

Health Department Staff

Mission Statement

Our mission is to serve and educate the citizens of Hocking County with public health programs that prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the environment.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Hocking County Health Department is to achieve excellence in health education, disease prevention and environmental health. It is our desire to provide high quality, community friendly, accessible services that reflect our mission in accordance with the Public Health Standards, and make the Hocking County Health Department become recognized as a model public health agency.

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Pictured : Row 1 (from left): Susan Robison, Debra Elliott, Minchen Vickers, Jessica Bazell, Christinia Kemper, Brittney Wilson, Cheryl Proctor, Nikki Hankison

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LOGAN-HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2013

2013 Annual Report



Douglas S. Fisher, DPM
Health Commissioner

2013 quickly came and went. Proudly, the year brought many successes to the Logan-Hocking County Health District Board of Health and the Hocking County Health Department in spite of the challenges. The most successful accomplishment in 2013 was the Board of Health's ability to maintain a strong public health workforce in spite of the challenges of losing some key employee's in 2012 and 2013 and the struggle to compete for the best employees when the funding for public health continues to dwindle.

If you have been around me for any period of time, you've most likely heard me state that the Logan-Hocking County Health District's most valuable asset is the team of employees that work at the Hocking County Health Department. They are the culture and passion of our organization. It is our employees that spend their time studying, training and researching in order to be able to deliver the best service possible. They are the ones that put themselves on the frontline to prevent diseases, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect our environment. It's them that work hard to fully understand our clients' unique situations and find solutions for their issues and concerns. It is the staff that builds the good relationships with our public health partners, a very important and necessary intangible for the work of public and community health.

Late in 2012 and into early 2013, some very talented employees joined the Hocking County Health Department staff: Christinia Kemper (Public Health Nurse); Sean Stephenson (Contract Sanitarian); Kelly Brehm (Public Health Nurse); Dennis Oliver (Contract Plumbing Inspector); Brittney Wilson (Public Health Nurse) and Nikki Hankison (Public Health Nurse). As our newest team members, they bring a variety of education, knowledge, experience, insight, skills and yet more added value to our workforce.

Fortunately, the staff members at the Hocking County Health Department have always been our best asset by being devoted, loyal, and hard-working individuals. The Board of Health and Hocking County Health Department Staff leave 2013 proud of what we have accomplished and confident we will continue to make positive changes for the betterment of the health of our community in 2014. I hope this is apparent in this year's 2013 Hocking County Health Department's Annual Report.

Doug Fisher, Health Commissioner

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Environmental

The Environmental Division has partnered with the Fairfield Department of Health to share Sanitarian Sean Stephenson and Plumbing Inspector Dennis Oliver. This partnership benefits both health departments and the communities in many ways including sharing of knowledge and ideas, providing additional coverage when needed, and financial savings through salaries, benefits, office space, and equipment. Sanitarian Stephenson works in Hocking on Monday and Wednesday while Plumbing Inspector Oliver is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.



- Homeowners in Hocking County continue to benefit from the WPCLF program to upgrade or completely replace their failed sewage treatment system. The WPCLF program is funded by the EPA for homeowners who are income eligible.
- The annual Rabies clinic was held on May 19 & 20 at the Fairgrounds. Over 224 dogs and cats were vaccinated for the rabies virus. This event is a cost effective way for people to protect their family and pets from the rabies virus and would not be possible without the assistance and dedication of our local veterinarians.
- The Hocking County Health Department joined forces with the Fairfield Department of Health and the Hocking and Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation Districts for the annual Contractors Workshop and Tradeshow on February 7th. This well attended event features various speakers and vendors for the benefit of contractors, realtors, and developers.
- The Ohio Department of Health conducted a survey in June and determined the Environmental Division met the minimum acceptable standards for implementing and enforcing Ohio's private water system program.

2013 County Visits	
BENTON	149
FALLS	319
FALLS/GORE	28
GOODHOPE	102
GREEN	144
LAUREL	90
LAURELVILLE	72
LOGAN	521
MARION	189
MURRAY CITY	34
PERRY	91
SALT CREEK	39
STARR	79
WARD	47
WASHINGTON	95

Preparedness

The preparedness division assisted in the development and execution of a regional public health functional exercise. This exercise, conducted in November, focused on the arrival of a new virus with a high fatality and attack rate, resulting in a pandemic and the preparation for delivery of anti-viral medical countermeasures to the population of our county. The exercise allowed HCHD staff to evaluate their many strengths and to identify areas that could be strengthened further.



- Assisted in the development and execution of 2 functional exercises, 2 "Infectious Disease Notification" drills, and 4 regional communications drills.
- Participated in the annual Hocking County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) full-scale exercise.
- Participated in the assembly and take-down of the "BluMed" mobile facility located in Meigs County.
- Participated in 11 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 Methamphetamine Lab Awareness training at seven locations throughout the Southeast Central Ohio region for any individual interested in attending.

