

Benchmark Activity: 2.3

The local health department shall collect reports of communicable diseases and other reportable health conditions from community health care providers and transmits them to the division

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: February 13, 2014

Agenda Item Subject: 2014 Communicable Disease Update

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Dr. Arlene Sena, MD, MPH

Purpose: _____ Action
 X Information only
 _____ Information with possible action

Objectives: To provide an overview of :

- 1) The DCoDPH Communicable Disease Control Program
- 2) Communicable disease cases and rates for past 5 years in Durham County
 - Gonorrhea, chlamydia, early syphilis
 - HIV, AIDS
 - Tuberculosis
 - Other communicable diseases
- 3) Challenges with STD, TB and Communicable Disease programs

Summary Information:

- Durham County rates of gonorrhea and chlamydia have decreased slightly in 2013. However, the number of cases and rates of early syphilis nearly doubled in 2013, and is being investigated by the State.
- Rates of HIV and AIDS reported per year of diagnosis continue to decline in the county.
- The number of confirmed TB cases in the county is at its lowest over 6 years, but the number of suspected cases requiring evaluation has remained high.

- In general, the number of communicable diseases reported in the county has declined; however, this may be due to under-reporting from local healthcare providers.

Recommended Action:

- Approve
- Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
- Approve & forward to _____
- Accept as information
- Revise & schedule for future action
- Other (details): _____