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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona
State Capitol
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

President Andy Biggs
Senate President
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington
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Speaker Andy Tobin
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
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Dear Governor Brewer, President Biggs, and Speaker Tobin:

In accordance with ARS 36-137, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Arizona Department of Health Services for the year 2012.

Over the course of last year, the Department undertook significant projects aimed at reducing regulatory burden, integrating behavioral and physical health through licensure and through our behavioral health contracts, and we continue to strive to be a leader in public health nationwide.

Rather than issue an annual report that merely summarizes other [agency reports](#), I want to provide you with highlights and with direct links on the work the Department has completed in 2012.

Over the last year, the Arizona Department of Health Services had many accomplishments.

- Inspected hundreds of [Nursing Homes \(Long-term Care\)](#), [Assisted Living Facilities](#), [Medical Facilities](#), [Behavioral Health Providers](#), and [Child Care centers and homes](#) to make sure that folks are being treated right and have a safe environment.
- ADHS continues to work with stakeholders and licensees to currently [revise the health care institution rules](#) to allow both behavioral and physical health to be provided at a single facility.
- The [State Hospital](#) embarked on a [culture of care](#) initiative to improve patient care and increase positive outcomes. This included reviewing and revising clinical programs and processes, revising staff roles and responsibilities, recruiting and retaining talented staff, increasing productivity and improving communication, collaboration and creativity.
- Trained over 1,000 Arizonans from all walks of life on how to identify signs of possible mental illness and connect people with professional help through [Mental Health First Aid](#).
- ADHS, in conjunction with the March of Dimes and the Arizona Perinatal Trust, launched a new [Healthy Babies](#) campaign. Through the promotion of the March of Dimes [39-week Toolkit](#), 90 percent of all APT-certified hospitals have agreed to put a stop to allowing elective inductions and C-sections prior to 39 weeks.
- The Bureau of Tobacco & Chronic Disease, in collaboration with the [EMS SHARE](#) Program, launched an initiative to implement trainings for modifying the 911 protocols related to suspected cardiac arrest. Based on early findings from the pilot programs, it is anticipated that dispatcher training and revised 911 protocols will result in as many as 1,000 more survivors of cardiac arrests per year.
- The Bureau of Health Systems Development launched an interactive mapping tool that allows users to search for the nearest [Sliding Fee Scale Clinics](#).
- ADHS completed rulemakings for [Group Homes for Individuals Who Are Developmentally Disabled](#), which removed outdated or overly burdensome requirements to lessen the regulatory burden for stakeholders and reduce costs and [Hospitals Providing Psychiatric Services](#), which eliminated the dual licensing requirements for hospitals that provide organized psychiatric services.
- ADHS began working towards becoming nationally accredited. National Public Health [Accreditation](#) verifies the provision of the [ten essential public health standards](#) through

quality improvement initiatives. Oversight and guidance for this effort is being provided by the [Managing for Excellence](#) program.

- ADHS has developed a [Continuous Quality Improvement Program](#) to support the Governor's [Four Cornerstones of Reform](#) as we work to develop metrics to track and monitor our agency's progress.
- The [Smoke-Free Arizona Program](#) celebrated the 5 year anniversary of its successful implementation on May 1, 2012, as detailed in the [2012 Smoke-Free Arizona Annual Report](#).
- Beginning in 2012, all Arizona's licensed childcare providers and facilities will include the [SunWise Program](#). More than 2000 providers state-wide will be implementing policies to ensure students and staff is protected from harmful UV radiation.
- The Department investigated two large [outbreaks of botulism](#) in the state in 2012. During these outbreaks, 12 inmates developed botulism and required hospitalization after consuming prison-brewed alcohol.
- Arranged a statewide [assessment of our trauma system](#) by the American College of Surgeons.
- Arizona became one of only a few states to have all county health departments recognized by [Project Public Health Ready \(PPHR\)](#).
- Published the first [Annual Medical Marijuana Report](#) after the initiation of the program and an [End of Year Report](#) for 2012.
- Published the first comprehensive [2011 Abortion Report](#).
- [Arizona Biomedical Research Commission](#) drafted its first strategic map, created and approved a new mission statement, [funded critical research](#) in Arizona, and collected and provided over 1200 cord blood units into the National Marrow Donor Program Registry.
- In 2012, 87,274 babies were born in Arizona. Of those, 96% were screened for 28 metabolic disorders by [the newborn screening program](#), and 99% received a hearing screening at the hospital. 131 infants were diagnosed with congenital disorders and received treatment in a timely manner.

Here are the eight topics required by statute in the Annual Report.

- Each year, ADHS compiles the [Arizona Health Status and Vital Statistics Report](#) with information on vital statistics and the health status of Arizona residents.
- In addition to the highlights previously outlined, the activities of the Department are chronicled on the [Director's blog](#).
- [County Public Health Departments](#) continue to serve a vital role in public health and had many accomplishments in 2011.
- ADHS monitors and tracks various [diseases](#) throughout the state.
- Public health expenditures by the [state](#) and [counties](#) add up to millions of dollars.
- [Obesity](#) remains the largest public health threat to Arizona.
- The [Arizona State Hospital](#) serves an important role for the Department.
- The functions of CRS were [successfully transferred to AHCCCS](#) in 2011.

There is much more information available about the Department on our website at www.AZDHS.gov. Please feel free to explore the online content for each of our Divisions and the many programs that we provide for the people of Arizona.

Sincerely,



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