

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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LOGAN-HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2014

2014 Annual Report



Douglas S. Fisher, DPM

Health Commissioner

I have been privileged the past 8 years as the Hocking County Health Commissioner, of being able to write the opening remarks to our annual report. Each of these years has allowed me to do so with much pride, and to do so again this year. In my opening remarks, I usually write about an activity or accomplishment that occupied a significant amount of our time and effort during the past year. This year, I would like to write about a special person that has devoted many hours to public health in Hocking County.

Dr. George Ralph worked in public health in Hocking County for over 28 years. He started with the Logan-Hocking County Health District June 10, 1986 replacing Dr. J.W. Doering, M.D. as Health Commissioner. Dr. Ralph acted as Health Commissioner for Hocking County until September of 2007 when I became Health Commissioner. He continued to work for the Logan-Hocking County Health District in the capacity of Medical Director from September, 2007 until January, 2015.

During Dr. Ralph's work in public health, he was able to guide the staff at the Health Department through food borne outbreak investigations, the establishment of a pre-natal clinic, immunization and influenza vaccination clinics, environmental health programs, the white powder scares, regional smallpox vaccination clinics which were secondary to a possible terrorist threat, H1N1 Influenza Pandemic and disaster preparedness. He also continues to work with Dr. Hayward to hold free medical clinics to help those that are under insured and cannot afford adequate medical care.

Knowing that Dr. Ralph was there to consult with and seek guidance from during these activities was very valuable and helped to better the health of the population of Hocking County. I have not met another person in my life with a more passionate heart for the betterment of man-kind than Dr. Ralph. I know that even though he no longer holds a formal position with the Logan-Hocking County Health District, he will always find ways to be in touch with our lives and better the publics' health.

Dr. Ralph, thank you for your years of service and know that you will be missed at the Hocking County Health Department. We wish you much success in all that you continue to do.

With much respect and gratitude,

Douglas S. Fisher, DPM
Health Commissioner

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Environmental

Quite a few new eateries have opened here in Hocking County over the last couple of years. The Hocking County Health Department plays an important role along with other state and local agencies to make sure all new food facilities are safe and sanitary for the public to enjoy.

Before the construction of a food facility, a lot of information is submitted to the Health Department for the plan review process based on the Ohio Administrative Codes. The plans must include a list of documents including but not limited to: potable water source; sewage disposable method; floor plans showing plumbing fixtures and equipment; and a proposed menu with food sources and food handling procedures. During the construction, the plumbing inspector will visit the site multiple times to ensure all plumbing lines and fixtures are installed correctly according to the plans. This is to avoid any sanitary and safety issues such as backflow or cross connection contamination; backup of sewer gas into the building; and inadequate or unsafe hot water temperature and future blockage.

Prior to opening to the public, sanitarians will conduct a pre-licensing inspection to ensure the facility is clean and sanitary, all equipment is in working condition, food is handled properly, and managers are trained in food safety. Once the facility is up and running, the sanitarians will conduct periodic inspections under the guidance of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

- The following environmental programs were surveyed by state agencies and were found to meet the minimum acceptable standards; Public Swimming Pools, Campgrounds, Food Service Operations, and Retail Food Establishments.
- Registered Sanitarian Minchen Vickers, participated in the Zero Waste Committee and Hocking College Advisory Board.
- Over the past few years 66 homeowners utilized the EPA funded WPCLF (Water Pollution Control Loan Fund) program to repair/replace their failed sewage treatment system totaling \$368,000.
- The Annual Contractor's Workshop was held February 13 at Lees Banquet Haus in partnership with the Hocking Soil & Water Conservation District, the Fairfield Department of Health and the Perry County Health Dept. Public Health.

Preparedness

The preparedness division collaborated with other divisions in the health department, as well as other health departments in Ohio's southeast central region and our Epidemiologist to keep our public informed and educated during and after the Ebola Hemorrhagic Disease incident in the Cleveland/Akron area. Staff were involved in the following preparedness efforts:

- Met with responders in the county to discuss management and communications should an individual with suspected EHD exposure traveled to or stayed in our county;
- Developed a small pamphlet on disinfecting housing (with unknown exposure); and
- Developed a policy & procedure for home visits to monitor quarantined individuals, if needed.
- Assisted in the development and execution of two (2) tabletop exercises delivered at three (3) locations, one (1) functional exercise delivered throughout the Southeast Central Region, and four (4) regional communication drills.
- Assisted Gallia County Health Department, Gallipolis during a weeklong water outage with public information/education.
- Participated in local and regional healthcare coalitions throughout Southeast Central Ohio.
- 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.