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
- Hepatitis C Testing
- 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 Investigation
- Communicable Disease
- Community Health Assessment
- Head Lice Eradication

WIC

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

Public Health Preparedness

- Epidemiology
- Response Planning
- Preparedness Education
- Pandemic Influenza Planning
- Regional Readiness in South Central Ohio
- Local, Regional and Statewide Disaster Exercises & Planning

Vital Statistics

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

2013 Health Service Report



Environmental

Animal Bite Reports	63
Building Placement Permits	75
Food License	199
Food Inspections	524
Lot Splits	19
Nuisance Complaint Inspections	430
Plumbing Permits	117
Plumbing Inspections	245
Pool Inspections	39
Park/Camp Inspections	24
Realty (Water & Septic)	41
School Safety Inspections	21
Sewage Final Approvals	92
Sewage Permits	86
Site Evaluations	64
Water Samples	189
Well Permits	67



Nursing

BCMH Home Visits	10
Blood Pressures	38
Car Seats	40
CFHS Education	1345
Flu Shots	2159
HIV Tests	42
Head Lice Checks	37,282
Health Education	1345
Hearing/Vision	287
Immunizations	2,261
Pregnancy Tests	112
HEP C Test	39
STD Tests	47
Tuberculin Skin Tests	574
WIC Certification/Re-Certification	1,753
WIC Nutrition Education	1,334
WIC Clients Served	3,087

Accreditation

Accreditation is a status that provides public notification that an agency meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency. Accreditation has been widely accepted in the healthcare field and now public health agencies need to demonstrate accountability to their communities.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is the national accrediting organization for public health departments. While the intent behind PHAB accreditation is voluntary, the Ohio Department of Health has mandated that all local health departments apply for accreditation by 2018 and be PHAB accredited by 2020. This will ultimately impact future funding.

The main component of accreditation is documentation selection to demonstrate compliance to a set of 12 standards. These are based on the 10 essential public health services in addition to agency administration and governance. This will be an agency-wide effort and all employees will be contributing to the collection of documentation.

The average accreditation process takes 2-3 years for most agencies although some report spending 4-5 years. Once PHAB accreditation status is received, it is valid for 5 years at which time re-accreditation will be necessary.

To prepare for accreditation, the management staff and accreditation coordinator Christinia Kemper have been meeting to review and discuss the standards. Christinia has attended learning community sessions and has informed all staff of the accreditation process.

Although our health department is just getting underway with our journey towards achieving national accreditation, we are already looking forward to the benefits this will bring not only to our health department- but to our community. We will be keeping you updated on our progress!



Nursing



Our breastfeeding program gained momentum and popularity in 2013. Stephanie Runge, our breastfeeding peer, has been with the health department for 7 years and continues to be an asset to our breastfeeding women. Both of our nurses working in the WIC program passed their Certified Lactation Counseling test and now are CLC's. In celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness Month, we worked with local businesses to promote breastfeeding by painting their windows with the breastfeeding logo. We also provided goody bags to local physicians to help promote the breastfeeding message. We look forward to expanding our program even more in 2014.

- WIC program now has 2 Certified Lactation Counselors – congratulations to Kelly Brehm and Nikki Hankison.
- Received a small Komen grant in the summer of 2013 to assist women with obtaining free mammograms, and to help with transportation and treatment.
- Collaborated with Logan Hocking School District on the 1st Annual 5th Grade Orientation Night. Provided education about the Opiate task force, prescription drug boxes, immunizations and other health department services.
- Our WIC peer helper, Stephanie Runge was featured on a state WIC peer helper poster promoting breast feeding.
- Continue to participate in an immunization billing pilot through the Ohio Department of Health.
- One of the only providers in the area that provided quadrivalent flu vaccine for the 2013/14 flu season.
- Welcomed two new public health nurses to the department in 2013.
- Collaborated with the School Health Council for the annual Turkey Trot 5k.
- Provide car seats and car seat checks to parents through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes.

New Staff



Brittney Wilson – Public Health Nurse – Hired March 2013

Brittney graduated from Ohio University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and in 2012 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She previously worked at the Hocking Valley Community Hospital for four years. In that time, she completed an internship and was later employed with the Employee/ Community Wellness department and then as a Registered Nurse. Looking in a different direction for her career, she began working at the Hocking County Health Department in March of 2013. Here, she can use her education and experience in public health and nursing to make a much larger impact on the Hocking County community.



Nikki Hankison – Public Health Nurse – Hired April 2013

Nikki graduated from Shawnee State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Health Management. She later graduated from Hocking College with her LPN in 2011 and her RN in 2012. Nikki worked at the Hocking Valley Community Hospital for a total of seven years. She started as an STNA and then went into her nursing role working mainly in the Skilled Nursing and Psych Nursing Departments. She began employment at the Hocking County Health Department in April of 2013. Since being hired at the Health Department, Nikki received her Certified Lactation Counselor license on October 11, 2013.



