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**Kane County Health Department receives outstanding score**

The Kane County Health Department received one of the highest scores possible for its 2006-2007 Technical Assistance Review, a requirement of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the area of public health emergency preparedness. The Health Department received a score of 93 out of 100.

“The score reflects Kane County’s ongoing commitment to public health excellence by continuing to plan, exercise and respond to public health emergencies. As we saw with the floods last summer, Kane County is ready to respond to the needs of our residents,” said Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director.

In 2006-2007, 73 percent of the states reviewed satisfactorily documented their planning efforts. A score of 69 or higher is considered satisfactory

Annually, the CDC reviews local health department’s public health emergency response plans as a requirement of the Cities Readiness Initiative grant. The Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) is a federal program to aid cities in increasing their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency such as a bioterrorism attack or a nuclear accident.

The review focuses on the health department’s ability to deliver the Strategic National Stockpile, a national stockpile of medical supplies, antibiotics and vaccines within 48

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hours of a public health emergency. The health department partners with other county departments such as the Office of Emergency Management, Sheriff and Transportation. Additional partners include hospitals, local fire and police departments and other community agencies.

The CDC reviewed the Health Department's coordination with traditional and nontraditional community partners; its ability to receive, stage and distribution of medical material; state statutes to aid in the rapid dispensing of medications; and the type and frequency of training, exercises and evaluation of response plans.

The full "CDC Report on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement" is available at:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/publication/feb08phprep>.

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