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Hocking County Health Department Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2016

Dear Clients, Partners and Stakeholders,

I am pleased to introduce the 2016 Hocking County Health Department Annual Report. This report highlights our key achievements from the past year. It also provides an overview of the Hocking County Health Department's programs and services with an emphasis on our efforts to meet our mission and vision.

The Hocking County Health Department Board of Health and staff strive to provide the best quality of care and services to improve the health of our community. 2016 started and ended with successful public health accomplishments. Within the first few months of 2016, we were able to finish the arduous task of completing the 2016 Hocking County Community Health Assessment. This would not have been possible without the help and financial support of many of our valuable public health partners. This Community Health Assessment is essential in developing a community health improvement plan, a departmental strategic plan, and simply to make available usable data to better direct our services and efforts.

On November 30th, the Honorable Frederick Moses, Hocking County Municipal Court Judge was selected as The Ohio State University College of Public Health's Public Health Champions- 2016 Community Leader Award recipient. Judge Moses is a valuable public health partner in the fight against drug addiction in our community. His leadership and inspiring nature has brought together a collaborative effort to fight this enormous battle. Judge Moses established the Hocking County Vivitrol Drug Court in 2012. It has become extremely successful and is a model program for others. Many of the participants have successfully completed his program and are now living a healthier life, which in turn provides for healthier families and community.

We are proud of Judge Moses's nomination and recognition which capped off another year of hard work by the Board of Health, staff and our partners in 2016 and we look forward to what opportunities 2017 will bring us.

Regards,

Douglas Fisher Health Commissioner

Hocking County Reportable Diseases

Reportable Diseases 2014-2016			
Reportable Disease	2014	2015	2016
Botulism, foodborne	0	2	0
Campylobacteriosis	2	1	2
Chlamydia	82	62	59
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	2
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	0	0	3
Giardiasis	1	2	2
Gonorrhea	2	9	22
Haemophilus influenzae	0	0	1
Hepatitis A	2	0	1
Hepatitis B Perinatal	0	0	1
Hepatitis B Acute	5	7	1
Hepatitis B Chronic	12	16	12
Hepatitis C - acute	4	0	0
Hepatitis C - chronic	63	83	57
Influenza - ODH Lab Results	1	0	0
Influenza-associated hospitalization	7	7	8
LaCrosse virus disease	0	1	0
Legionnaires' disease	0	0	2
Lyme disease	3	3	2
Meningitis, aseptic (viral)	0	2	1
Mumps	2	0	0
Mycobacterial disease - other than TB	1	1	0
Pertussis	10	2	1
Salmonellosis	2	2	4
Shigellosis	0	0	1
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis-including RMSF	0	0	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae - non-resistant	2	0	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae - antibiotic resistant	0	0	2
Varicella	4	0	4
Yersiniosis	1	0	0
Zika virus infection	0	0	1
Total	206	200	190

Reporting of infectious diseases in Ohio is mandated by the Ohio Administrative Code. Diseases of public health concern require timely response by the health department because of the potential for epidemic spread. Infectious disease nurses and epidemiologists handle notification, response, education, prophylaxis and prevention activities on a daily basis.

Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death	2016
Cardiac	64
Cancer	33
Dementia / Alzheimer's	21
Respiratory / Pulmonary	19
Undetermined / Natural Causes	9
Multi-system failure	7
Suicide	7
Accidental	6
Renal Disease	6
Stroke	4
Liver Disease	3
Drug Overdose	2
Homicide	1

To help reduce the leading causes of death in our county, we currently offer several programs to help our community members quit using tobacco and to prevent youth from starting the life-long addiction. Tobacco cessation services are offered at no cost to any Hocking County resident. A certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist is available to offer counseling sessions and a limited amount of nicotine replacement therapy.

The Baby & Me-Tobacco Free program is a tobacco cessation program offered to pregnant women. This program offers tobacco cessation counseling sessions with diaper vouchers as incentives for the participants to quit smoking during pregnancy and to remain tobaccofree after delivery.

