

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Allen County Combined Health District

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2015 BROUGHT PROGRESS AND CHANGE

Last year Allen County Public Health continued to make progress on our goals as outlined in our Strategic Plan. While there isn't room here to outline all of our Strategic Planning activities and other program goals, these are a few of the highlights from 2015.

Within our goal of improving the health of Allen County residents, one area we have specifically targeted is risk factors related to infant mortality. Staff from various service areas are working to increase the percentage of women who initiate breastfeeding upon the birth of their baby and we have seen this number increase in recent years. Through our Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic, we've added several long acting reversible contraceptives to our formulary to give women more options to reduce unplanned pregnancies and maintain healthy spacing between pregnancies. Our Caring for Two staff distributed safe sleep educational materials and Pack 'n Play units provided through a state-funded program to help assure that infants have a safe sleep environment.

Other activities focus on maintaining a healthy environment. Our plans to fully implement the 2015 Ohio Household Sewage Treatment System rules in Allen County continue to be developed. Once implemented, these plans will assure that household systems meet current standards so they are not creating public health nuisances or polluting ponds, lakes and other waterways. Our Emergency Operations plans are continuously being updated so that we can respond to any potential health threats and emerging diseases.

Being good stewards of our fiscal, human and physical resources led to other accomplishments. Several years of fiscal planning has prepared us to maintain financial stability as the majority of our grant programs transition to complete reimbursement systems. Our computer network and back-up processes were updated to improve our network security and efficiency. Technology skills were identified as a particular need in our Workforce Development Plan as the speed of information continues to accelerate. Our ability to respond to events and situations, communicate with our partners, and be your

source of reliable information is one of our top priorities.

2015 was also a year of change for Allen County Public Health. Staff turnover prompted a reorganization for the agency, and we are now arranged by service areas: Environmental Health Services, Personal Health Services (Nursing and WIC Services), Prevention & Health Promotion Services, Health Planning Services, and Administrative Services. This alignment promotes internal collaboration as well as strengthening our partnerships in the community and planning for the future.

While we continue to evolve just as diseases and healthcare systems evolve, one thing that doesn't change is our commitment to our mission: protecting and improving the health of Allen County. I invite you to review the rest of our annual report to see all the different ways we serve our community. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Kathleen A., Luhn, MS, MCES

Allen County Public Health Mission, Vision and Values

Mission: Protecting and promoting the health of Allen County.

Vision: Healthy people living, working, playing and learning in a healthy environment.

Values:

Collaboration

Integrity

Respect

Equality

Empowerment



SERVICE UPDATES

Nursing Services:

In 2015, our Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic continued to offer quality reproductive health services to women and men regardless of their financial situation. Long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods are now available at ACPH and include intrauterine devices (IUDs) and contraceptive implants. Our immunization clinic continues to offer vaccinations to children who are VFC-eligible or privately insured as well as adults and those who are traveling abroad. Our Children with Medical Handicaps Program (BCMH) continues to link families with special health care needs to a network of providers and assist in acquiring payment for those services. Our communicable disease nurses investigate over 100 reportable cases a month, the most reportable diseases being Chlamydia and gonorrhea. Our county's sexually-transmitted infection (STI) rate continues to be one of the highest in the state, and our nurses work to ensure those who test positive receive treatment, STI prevention education, and assistance with partner notification.

WIC Program:

In 2015, Allen County pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding mothers, infants, and children under the age of five made 36,741 visits to Allen County WIC. Their families received nutrition and breastfeeding education and support, referrals, and a WIC Nutrition card (debit food card) to redeem for nutritious foods at participating groceries and vendors. WIC staff were contacted 3,081 times in the past year for assistance with individualized breastfeeding counseling, support, and assistance with breast pumps and supplies. 61% of all babies enrolled in Allen County WIC were fed breastmilk for at least the first two weeks of their lives and many of those continued to receive breastmilk for an even longer time. All WIC families having a new baby received counseling on proper infant feeding. Healthy children are the basis of a healthy community.

Environmental Health Services:

Ohio's revised Household Sewage Treatment System rules went into effect on January 1, 2015. Changes in our program have been implemented over time to comply with the new rules. ACPH is now required to work with interested stakeholders to develop a procedure and a timeline for incorporating all household sewage treatment systems into an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) program. Currently 4,500+ properties are in our existing O&M program, half of the estimated 9,000 sewage treatment systems in this health district. Plans are being developed to bring the remaining sewage treatment systems into our existing O&M program. Also during 2015 the Ohio Department of Health conducted a survey of the Food Service Operation program. Our mandated program is required by law to be routinely evaluated. These surveys ensure local health districts meet the required inspection standards for licensure to protect public health. ACPH remains an approved program.

Vital Statistics:

In October, a new law, Ohio Revised Code 3705.25(5), was implemented. As of October 15, 2015, for the first five years after the date of death, a decedent's social security number shall not be included on a certified copy of the decedent's death certificate unless that information is specifically requested to be on the certified copy by a person that meets the State criteria and provides proper identification. Several examples of the State's criteria are spouse/legal partner, natural child/grandchild, and funeral director. If you need a copy of a death certificate with a social security number and are unsure if you meet the criteria, please contact us. Ohio is an open records state; anyone can request and receive a birth or death certificate in the State of Ohio.