2014 County Visits

BENTON	119
FALLS	274
FALLS/GORE	40
GOODHOPE	108
GREEN	95
LAUREL	132
LAURELVILLE	50
LOGAN	653
MARION	147
MURRAY CITY	15
PERRY	81
SALT CREEK	50
STARR	106
WARD	48
WASHINGTON	132

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
- Investigation
- 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

2014 Health Service Report



Environmental

Animal Bite Reports	75
Building Placement Permits	75
Food License	197
Food Inspections	513
Lot Splits	21
Nuisance Complaint Inspections	315
Plumbing Permits	110
Plumbing Inspections	247
Pool Inspections	31
Park/Camp Inspections	27
Realty (Water & Septic)	78
School Safety Inspections	20
Sewage Final Approvals	89
Sewage Permits	92
Site Evaluations	95
Water Samples	197
Well Permits	65



Nursing

BCMH Home Visits	14
Blood Pressures	104
Car Seats	44
CFHS Education	754
Flu Shots	2366
HIV Tests	37
Head Lice Checks	44,946
Hearing/Vision	48
Immunizations	2567
Pregnancy Tests	98
HEP C Test	13
STD Tests	45
Tuberculin Skin Tests	527
WIC Certification/Re-Certification	1680
WIC Nutrition Education	1363
WIC Clients Served	3043

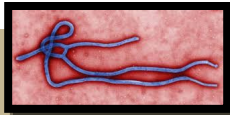
Public Health Preparedness

- 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 & Ebola



The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history, affecting multiple countries in West Africa. Two imported cases, including one death, and two locally acquired cases in healthcare workers were reported in the United States. CDC and partners are taking precautions to prevent the further spread of Ebola within the United States.

2014 Timeline of Local Ebola Events

October 15, 2014	October 16, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 19, 2014
CDC notified ODH that Dallas nurse who tested positive for Ebola was in Summit County Oct. 10-13. ODH deployed state epidemiologist Dr. Mary DiOrio and other staff to Summit County to assist Ebola response efforts. CDC staff arrived in Ohio overnight. The state of Ohio activated its Emergency Operation Center to manage Ohio’s response, and initiated a 24-hour-a-day call center to answer Ohioans’ questions about Ebola and the recent events.	State Health Director Rick Hodges notified Ohio hospitals asking that they conduct a series of training and practice drills within two days to ensure Ohio hospitals are prepared to handle a potential Ebola patient. ODH starts daily phone calls with local health departments to keep them apprised of the situation.	Hocking County Health Department met with local agencies regarding Ebola planning, including: EMA, HVCH, Hocking County Commissioners, EMS, 911 and Sheriff.	ODH began issuing a daily report summarizing the number of individuals who have been found to have contact of some type with the Dallas nurse who was in Northeast Ohio, Oct. 10-13.

Public Health Monitoring

A post-arrival active monitoring program began October 27 in the six states (Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia) for incoming travelers from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Active post-arrival monitoring began in the rest of the states in the days following. On November 17, travelers from Mali were included in these active post-arrival monitoring activities.

Public Health Triumph

West Africa is seeing the largest Ebola outbreak in history. Despite regular travel in and out of the affected countries by health professionals and ordinary people, there has been a grand total of two — not two hundred, or two thousand, but two — Americans who contracted the disease here, and both of them were nurses who had treated a dying patient who had contracted the disease in Liberia. Both of them were treated and survived.

Nursing



With tobacco use in Hocking County exceeding both the national and state average, the nursing division has added three new tobacco cessation and prevention programs to combat the issue. A public health nurse was trained and certified as a tobacco treatment specialist and provides one-on-one tobacco cessation counseling sessions to the public at no charge. In addition, the nursing division is also incorporating a program called Baby & Me Tobacco Free. Pregnant women attend several tobacco cessation counseling sessions and are then eligible to obtain a diaper voucher each month she remains tobacco-free, for up to six months post-partum. Finally, the stand program has also been implemented by the nursing division to get Logan High School and Logan Middle School students involved in tobacco prevention activities. Since nearly all smokers begin using tobacco before the legal age of eighteen years old, the goal of the stand program is to prevent tobacco use before it begins with teenagers.