Dennis Oliver—Plumbing Inspector—Hired March 2013

Dennis' family started a plumbing business in 1970 and always had a summer job as a helper with the tradesmen in the business. He completed a four year trade school while working full time in the family plumbing business and graduated top apprentice in the class and later received a master plumbing license. Dennis has a State of Ohio Plumbing License and Hydronic License, a State of Ohio Certification for Backflow Testing, is Certified from the Department of Commerce for Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Plans Examiner, Board of Building Standards certified for commercial and residential Plumbing Inspector. Dennis was hired full time with the Fairfield Department of Health in 2006 and then hired through contract with Hocking County Health Department part time in March 2013.

Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death Hocking County 2013

- Cardiac - 60
- Cancer - 40
- Respiratory/Pulmonary - 24
- Undetermined/Natural Causes - 21
- Dementia /Alzheimer's - 15
- Stroke - 8
- Suicide - 6
- Pending - 6
- Multi system organ failure - 5
- All other causes - 30
- Failure to thrive - 5



Communicable Disease	Campylobacter	2
	Chlamydia	66
	Giardiasis	1
	Gonorrhea	7
	Hepatitis C (Chronic)	50
	Influenza Associated Hospitalizations	3
	Meningitis (Viral)	4
	Mycobacterial Disease	2
	Pertussis	4
	Varicella	1

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 36% of its revenue. The Levy will allow the Health Department to maintain daily operations while providing necessary services within the community. Below is the 2013 Combining Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements of all Funds. We greatly appreciate your support of public health and look forward to improving 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)
Cash receipts:																				
Local taxes	503,714.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	503,714.64
Intergovernmental	138,531.62	-	-	-	148,441.00	650.00	-	-	-	1,115.00	38,500.00	-	182,248.58	-	-	-	-	13,802.15	12,515.88	535,804.23
Fines, licenses, and permits	166,370.17	-	-	-	-	6,679.00	58,877.74	24,244.75	95,548.44	4,381.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	356,101.35
Miscellaneous	6,010.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,010.00
Total cash receipts	814,626.43		-	-	148,441.00	7,329.00	58,877.74	24,244.75	95,548.44	5,496.25	38,500.00	-	182,248.58	-	-	-	-	13,802.15	12,515.88	1,401,630.22
Cash disbursements:																				
Current:																				
Salaries	410,247.51	-	-		82,020.36	2,150.00	29,539.96	9,972.83	42,139.83	3,030.00	22,716.27	-	97,151.96		-	-	-	10,974.88	5,956.81	715,900.41
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-		21,160.86	-	-	-	-	-	6,612.51	-	35,834.03		-	-	-	3,073.63	2,076.41	68,757.44
Supplies	109,583.31	-	-		30,569.57	-	1,995.17	132.05	1486.24	-	5,067.09	-	29,825.14		-	-	-	801.80	378.44	179,838.81
Equipment	4,861.67	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,861.67
Contracts - Services and Repair	32,951.66	6,246.98	-		6,646.00	-	-	-	11,330.21	-	250.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,424.85
Telephone	4,330.06	-	-		2,162.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	946.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,438.92
Travel and Expenses	8,382.56	-	-		3,271.00	89.10	1,400.40	1,186.65	4,541.79	14.40		-	900.00		-	-	-	34.65	-	20,015.18
Advertising and Printing	162.40	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	312.40
Public Employees Retirement	58,283.47	-	-		-	195.00	4,281.52	1,527.41	5,771.14	375.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,433.54
Worker's Compensation	4,020.86	-	-		-	95.00	-	115.47	574.80	65.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,871.13
Medicare	5,811.63	-	-		-	60.00	411.81	141.67	602.65	40.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,067.76
Hospitalization	43,569.67	-	-		-	-	5,067.45	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,637.12
Life Insurance	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remittance to State	22,879.00	-	-		-	1,620.00	4,446.00	5,704.00	1,775.00	1,555.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,979.00
Rent & Utilities	30,040.07	-	-		20,000.00	-	9,250.00	-	10,000.00	-	5,283.04	-	16,351.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,924.62
Other Expenses	14,722.85	-	-		-	-	-	3,725.00	-	-	-	-	2,029.02	-	-	8,365.41	-	-	-	28,842.28
Auditor/Treasurer Fees	17,209.05	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,209.05
Total program disbursements	767,055.77	6,246.98	-	-	165,829.84	4,209.10	56,392.31	22,505.08	81,221.66	5,079.40	40,123.54	-	183,188.47	-	-	8,365.41	-	14,884.96	8,411.66	1,363,514.18