = a savings of $10.00 in treatment.

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*No information available on State and Federal funding contribution.
The health department is one of the fundamental divisions of city government. The most satisfactory type of organization is the Board of Health plan.

The board of health consists of three to five members, chosen by the chief executive of the city for a term of three to five years with overlapping terms of office. The position is honorary, with no salary. Members should be representative citizens, interested in public affairs and familiar with the general principles of public health. Some of the members should be physicians.

Dr. Hackler further explained the major functions of the board are:

1. Selection of the health officer
2. Determination of departmental policies, including the budget and approval of health officer appointments
3. Semi-Legislative Powers: Makes rules and regulations which, approved by the mayor and city council, have the effect of law
4. Semi-Judicial Powers: May hold hearings in regard to certain matters pertaining to health affairs of the city
Mechanics of Public Health Unit continued...

The **Health Officer** is the executive of the health department. He should have administrative ability as well as scientific training. The health officer should serve full time, should be a physician and should have formal training in public health administration.

The chief functions of the health department chief officer are:

1. Organization and administration of all the activities of the health department. He should carry out the policies of the department in accordance with the general plan as determined by the board of health.
2. Selection of the personnel – with the approval of the board of health, and in accordance with the general regulations of the city government.
3. Preparation of the budget and responsibility for expenditures within its provisions.
4. Interpretation of the activities of the health department to the mayor and city council and to the public at large.
5. In most health departments, except those of very large cities, the health officer himself is responsible for medical care within the unit.
Community Development Headlines

♦ September 18, 1936 – Payne County Medical Association Meets in Cushing
  ♦ County doctor gives talk on health unit services at meeting
♦ October 6, 1936 – Many Babies Show Attack of Rickets
  ♦ County Health Unit teams up with A&M Nutrition Specialists to educate public about preventing rickets
♦ October 29, 1936 – Dental Hygiene for Children is Pushed
  ♦ School nurse and County Health Unit emphasizes need to brush teeth
♦ November 25, 1936 - Christmas Seals for TB
  ♦ County doctor enlists support for Christmas Seal campaign
♦ November 27, 1936 – Conferences Will be Arranged for Pre-School Children
  ♦ Health unit and schools team up to hold pre-school child health conferences throughout the county
♦ March 4, 1937 – Health Center in Cushing does Land Office Business
  ♦ Children throng health center at East Moses for serums and look as though they need them
♦ April 18, 1937 – Anti-Syphilis Campaign for County Begun
  ♦ A&M students support syphilis prevention laws
♦ June 1, 1937 – Sanitary Toilets are Built at North Star School
  ♦ School board praised by county health officer for sanitary improvements
♦ September 2, 1937 – Record of Birth More in Demand
  ♦ State officials give attractive certificates as inducement for parents to register births
♦ September 19, 1937 – Milk Survey is Complete
  ♦ Illness following drinking of milk is traced to source and cause removed, county sanitarian reports
♦ October 26, 1937 – Water May Not Taste Good or Smell Good But It Is!
  ♦ State health authorities tell Cushing residents they will just “have to hold our nose and drink for a while.”
♦ October 27, 1937 – Students Examined by Health Officers
  ♦ Students at Oak Grove School examined by County Health and Indian Health Service medical staff
Public Health Services, Disease Information

- September 14, 1936 – Health Unit Makes Good Start on Disease Curb
  - First typhoid immunization given to 150 rural school children in opening week of health service
- September 23, 1936 – Typhoid Warning Issued by County Health Officer
  - Dr. Hackler outlines precautions in addition to vaccine for county
- September 25, 1936 – County Health Unit Opens Probe of Trench Mouth Cases
  - Increase in number of Trench Mouth cases in Stillwater and vicinity under investigation
- October 1, 1936 – The Common Cold
  - Common cold one of medicine’s most baffling problems and most difficult diseases to treat successfully
- October 20, 1936 – Northern County School Closed in Diphtheria Scare
  - Eureka School is closed temporarily by county health physician to prevent spread
- October 27, 1936 – Bacteria Count High in Some Restaurants
  - County sanitarian cites high bacteria count in unsterilized glassware
- October 29, 1936 – Trailer Will Join Tuberculosis War
  - Health Department plans unique laboratory
- November 18, 1936 – Milk Ordinance for Stillwater Favored
  - No negative votes after first reading for standard law; passage is likely

- November 19, 1936 – Two Cases of Scarlet Fever Found in County
  - County superintendent of health quarantines family
- January 5, 1937 – Syphilis and Pregnancy
  - County doctor emphasis on early treatment for syphilis in pregnant women
- July 11, 1937 – Four New Paralysis Cases Are Reported
  - Health unit head unalarmed over new outbreak; says scattered cases of polio are to be expected
- July 12, 1937 – Rabies Infected Dog Killed Early Monday
  - County officers warn against careless handling of pet animals
- July 16, 1937 - County Unit Will Enforce Health Laws
  - Young Cushing Negro woman is held on refusal to take syphilis treatments
- August 22, 1937 – Pellagra Cases Found in County
  - County health superintendent urges proper dieting to avoid disease
- August 29, 1937 – Malta Fever has Start in County
  - Eight cases reported by superintendent of health
- November 1, 1937 – Clinic for Crippled Kiddies Slated Soon
  - Specialists will hold clinics for children suffering from deformities resulting from disease, accident or birth
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Eight cases of Malta Fever among college enrollees have been reported by superintendent of health and college physician.

Clinic for Crippled Kiddies Slated Soon
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We’re getting our money’s worth

If the City-County health unit did nothing more than work toward control and eradication of dreaded venereal diseases it would be worth the $10,410 that Payne County and the City of Stillwater spend on it annually.

