

April 27, 2018

The Honorable Darrell Clarke  
City Council President  
City Hall, Room 490  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke,

This letter is in response to questions raised at the April 18, 2018 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget for the Department of Public Health. At this hearing, the following questions were asked:


**Councilman Oh:** Please provide additional performance measures for your department that more directly tie to your goals.

The Department of Public Health participated in the first wave of program-based budgeting departments through the Administration's Office of Budget and Program Evaluation. The department identified 20 measures appropriate for each specific program. The department's broader goals are outlined in its 2018-2021 strategic plan, available online at [www.phila.gov/health](http://www.phila.gov/health). New objectives include actions to:

- Reduce the spread of influenza and hepatitis C;
- Better prepare for public health emergencies;
- Monitor air quality, reduce asthma, and reduce lead poisoning;
- Lower rates of smoking, obesity, HIV, and syphilis;
- Reduce opioid addiction and overdose deaths;
- Improve the health of young children;
- Improve the quality of chronic disease management in city health centers; and
- Monitor and report on primary care city-wide as a means to improve access to primary care.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,



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Health Commissioner