The Tobacco Prevention Program has been very successful in recent years. Teens participate in anti-tobacco activities within the community to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco and to have an impact on tobacco control policies. Recently, the Tobacco Prevention Program has helped the Logan-Hocking School District adopt a 100% tobacco-free policy and helped the Logan City Council adopt an ordinance that prohibits smoking at all Logan City parks.

A Day in Your Life with Public Health

6:00am The alarm clock buzzes. Stumbling out of bed, you head for the shower and then brush your teeth. The water coming out of the faucet is clean and safe, thanks to public health.

7:15am Pulling on coats and gathering bags, your family heads for the car. Fastening seatbelts is an automatic habit. Public health helped pass Ohio's seat belt and child car seat laws and promotes their use.

7:55am After dropping off your children at school, you head to work. As you go in, you notice that a new "No Smoking or Vaping" sign has been posted. For years, public health has been educating people about the deadly health effects of tobacco and second hand smoke.

12:30pm For lunch you stop by the deli and grab a salad. You naturally assume the food is safe to eat, because public health oversees the inspection and licensing of restaurants.

5:00pm You start your car and the radio comes on. You hear a public service announcement advising parents to make sure their two-year olds have all their shots. Public health promotes early childhood immunizations to protect toddlers from serious, sometimes even fatal childhood diseases.

5:15pm You pick up your children and head for home. Your child shows you a sheet she got from a health educator who came to her class today to talk about hygiene. Health educators provide educational presentations in schools and in the community to promote healthy lifestyles.

6:30pm You call your family to dinner, and tell them to be sure to wash their hands before eating. Public health teaches that proper hand washing is a primary protection against disease and prevents the spread of infections.

7:00pm The evening news tells of a mysterious disease outbreak among visitors at a large tourism event. Thankfully, the illness is under control. Public health authorities say improvements and better coordination with other organizations, all made under the emergency preparedness program helped them halt the epidemic quickly.

10:00pm It is time for bed and your family drifts off to sleep. Public health has touched your lives in countless ways today, working behind the scenes to keep you all safe and sound.

^{*}Adapted from "A Day in the Life of Public Health" by the Colorado Department of Health.

2016 Nursing Division Highlights

Infant Safe Sleep

Each week in Ohio 3 babies die in unsafe sleep environments. Babies sleep safest when placed alone, on their back and in an uncluttered crib. Through a partnership with the Cribs for Kids® program and with funding from the Ohio Department of Health, we are able to educate parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for infants, and provide Graco® Pack 'n Play® portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.



Breastfeeding Support

The Hocking County Health Department offers breastfeeding support by holding a monthly breastfeeding class. This class is open to any pregnant or nursing mother. There are two staffed Certified Lactation Counselors who support mothers with one on one lactation counseling, support and education. Breast pumps are also available for those who qualify. Community outreach to link the community and provide continued breastfeeding education and support is taking off in 2017!



Car Seat Safety

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old. As many as 3 out of 4 child safety seats are installed improperly, according to the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. To help combat the issue, the Hocking County Health Department has a trained car seat technician that will inspect any car seat and correct any misuse. We also participate in the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program. Through this program we are able to provide a free car seat to families that are not able to purchase one on their own. Last year 32 car seats were given to families in need.



Health Services Report

Nursing	2016
Car Seats	32
Flu Shots	1833
Hepatitis C Tests	36
HIV Tests	41
Head Lice Checks	47889
Hearing/Vision Screenings	39
Immunizations	2251
Pregnancy Tests	60
STD Tests	41
Tobacco Prevention	134
Tuberculin Skin Tests	466
WIC Certification/Recertification	1455
WIC Nutrition Education	809
WIC Clients Served	2264

Environmental	2016
Animal Bite Reports	86
Building Permits	125
Food Inspections/CCP	513
Lot Splits/Subdivisions	15
Nuisance Complaint Investigations	176
Plumbing Permits	140
Plumbing Inspections	268
Pools/Parks/Camp Inspections	124
Realty (Water & Septic)	53
School Safety Inspections	30
Sewage Final Approvals	118
Sewage Permits	119
Site Evaluations	118
Water Samples	188
Well Permits	97

