

## Health Department Staff



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# LOGAN-HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2015

## 2015 Annual Report



**Douglas S. Fisher, DPM**  
Health Commissioner

Dear Clients, Partners, and Stakeholders:

Public Health continues to change. We at the Health Department are becoming more and more expectant of change from year to year. While change can often be challenging and troublesome, we seem to be getting used to it. I must admit that the Hocking County Health District Board of Health and Hocking County Health Department Staff, are doing a good job of anticipating, adapting, and working hard to conform to what is being asked of us regarding these additions, adjustments, and revisions.

This year, we have prepared for emerging threats such as Ebola and homeland terrorism; responded to food borne outbreaks and helped to implement preventative action steps; partnered with our township trustees to collect thousands of discarded tires; continued to provide immunizations while learning how to bill client's insurances for this service; helped women to make sure their infants and children get nutritious meals; and continued to partner with our County Commissioners to repair or replace failing septic systems for those that are income eligible. This was all carried out under the unpredictability of funding and declining resources. Those of us that work in public health persevere through this uncertainty from year to year. The skill of being able to adapt has never been more key or important than it is now.

We spent much of 2015 embarking on beginning the path to becoming a nationally accredited health department. Accreditation is one of the more recent changes to public health. The Ohio legislation has mandated by putting into law, that all local health departments in Ohio become accredited by the year 2020. This typically is a 3 year process and cost many tens of thousands of unfunded dollars. Our actual path started by working with Ohio State University Center for Public Health Practice and local partners to complete another community health assessment. We also wisely appointed Christinia Kemper, RN as our Accreditation Coordinator. She immediately formed an employee workgroup that will help her lead us on this journey and change. Christinia and the workgroup are off and making great strides towards completing this goal.

I am excited to be leading the Hocking County Health Department into and through these changes. I look forward to our journey towards accreditation which will cause us to have a better understanding of our population's health and in turn, provide better services to meet our community's needs.

I am proud to present the 2015 version of our annual report. I hope you enjoy reading about some of this year's accomplishments and how we adapted to more of those changes in public health.

Regards,

Doug Fisher  
Health Commissioner

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# Environmental

To help keep Hocking county clean and healthy, we have partnered with several agencies to promote recycling and to remove scrap tires and litter.



The Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District (AHSWD) provided us with recycling containers that were used at many county functions greatly reducing the amount of trash. With a grant from the Ohio EPA and the AHSWD supplying the 10% matching funds, several scrap tire drives were held in conjunction with our township trustees removing thousands of unwanted and unsightly tires. Since scrap tires provide ideal habitat for mosquitoes to breed, this greatly reduces the number of mosquitoes and lessens the rate of mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and La Crosse encephalitis.

We have joined Keep Southeast Ohio Beautiful (KSOB) an affiliate of the national organization Keep America Beautiful and participate in the Education & Outreach Group for the Zero Waste initiative at Rural Action. All of these organizations work together to promote recycling, provide education and tackle illegal dumping and burning. Several litter cleanups were held in Hocking County in conjunction with KSOB, AHSWD, and township trustees and residents.

- Effective September 1, 2015, Hocking County Health Department adopted the Progressive Enforcement Program (PEP) in an effort to bring Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments with habitual critical and/or non-critical violations into compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code in a timely, fair and consistent way.
- The new statewide Household Sewage Treatment System Rules became effective on January 1, 2015. During this transition the Health Department continues to make improvements that protect our water supply and reduce potential disease threats.

- The Annual Contractor's Workshop was held February 5<sup>th</sup> at Lee's Banquet Haus in Partnership with the Hocking County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Fairfield Department of Health and the Perry County Health Department. The event was a success with over 100 attendants and participants.
- Environmental Health staff investigated 81 rabies exposure events which included 61 dogs, 11 cats, 4 bats, 1 pig, 1 goat, 1 rabbit, 1 chipmunk and 1 mouse. The annual Rabies clinic was held on May 16 & 17 at the Fairgrounds and over 90 dogs and cats were vaccinated for the rabies virus.

## 2015 County Visits

BENTON	163
FALLS	269
FALLS/GORE	29
GOODHOPE	118
GREEN	111
LAUREL	115
LAURELVILLE	57
LOGAN	599
MARION	130
MURRAY CITY	28
PERRY	98
SALT CREEK	57
STARR	71
WARD	51
WASHINGTON	157

# Preparedness

The preparedness division received a regional preparedness grant to collaborate and plan with health departments, Emergency Medical Services, hospitals, and other partners in Ohio's southeast central region to monitor, manage, and transport individuals who have been exposed to the Ebola Hemorrhagic Virus. Response plans across the region are nearing completion and a functional exercise will be executed in the spring to test the plans.