Prevention and Health Promotion Services:

Health Promotion staff continue to be active in many community collaborations that align with the CHIP and CHA priority areas: Bike & Pedestrian Task Force, Healthy People 2020, and Safe Communities Coalition. In 2015, two area housing developments became smoke free through the efforts of our Creating Healthy Communities' Tobacco Free initiatives. Prevention staff continue to work on decreasing infant mortality (Caring for Two Program), testing for and preventing the spread of HIV and other STDS, and catching breast and cervical cancers early through screenings for uninsured and under-insured women. Prevention staff also collaborate in community efforts, such as the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition (human trafficking), Breast Cancer Awareness Coalition and the Maternal & Infant Task Force, and work with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to improve mental health.

Health Planning Services:

Are we prepared for public health emergencies? What community health needs are not being addressed, and how can we work with our community partners to address those needs? Is Allen County Public Health using best practices to serve the needs of the community? In 2015, the Health Planning Services area was established to coordinate these concerns. Staff worked with community partners on preparedness, health ministries and community health improvement planning; and monitored health data through epidemiology. Staff also worked on taking steps towards public health accreditation by implementing our workforce development and strategic plans, and developing our quality improvement planning process.

PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR 2015

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

NURSING SERVICES

Total Immunizations Given	7,499
• VFC Immunizations	4,803
• Private Purchase	2,696
• Other State Vaccine	465
 Communicable Diseases Reported	 1,359
 Family Planning Clinic Visits	 1,441
• New patients to Family Planning	281
 Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps Caseload - Unduplicated	 670
 TB Skin Tests Given	 839
 WIC MONTHLY CASELOAD	 3,082
• Women	694
• Infants	818
• Children	1,570

PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

Caring for Two –African American Infant Mortality Prevention Home Visits	1,134
 Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Caseload (BCCP) - Serving seven counties	
• Pap tests	138
• Pelvic Exams without Pap	202
• Screening and diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds	295
• Breast cancer diagnosed	3
• Cervical dysplasia diagnosed	4
• Cervical cancer diagnosed	0

HIV Tests performed	1,113
• Positive Tests	9

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Water System Inspections	223
Sewage System Inspections	1,699
Recreational Parks and Camps Inspections	34
Manufactured Home Park Inspections	28
Public Swimming Pool and Spa Inspections	124
Open Bathing Area Inspections	9
Solid and Infectious Waste Inspections	33
Demolition Waste and Clean Hard Fill Inspections	96
School Inspections	115
Plumbing System Inspections	970
Food Service Operation Inspections	1,338
Retail Food Establishment Inspections	469
Food Vending Inspections	122
Animal Bite Investigations	475
Environmental Complaint Inspections	501
Smoke-Free Workplace Complaint Investigations	33
Tattoo and Body Piercing Service Inspections	26

VITAL STATISTICS

Births/Birth Certificates

• Number of births filed	2,365
• Number of certified copies issued	5,968

Deaths/Death Certificates

• Number of deaths filed	1,412
• Number of certified copies issued	5,690

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE January 1, 2015 \$695,270.00

2015 RECEIPTS

	Amount	Percentage
Townships, Villages, and Cities	644,306.00	17.7%
County Commissioners	33,911.00	0.9%
Grants	1,717,380.00	47.3%
Permit and Service Fees	958,484.00	26.3%
Medicaid/Insurance Reimbursement	258,215.00	7.2%
State Subsidy	20,540.00	0.6%
TOTAL	3,632,836.00	100.0%
BALANCE AND RECEIPTS	4,328,106.00	

2015 EXPENSES

	Amount	Percentage
Salaries and Benefits	2,583,411.00	70.9%
Clinic Supplies	143,330.00	3.9%
Other Supplies	138,643.00	3.8%
Lab Expenses	6,731.00	0.2%
Building/Occupancy Costs	142,746.00	3.9%
Equipment/Equipment Repair/Service Contracts	123,183.00	3.4%
Training/Continuing Education	9,945.00	0.3%
Transportation	27,940.00	0.8%
Contractual Services	31,055.00	0.9%
Payments to State*	219,638.00	6.0%
Other (Insurance, audits, etc.)	214,741.00	5.9%
TOTAL	3,641,363.00	100.0%
Ending BALANCE December 31, 2015	\$686,743.00	

* Each year our budget is inflated by fees that we are required to collect and send to the state of Ohio. Most of these fees go to the Ohio Department of Health with a smaller share going to Ohio Children's Trust Fund, Ohio Family Crisis Centers, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A total of \$219,638.00 was collected and sent on to Columbus in 2015.



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ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

As established in Ohio law, the seven member Board of Health is our policy-making body with authority to adopt regulations and establish programs to promote public health within the district. As of January 2016, Board members are Dr. Wilfred Ellis, MD, President; Eric Kerner, Vice President; Janis Carse; Marva Cowan; Scott Shutt, Dr. Kha Tran, MD and Dr. Ross Kauffman, PhD.

Six of the seven Board members are appointed by the mayors, township trustees, and county commissioners of Allen County. The District Licensing Council appoints the seventh member. The Board meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, and meetings are open to the public.

OBTAINING A BIRTH OR DEATH CERTIFICATE

The Vital Statistics office files records for births and deaths that occur in Lima, Delphos, and all of Allen County. Ohio law only allows for the issuance of certified copies of birth and death records. Our office can issue certified birth certificates for all births occurring in the State of Ohio. Any births outside of Ohio must be requested directly from that state. We accept cash, money order or cashier's check (no personal checks). We also offer the use of a debit/credit card machine with an additional usage fee applied to the cardholder. When possible, Vital Statistics staff issues copies while customers wait – approximately 10 minutes. On-line ordering is available via a link on our website: www.allencountypublichealth.org.