Community Health Assessment & Health Improvement Planning

Characterizing and understanding the prevalence of acute and chronic health conditions, access to care barriers and other health issues can help direct community resources to where they will have the biggest impact. To that end, the Hocking County Health Department and Hocking Valley Community Hospital will begin using the data reported in Hocking County's 2016 Community Health Assessment, in collaboration with other organizations, to inform the development and implementation of strategic plans to meet the community's health needs.

A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) prioritization meeting was held on August 31, 2016 at the health department. Twenty nine community partners participated. At the end of the discussion period, partners were asked to report what they perceived as the Top 3 health issues affecting the health of our community.

The Top 3 health issues in Hocking County were identified as:

Substance Abuse
 Chronic Disease
 Obesity/Nutrition/Physical Activity

This CHIP planning process will continue at the beginning of 2017 and will occur at a regional level between Hocking, Vinton, Perry and Athens counties. Each county will bring their county-level priorities to this regional meeting and joint planning will occur around shared priorities.



2016 Environmental Health Division Highlights

Zika

The Hocking County Health Department was awarded the 2016 Mosquito Control Grant from Ohio EPA in the amount of \$5,137. These funds were provided to assist in the expansion of our mosquito control program. They will be used to purchase equipment for the collection of mosquitoes, education and outreach materials, larval control products for areas where sources cannot be abated and for training and protection of our staff. Implementation of the program and deployment of traps will occur in 2017 throughout the county to monitor mosquito populations.

Scrap Tires

Through a grant from the Ohio EPA and in partnership with the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District, Logan City, and Township Trustees, 5 free tire drop off events were held in 2016 throughout the county. Approximately 6,200 scrap tires were collected to be shredded and recycled into reusable products such as mulch or asphalt. Environmental staff helped advertise the event, direct traffic and unload/load tires. These tire drives tremendously aid in the reduction of breeding grounds for mosquitoes.



Staff

This summer, long time Sanitarian Jessica Bazell accepted a teaching position and resigned from the Health Department. We appreciate her dedication and miss working with her. In response to this loss, Joann Montgomery and Hannah Stump were hired on as Environmental Technicians to assist in many environmental programs.

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 Levy allows the Health Department to maintain daily operations while providing necessary services within the community. We greatly appreciate your support of public health and look forward to improving the health of our community.

REVENUE 2016

Health Levy Real Estate Rollback Personal Property Trailer Tax	\$522,905.00 \$ 72,346.00 \$ 6,414.00 \$601,665.00
Vital Statistics Fees Burial Permits Certified Copies Vital Statistic Reg.	\$ 987.00 \$42,146.00 <u>\$ 6,184.00</u> \$49,317.00
Environmental Programs Campgrounds and Parks Food Service Pools and Spas Sewage / Plumbing Water	\$ 10,376.00 \$ 70,090.00 \$ 8,160.00 \$151,856.00 \$ 42,301.00 \$282.783.00
Nursing Programs BCMH Head Lice Flu Shots HEP B / TB Immunizations Other	\$ 11,400.00 \$ 28,912.00 \$ 68,993.00 \$ 7,398.00 \$149,539.00 \$ 38,704.00 \$ 304,946.00
Public Health Grants EBOLA Immunizations Action Plan Maternal Child Health Other Public Health Emergency Preparedness Tobacco WIC ZIKA	\$229,562.00 \$ 9,671.00 \$ 60,219.00 \$ 15,000.00 \$123,006.00 \$ 33,899.00 \$222,087.00 \$ 5,137.00 \$698,581.00
TOTAL	\$1,937,292.00

EXPENSES 2016

Administration / Vital Statistics	\$487,393.00
Environmental Health	\$352,472.00
Nursing Programs	\$396,273.00
Public Health Grants	\$608,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,844,388.00