- Assisted in the development and execution of a tabletop exercise delivered at 10 locations, one (1) functional exercise delivered throughout the southeast central region, and 2 regional communications drills.
- Participated in the assembly and take-down of the "BluMed" mobile facility located in Meigs County.
- Participated in local and regional healthcare coalitions throughout Southeast Central Ohio.
- Participated in 12 regional public health preparedness workgroups to develop response plans, plan and develop response training, plan and develop drills and exercises for local health departments.
- Facilitated a region-wide, one-day training focused on healthcare preparedness, with more than 50 participants from home health agencies, extended care/nursing facilities, health departments, developmental disabilities agencies, and hospitals in attendance.

# Public Health Services



## Environmental

### Programs & Inspections

- Private Water Systems
- Food Protection
- Household Sewage Treatment Systems
- School Safety
- Manufactured Home Parks
- Public Swimming Pools/Spas
- Campgrounds and Resident Day Camps
- Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishments
- Animal Bite Investigations
- Water Sample Collections
- West Nile Virus Prevention
- Larvaciding
- Rabies Prevention
- Public Health Nuisance Investigation
- Residential and Commercial Plumbing
- Home Property Evaluations
- Home Sewage Treatment Evaluations
- Lot Split Approvals/Subdivision Approvals
- Food-borne Illness Investigations

## Nursing

### Education

- School Health Programs
- Tobacco Prevention
- Physical Fitness/Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating

### Home Visits

- Newborn
- BCMH (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps)

### Screenings

- Blood Pressure
- HIV Screening
- STD Testing
- Pregnancy Tests
- School Hearing and Vision Checks

### Clinics

- Flu Shots
- Immunizations
- Tb Tests

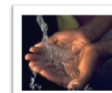
### Programs

- Car Seats
- Child Fatality Review
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Cribs for Kids
- Communicable Disease
- Community Health Assessment
- Head Lice Eradication
- Baby & Me—Tobacco Free
- Tobacco Cessation

### WIC

- Breastfeeding Education & Support
- Breastfeeding Peer Counseling
- Health and Nutrition Assessments
- Nutrition Education and Counseling
- Provide Supplemental Highly Nutritious Foods

## 2015 Health Service Report



### Environmental

Animal Bite Reports	78
Building Placement Permits	67
Food License	200
Food Inspections	533
Lot Splits	14
Nuisance Complaint Inspections	347
Plumbing Permits	91
Plumbing Inspections	263
Pool/Spa Inspections	35
Park/Camp Inspections	36
Realty (Water & Septic)	48
School Safety Inspections	17
Sewage Final Approvals	93
Sewage Permits	71
Site Evaluations	86
Water Samples	179
Well Permits	68



### Nursing

BCMH Home Visits	4
Blood Pressures	127
Car Seats	42
Flu Shots	2031
HIV Tests	32
Head Lice Checks	42,139
Hearing/Vision	31
Immunizations	2267
Pregnancy Tests	71
HEP C Test	11
STD Tests	28
Tuberculin Skin Tests	464
WIC Certification/Re-Certification	1574
WIC Nutrition Education	795
WIC Clients Served	2369

### Public Health Preparedness

- Epidemiology
- CRI (City Readiness Initiative with Columbus Public Health)
- Local, Regional and Statewide Disaster Exercises & Planning
- Pandemic Influenza Planning
- Preparedness Education
- Regional Readiness in South Central Ohio
- Response Planning

### Vital Statistics

- Birth certificates
- Completion of "Acknowledgement of Paternity Affidavits"
- Corrections to birth and death records using an affidavit
- Death certificates
- Genealogical research

# Public Health Accreditation

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is the non-profit organization that administers the national public health department accreditation program. Accreditation standards define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited. National public health department accreditation has been developed because of the desire to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders.

While the intent behind PHAB accreditation is voluntary, the Ohio Department of Health has mandated that all local health departments in Ohio apply for accreditation by July 1, 2018 and receive PHAB accreditation status by July 1, 2020. This will ultimately impact future funding. With our current timeline the Hocking County Health Department anticipates meeting the deadlines set forth by the state.



Steps towards accreditation this year include forming an internal accreditation team that will be responsible for selecting the documentation to be submitted for review. The documentation selected and submitted to PHAB must demonstrate how we meet their established accreditation standards. The accreditation team has been reviewing the PHAB Standards & Measures and will soon begin creating and collecting this documentation. Our accreditation coordinator has also been a part of state and regional level efforts to pursue PHAB accreditation.

