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OCDPH Releases 2013 Annual Report

HOLLAND – On March 24, Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) released their 2013 Annual Report www.miOttawa.org/health2013. Administrative Health Officer, Lisa Stefanovsky, presented the report to the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners at their regular session meeting. The report provides an overview of the health department, their financial statement and program statistics and highlights. At the commissioner's meeting, Stefanovsky shared how a focus on health equity demonstrates a county that celebrates diversity and recognizes the health needs of all individuals and families. She emphasized the commissioner's vision is for Ottawa County to be the location of choice for living, working and recreation. Healthy communities have a tremendous impact on prosperity. When people or businesses choose a new location, they consider a community where health is a value and a culture of health is embraced. As a result, public health plays a vital role and contributes to the long-term economic, social and environmental health of the county.

"As health officer, my role is to continually be forward thinking, assuring our organization is flexible and prepared to meet the changing public health needs of Ottawa County."

Lisa Stefanovsky, OCDPH Administrative Health Officer

OCDPH and community partners make up the local public health system, by collectively working on important health issues to place Ottawa County as the healthiest county in Michigan, according to the fifth annual [County Health Rankings](#). The public health system keeps our communities healthy and safe as technologies advance, public attitudes toward health shift and more health and safety options become available. Public health and clinical health professionals can engage with individuals and communities by supporting National Public Health week www.nphw.org, April 7-13, 2014. NPHW is an opportunity to help people recognize public health and create a movement towards a healthier nation.

OCDPH 2013 Annual Report www.miOttawa.org/health2013
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