

Pickaway County General Health District

Quarterly Newsletter Jan – Mar 2015

Clinical Services

By: Elaine Miller, RN, BSN

January, February, and March have been busy months for Clinical Services. Our Communicable Disease Nurse has been busy with follow-up and data entry on over 329 various communicable disease cases within the city and the county. We held a functional exercise on 1-13-2015 as one of the requirements for the PHEP grant. It was based on winter storm closings and the issues faced including office closure, staffing, transportation, storage of vaccines, sheltering, and unsafe water and foods. The Health District worked closely and with much success with our community partners on this exercise.

Much progress has been made on our Community Health Assessment. Surveys have been completed, meetings with our stakeholders have been completed, and currently focus groups are being conducted to compile information on this project. Our staff has taken an active role in preparing for the accreditation process for our health district. Meetings are being held and each department is working on specific domains.

The BCMH nurse continues to provide case management to a case load of 127 children with medical handicaps. She makes home visits and provides information and assistance to their families. Over the quarter, our nurse made 650 contacts (by mail, home visits, or phone) to these clients. This is a billable service.

We are currently in the process of updating all of our emergency response plans.

<i>Clinical Services Rpt. 2015</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>
Number of Clients Served	63	46	66	31	206
Immunizations	17	11	24	8	60
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Offsite TB Testing	18	0	0	0	18
Vision Clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Flu Clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Home Visits	2	3	9	7	21
Home Visits	6	9	10	15	40

Other Services	20	23	23	32	98
Townships					0
Circleville City	40	19	23	5	87
Circleville Twp.	0	0	1	27	28
Darby	0	0	2	0	2
Deercreek	1	2	6	0	9
Harrison	1	1	1	1	4
Jackson	0	0	5	0	5
Madison	0	0	0	1	1
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0
Muhlenburg	0	0	1	0	1
Perry	0	0	0	0	0
Pickaway	1	5	1	0	7
Saltcreek	3	4	3	1	11
Scioto	7	0	6	0	13
Walnut	1	1	3	0	5
Washington	0	3	5	0	8
Wayne	0	1	2	0	3
Out of County	9	4	7	25	45
Age:					0
Child (0-19)	23	26	45	34	128
Adult (20-60)	35	15	18	18	86
Senior (61+)	5	5	3	1	14
Tests Performed					0
Lead Screen	0	0	0	1	1
TB Tests	34	19	21	16	90
Positive TB Tests	0	3	0	0	3
Newborn Screenings	0	0	0	0	0
Pregnancy Test	1	2	1	1	5
Head Check	1	3	1	5	10
Prescriptions given (Lice)	0	0	0	5	5
Immunizations	25	29	57	8	119
Flu Shots	7	1	0	0	8



Environmental Health

By: Kelly Dennis, EH Director

2015 began with the implementation of the new sewage treatment system regulations under Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29. The environmental health division staff spent time planning, developing new procedures, forms, applications, and updating the webpage regarding the new regulations. We sent out memorandums to township officials, realtors, and sewage system contractors regarding the new regulations.

Over the next 9 months, the EH division will be preparing for implementation of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program as required under the new regulations. One task will be phasing in all existing sewage treatment systems into the operation and maintenance program. We will be providing information regarding the O&M program on our webpage and in our quarterly newsletters, so stay tuned for more information.

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1st quarter EH division Inspection totals

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>No. letters, phone calls, mtgs, or other</u>
Food	170	350
Private water systems	57	127
Sewage treatment systems	74	445
Campgrounds	0	11
Pools	5	29
Schools	6	21
Solid waste	3	22
Rabies	22	15
Tattoo and body piercing	0	4
Nuisances	62	139
Real estate inspections	8	19
General activities		177
TOTAL	407	1359

1st Quarter EH Division Activity by
Township

Township / Village / City	# Activities
Circleville TWP (N)	22
Circleville TWP (S)	55
Darby	78
Deercreek	2
Harrison	39
Jackson	28
Madison	23
Monroe	53
Muhlenberg	24
Perry	22
Pickaway	80
Saltcreek	117
Scioto	115
Walnut	72
Washington	42
Wayne	3
Ashville	39
Circleville City (N)	145
Circleville City (S)	145
Commercial Point	28
Darbyville	0
New Holland	10
Orient	-
South Bloomfield	21
Tarlton	10
Williamsport	28
General	565
Totals	1766

Activities include inspections, consultations, reports, letters, phone calls, and other activities completed in each township.

Vital Statistics

1st Quarter 2015

Birth:

- 73 Births Registered
- 2 Births Verified
- 404 Certified Birth Certificates issued
 - 209 City, 195 Out of County
- 5 Birth Affidavits Processed
- 0 Paternity Affidavits Processed

Death:

- 105 Deaths Registered
- 56 Burial Permits Issued
- 1 Fetal Deaths Registered
- 3 Deaths Verified
- 417 Cert. Death Certificates Issued
- 5 Death Affidavits Filed
- 2 Certificate of Service Filed

By: Paula Johnston and Lisa Rase

Fi\$cal Corner



Undoubtedly, the biggest news this quarter was the request of \$40,000 from the DAC for the Health District. It was recommended unanimously by our Finance Committee and Board. This was largely brought on by the mandate from ODH not just to us but all local health departments across Ohio to become accredited. To work through the accreditation process, we hired an accreditation coordinator, which we share with Fayette County. There is an additional cost of \$4000 per year we have to pay to have our accreditation plan reviewed. This investment will allow us to receive a State subsidy and be eligible for grants through ODH.

The alternative is to not be eligible for our State subsidy and grants. Other costs have been controlled and we have restored our staff back to the 2008 level. This was a priority to insure a safe environment in the county. We are now better able to track costs and charge back to the proper funds than ever before, but there is nowhere to charge off the cost of accreditation. Additionally ODH now requires us to be reimbursed for grants and we are well over the \$40,000 amount being requested. We have made up the balance by cutting copier and personnel costs charged to the Board of Health account.

We ended the calendar year with \$141,000, but since our funding for the Board of Health fund doesn't come in until February and other fees don't arrive until April or May, it is actually as low as you want the carryover to be.

Our salary costs to the Board of Health dropped in 2014. The Board of Health has taken a strong stance in trying to make programs self-supporting without subsidizing when possible. Insurance costs are always on the rise but we have held the line by incentivizing employees to secure insurance elsewhere. In 2011 100 % of the staff were on family insurance and today less than half are.

Each year we've been asked when we were coming to the DAC for additional funds. Many thought it would have been three years ago and we have put it off as long as possible by making all the cuts without jeopardizing more services. Oddly enough, the figure is the same as what the Consumer Price Index has increased over the same period, so, it is actually restoring the buying power of 2011.

I've been asked what would happen if we didn't receive the increase. I'd like to think that I've done everything possible to keep costs down to relieve the financial burden on the DAC. We would have to look toward more personnel changes.

Steve Hawkin\$