While our department is truly in the early stages of the accreditation process- we can already see the value of national accreditation. For more information on public health department national accreditation- please visit the PHAB website at [www.phabboard.org](http://www.phabboard.org).



# Nursing

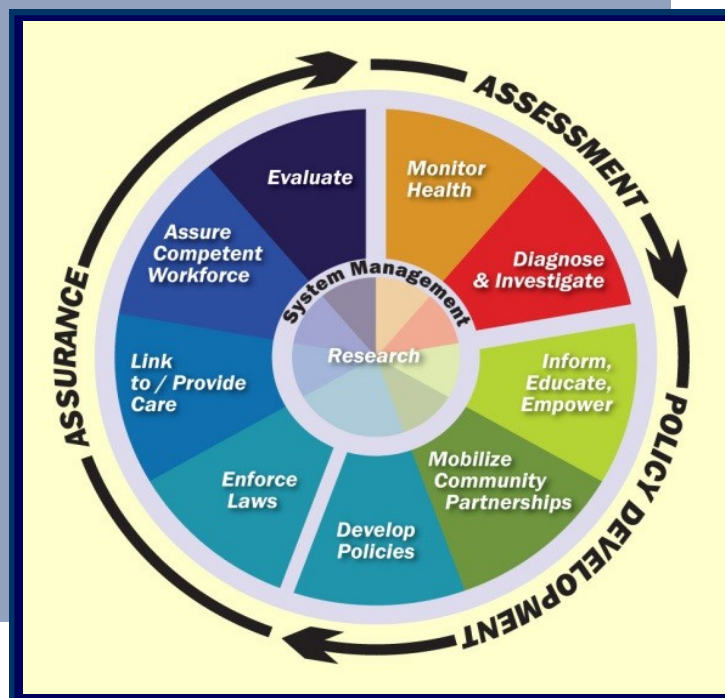
Hepatitis C Testing - Received an Osteopathic Heritage award to re-start a Hepatitis C program that was stopped due to the loss of funding from the Ohio Department of Health. Hepatitis C testing, early detection, education and prevention strategies are a large part of the infection disease program here at the health department. Hepatitis C disease has more than doubled in the last five years in the county and region. This new funding will enable the health department to conduct 100 Hepatitis C tests, education, and referrals to at risk individuals.



- Bike helmets – Received a grant from the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics that provided bike helmets for youth in Hocking County. Distributed helmets during the Annual Hocking County Relay for Life event at the Hocking County Fairgrounds.
- Participated in a full scale, mass immunization exercise in Columbus in June with Columbus Public Health. This exercise was part of a preparedness grant the health department is involved in.
- Received an ODH pilot grant to invest in a new billing program for vaccine services.
- Safe Sleep - Cribs for Kids Program- Pack & Play cribs distributed to mothers to provide a safe sleep environment for their infant, billboard, sleep sacks.
- Breastfeeding rates continue to slowly increase in Hocking County. Our Certified Lactation Counselor's, along with breastfeeding peer host a monthly breastfeeding class. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year sponsoring a breastfeeding booth at the Hocking Co Fair.
- Assisted in the planning & participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Kidpalooza- a free family event intended for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families.
- Received funding from the Athens/Hocking/Vinton 317 Board to start a Project DAWN program in Hocking County. Project DAWN provides Naloxone (Narcan) to clients that may be addicted to an opiate, or a loved one or acquaintance of an addict. This Narcan is used to reverse the effects of opiates in the case of an overdose. The Hocking County Sheriff's office as well as a couple of volunteer fire departments have been trained and provided Narcan for use in the field as a first responder.
- Weekly Speaking of Public Health articles published in the Logan Daily News.
- WIC- 5A's plaque – The Ohio Department of Health presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Hocking County WIC program for contributions to the Ohio Partners for Smoke Free Families 5 A's Perinatal Smoking Cessation Program for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- Continue to provide flu shots across the county, at the schools, local businesses, city and county agencies, etc.

# Building A Healthy Community

Accreditation provides a means for a public health department to identify performance improvement opportunities, enhance management, develop leadership, and strengthen relationships with members of the community. The accreditation process will challenge the health department to think about its roles and responsibilities and how it fulfills them. It will encourage and stimulate quality and performance improvement in the health department. Accreditation demonstrates the capacity of the public health department to deliver the three core functions and the ten essential services of public health as represented in the graphic.



