

**Nursing Monthly Report for March 2015**  
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**BCMH**

Working to get patient status updates and billing done. Some nursing staff will be attending education update for the program in June.

**School Contracts**

Nursing has reviewed existing contracts for updates and comments to create the new ones for the 2015-16 school year for Galion City School District, Crestline School District, and both St. Joes Catholic Schools. Galion City School District has asked for a contract for the same hours as last year as well as one for 40 hours to compare costs. Crestline coverage will be the same as this year at this time.

**Education**

Some of the nursing staff will be attending the Dream Child Conference offered annually in Crawford County on 4/10/15. Also all nurses will be attending the annual ODH Regional School Nurse Conference and Update in Sandusky on 4/17/15.

**Nursing Staff Meetings**

Nursing will begin holding regular staff meetings on 4/16/15. The goal is to have more effective communication and coordination of programs. Summer will be coming and school nurses will be at the department to work on projects, policies, and accreditation readiness. We will be trying to organize a plan for this as well as a nurse coverage schedule for the health department.

**Immunizations**

An updated inventory/expiration tracking method has been started to better document the supply of vaccines, to know when more need ordered, and to be able to be as cost effective as possible.

**Communicable Disease**

There were 12 reportable communicable disease cases for March. 6 Hepatitis C, 1 Hepatitis B, and 5 Chlamydia cases. In the process of working on 3 Chlamydia for April so far. Letters from the GCHD and ODH Disease Fact sheets are being mailed to all clients. Trying to address challenge of many cases being reported to Galion City because labs done at GCH, but are actually Crawford, Richland, Morrow county cases. It is time consuming to get address from Avita Infection Prevention RN, and transfer jurisdiction to appropriate county of residence. Also slows reporting process.