- Completed 2 year immunization billing pilot with ODH.
- Represented Hocking County on the IPAC (Integrating Professionals for Appalachian Children) Board.
- ECCC (Early Childhood Coordinating Committee) member- planned & participated in the 16th annual Kidpalooza- a free family event intended for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families.
- Display at Relay for Life Event.
- Weekly Speaking of Public Health articles published in the Logan Daily News.
- Over 100 bags with infant safe sleep information, onesies and HALO sleep sacks distributed to new mothers at WIC & immunization clinics.
- Cribs for Kids Program 4 Pack & Play cribs distributed to mothers to provide a safe sleep environment for their infant.
- Breastfeeding Awareness Month
 - Updated the community doctors, that take care of pediatrics, with the most recent information on breastfeeding.
 - Placed banners across town with BAM theme on them “Keep Calm and Carry on Breastfeeding”.
 - Set up a stand at Walmart and Kroger showing the foods that our breastfeeding moms and infants receive on WIC.
 - Decorated the lobby.
- Breastfeeding booth at the Hocking Co Fair.
- Member of the County Wellness Committee.
- WIC 5 A’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.

Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death Hocking County 2014

- Cardiac - 47
- Cancer - 46
- Respiratory/Pulmonary - 19
- Undetermined/Natural Causes - 18
- Dementia /Alzheimer's - 19
- Homicide/Suicide - 9
- Pending - 9
- Sepsis—7



Communicable Disease

Campylobacter	2
Chlamydia	77
Giardiasis	2
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis C (Chronic)	64
Influenza Associated Hospitalizations	8
Lyme Disease	3
Mumps	2
Mycobacterial Disease	1
Pertussis	8
Salmonellosis	2
Varicella	4

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 35% of its revenue. The Levy will allow the Health Department to maintain daily operations while providing necessary services within the community. Below is the 2014 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)
Cash receipts:																				
Local taxes	553,151.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	553,151.63
Intergovernmental	135,684.50	-	-	-	181,075.98	-	-	-	-	44,091.00	-	181,475.86	-	-	-	-	14,584.00	3,270.08	8,872.47	569,053.89
Fines, licenses, and permits	225,963.18	-	-	-	-	8,090.00	60,942.26	28,270.00	108,999.45	7,190.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	439,455.14
Miscellaneous	10,425.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,425.00
Total cash receipts	925,224.31		-	-	181,075.98	8,090.00	60,942.26	28,270.00	108,999.45	7,190.25	44,091.00	-	181,475.86	-	-	-	14,584.00	3,270.08	8,872.47	1,572,085.86
Cash disbursements:																				
Current:																				
Salaries	424,148.49	-	-		84,884.83	5,500.00	30,643.05	3,389.84	39,167.25	3,600.00	23,754.30	-	105,298.14		-	-	10,210.56	6,616.80	5,151.46	742,364.72
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-		19,841.25	-	-	-	-	-	8,301.98	-	56,730.58		-	-	3,085.34	1,462.53	2,235.22	91,656.90
Supplies	129,864.35	-	-		21,937.68	-	1,985.92	191.36	1,500.00	-	2,568.82	-	3,539.94	245.70	-	-	2,095.89		424.99	164,354.65
Equipment	4,000.00	-	-		1,911.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,911.37
Contracts - Services and Repair	20,185.62	16,887.63	-		7,543.00	-	-	-	28,605.75	-	426.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,648.43
Telephone	4,597.00	-	-		1,800.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	749.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,146.35
Travel and Expenses	8,837.54	-	-		5,315.15	84.84	1,766.28	1,339.05	3,415.09	142.70		-	1,115.94		-	-	264.13	32.40	-	22,313.12
Advertising and Printing	\	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Employees Retirement	58,541.98	-	-		-	550.00	4,277.56	198.45	5,448.07	495.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,511.06
Worker's Compensation	4,887.53	-	-		-	100.00	-	79.29	340.04	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,466.86
Medicare	5,982.23	-	-		-	70.00	427.77	48.55	559.57	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,138.12
Hospitalization	60,890.09	-	-		-	-	8,223.48	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,113.57
Life Insurance	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remittance to State	21,894.66	-	-		-	1,620.00	4,614.00	9,686.00	1,725.00	1,555.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,094.66
Rent & Utilities	29,616.66	-	-		17,962.01	-	8,300.62	-	15,315.65	-	4,986.13	-	23,405.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,586.56
Other Expenses		-	-			-	-	4,662.50	-	-	-	-	470.04	-	-	7,518.79	-	-	-	12,651.33
Auditor/Treasurer Fees	18,545.92	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,545.92
Total program disbursements	791,992.07	16,887.63	-	-	161,195.29	7,924.84	60,238.68	19,595.04	100,076.42	5,902.70	40,037.66	-	191,309.48	245.70	-	7,518.79	15,655.92	8,111.73	7,811.67	1,434,503.62