# Vital Statistics

## Leading Causes of Death Hocking County 2015

- Cancer - 41
- Cardiac - 34
- Respiratory/Pulmonary - 22
- Dementia /Alzheimer's - 19
- Accident - 7
- Multi-System Failure - 6
- Suicide - 5



## Communicable Disease

Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia	58
Giardiasis	2
Gonorrhea	8
Hepatitis B	21
Hepatitis C	85
Influenza	7
LaCrosse Virus	1
Lyme Disease	3
Meningitis aseptic/viral	2
Pertussis	2
Salmonellosis	2
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	2

# Fiscal

Public health is critical to the health and well being of our community. In order to provide essential public health services and state mandated programs in Logan and Hocking County, the financial support of the community is key. The Health Department relies on levy support for approximately 33% of its revenue. The Levy will allow the Health Department to maintain daily operations while providing necessary services within the community. Below is the 2015 Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements of all Funds. We greatly appreciate your support of public health and look forward to improve the health of our community!

Fund Name	Board of Health	Capitol Projects	Wellness Incentive/Retirement	Solid Waste	Public Health Infrastructure	Camp-Park Fund	Food Service	Water System	Sewage & Plumbing	Swimming Pools/Spas	CFHS Grant	PHER Grant	WIC Grant	NACCHO Grant	WELCOME HOME	H.R.A Fund	TOBACCO PREVENTION	PERRY PREVENTION	I.A.P. Grant	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash receipts:</b>																				
Local taxes	521,431.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	521,431.09
Intergovernmental	133,380.24	-	-	-	142,036.05	-	-	-	-	-	30,087.00	40,837.00	186,661.38	-	-	-	10,902.59	-	14,929.78	558,834.04
Fines, licenses, and permits	246,284.48	2,243.66	-	-	-	8,454.00	61,429.65	28,302.75	104,326.00	6,160.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	457,200.54
Miscellaneous	27,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,000.00
<b>Total cash receipts</b>	<b>928,095.81</b>	<b>2,243.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,036.05</b>	<b>8,454.00</b>	<b>61,429.65</b>	<b>28,302.75</b>	<b>104,326.00</b>	<b>6,160.00</b>	<b>30,087.00</b>	<b>40,837.00</b>	<b>186,661.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,902.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,929.78</b>	<b>1,564,465.67</b>
<b>Cash disbursements:</b>																				
<b>Current:</b>																				
Salaries	430,823.91	-	-	-	86,109.92	4,000.00	31,665.21	12,435.13	40,330.52	4,350.00	18,182.34	-	117,911.16	-	-	-	11,625.48	-	5,323.58	762,757.25
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	-	19,560.59	-	-	-	-	-	8,288.42	136.55	54,509.50	-	-	-	2,548.90	-	2,689.27	87,733.23
Supplies	125,262.35	-	-	-	9,821.77	-	2,003.58	195.45	1,311.64	-	4,766.07	545.77	5,107.96	-	-	-	-	-	257.95	149,272.54
Equipment	15,143.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,089.08	-	-	-
Contracts - Services and Repair	45,552.58	33,373.55	-	-	4,587.48	-	-	-	28,373.14	-	2,500.00	31,803.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146,190.71
Telephone	3,963.99	-	-	-	1,650.00	-	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	1,172.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,086.53
Travel and Expenses	10,298.32	-	-	-	5,929.84	214.76	2,300.00	1,638.52	3,293.52	91.00	408.12	1,937.18	844.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,956.21
Advertising and Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Employees Retirement	59,043.85	-	-	-	-	600.00	4,419.63	1,853.39	5,592.17	700.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,209.04
Worker's Compensation	2,866.37	-	-	-	-	150.00	-	20.59	236.25	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,333.21
Medicare	6,033.89	-	-	-	-	100.00	440.99	176.45	575.43	40.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,366.76
Hospitalization	65,809.81	-	-	-	-	-	6,314.77	-	4,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,324.58
Life Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remittance to State	20,263.88	-	-	-	-	1,620.00	4,670.00	5,962.00	1,785.00	1,420.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,720.88
Rent & Utilities	36,957.87	-	-	-	18,403.36	-	9,199.68	-	16,270.72	-	4,874.62	-	17,752.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,459.08
Other Expenses	11,257.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,434.50	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	-	7,639.36	-	-	-	24,631.16
Auditor/Treasurer Fees	17,266.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,266.45
<b>Total program disbursements</b>	<b>850,400.57</b>	<b>33,373.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,062.96</b>	<b>6,684.76</b>	<b>61,013.86</b>	<b>27,716.03</b>	<b>101,968.39</b>	<b>6,661.00</b>	<b>39,319.57</b>	<b>34,423.46</b>	<b>197,598.94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,639.36</b>	<b>18,263.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,270.80</b>	<b>1,539,540.57</b>