Health office asks law for food handlers

A standard ordinance for food handlers prepared by the United States Public Health Service will be recommended for Stillwater by the county health unit.
Perkins Points Way to Health with Mandatory Immunization Law

Mathews Asks Statewide Act; 800 pupils could be saved annually.

The immunization program of Perkins school board was held up Sunday as an example for other state schools to follow by Dr. Grady F. Mathews, state health commissioner.

The school board has taken definite steps to eliminate pupils’ loss of time from school as well as useless suffering and needless loss of life from preventable diseases, Dr. Mathews said.

Dr. J.F. Hackler, with the Perkins School Board, inaugurated what is believed to be the first mandatory school child immunization program in the state.

EXCITEMENT BREWS

Faces of school children and patrons reflect excitement of the wholesale vaccination program of the Perkins School System.
Dr. C.W. Moore assigned here to head health unit

Payne County and Stillwater Tuesday, had a new City-County health director with the arrival here of Dr. Clifford W. Moore, formerly of Madill.

“So far as I know, I am to be a permanent fixture here,” Dr. Moore stated when interviewed.

Dr. Moore was head of the health department at Madill, which supervised health work in Marshall, Love and Johnson Counties.

“I am a native Oklahoman, I received my medical degree from Oklahoma University and have moved here with my wife and son,” Dr. Moore said.
Cushing to get full time county health office

A full time county health unit office will be maintained in Cushing with a regularly employed nurse stationed here. A clerk and a janitor are also be to provided through the health department WPA project.

The county health officer, Dr. C.W. Moore, will divide his time between the Cushing and Stillwater areas. The county sanitarian will spend whatever time is necessary to handle the sanitation problems for the Cushing area.

The present office will be redecorated and receive additional equipment.

“With a full time nurse stationed here, a health program can be effectively carried through that was impossible under the previous set up,” Judd Deering, Payne County Commissioner stated.
End of heavy rains may be sighted now
Dr. C.W. Moore and his City-County Health Unit staff took advantage of the flooded southwest city section to give typhoid serum shots to those who gathered at Washington School.

City health plan praised
Grading of Stillwater restaurants and other food handling establishments has met the approval of state health inspectors. “The County Health Department and the city officials of Stillwater are to be complimented for the excellent progress which has been made in improving the sanitation of food handling establishments,” H.J. Darcy, Chief Engineer State Health Dept.
Children eating habits surveyed in rural areas
The Payne County Nutrition Committee recently compared the eating habits of children in six rural schools in which hot lunches are served. A total of 206 students were included in the survey.

New member on health staff
The Payne County Tuberculosis Association recently added a health educator to its staff. The new health educator will work under the supervision of Dr. C.W. Moore. Her time will be spent in city schools, carrying out a program formulated by the State Health Department.
Curing defects in speech topic at health dinner

The health clinic banquet given in Stillwater Monday night was attended by 250 guests. The banquet was a project to raise funds for a speech and hearing clinic for children of this region.

State health men to participate in Farm Home Week

Officials from the State Health Department will participate in Farm Home Week at A&M College. State health commissioner Grady Mathews will speak on community responsibility in health. Blood tests for venereal disease will be given without charge and chest x-rays will be offered.
MEDICAL STAFF CAN VISIT IN THE HOME

City-County Health Department staff can more readily visit clients in their homes with the arrival of their first state car. Mildred Mitchell, Grace Adams, Evalyn Balginy and Dr. C.W. Moore pose beside the new acquisition.

April 13, 1949
A dedication and open house is slated for the new City-County Health Center, located at 701 S. Walnut Ave in Stillwater. The event is slated for Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Stillwater Women’s Club and arrangements for the open house were arranged by the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
County Health Millage Passed

Throughout the years the city-county health department in Payne County relied heavily on appropriations from local city governments. In 1970, a two-mill county levy was passed by voters in an effort to provide a more stable source of funding for health department services.

Dr. C.W. Moore was the Health Unit’s Director when the millage election was voted on. Dr. Moore is quoted here as saying “kind of like a stepchild, sometimes the Health Unit doesn’t know where it’s next meal is coming from as it waits for municipalities to appropriate an amount to operate the clinic from City budgets.”

SHOT IN THE ARM

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Dr. C.W. Moore
POPULATION-BASED SERVICES ERA 2012
To Protect and Promote Health of the Citizens of Payne County, to Prevent Disease and Injury, and to Assure the Conditions by Which Our Citizens Can Be Healthy.
Payne County Health Department
2012 Staffing Pattern 50 FTE

Administrative Director

3 Administrative Programs Officers
2 Administrative Assistants

10 Administrative Technicians
12 Registered Nurses
3 Child Guidance Specialists
3 Public Health Specialists
6 Early Intervention Specialists

2 Nutrition Therapists
4 Children’s First Registered Nurses
2 Emergency Preparedness Specialists
1 Health Educator
1 Immunization Field Consultant
County health departments are responsible for the provision of the following Essential Public Health Services:

- Monitor health status to identify community health problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- Inform, educate and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve healthcare problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of healthcare when otherwise unavailable
Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems
Guidance staff Traci Hamilton, Bill McLean and Megan Withers serve clients’ needs more efficiently and economically with the arrival of OSDH motorpool vehicles for their use. A total of seven vehicles are assigned to Payne County Health Department personnel.
Payne County Health Department
FY 2011-12 Budget

County Appropriation $2,674,970.00
Federal Funds 1,022,860.00
State Funds 970,581.00
Fees/Reimbursements 240,180.00

In 2012 the Payne County Health Department is funded jointly by County, State and Federal funds. The 2 mill county levy remains in effect. For FY 2011-12 the county millage appropriation was $2,674,970.00.