



# 2014 Annual Report

## Galion City Health Department

### From the Health Commissioner

#### **Mission:**

***To Promote and Protect the Health and Well-Being of those we Serve***

#### **Vision:**

***Inspire and Engage our Citizens and Community to be Optimally Healthy***

#### **Board of Health Members**

- Tom O'Leary - President/Mayor, City of Galion
- Katelyn Strickler - President Pro Tem
- Dennis Long - Vice President
- Wendy Kerr, CNP - Member
- Wade Cramer - Member

I am proud to present our 2014 Annual Report that highlights some of the outstanding public health work the staff at your Galion City Health Department accomplished in 2014. The past year has brought several significant challenges for us including discussions regarding the long-term objectives for public health in Galion, and staff turnover in leadership positions. These challenges provided opportunities to consider what is most important about the services we provide and how we provide them to our community at large.

The decision was made for Galion City to continue on as an independent department, rather than combining with Crawford County Health Department, in order to continue providing public health services to Galion's citizens right where you live. Staff began working collaboratively with partners

countywide to assess the health needs of the community and plan to improve health. We have begun work to improve and expand upon the services that we offer, including preventing injuries and chronic disease. We are poised for growth and positive changes in our programs and services.

These are exciting times in public health and this report is only a snapshot of all that we do to facilitate opportunities for Galion City residents to lead healthy lives. Please give us a call for more information about our services or visit our website at [galionhealth.org](http://galionhealth.org) to learn more about our many programs. I wish you the best of health!

Trish Factor, BS, MCHES, CHEP,  
Health Commissioner

### Board of Health

The Board of Health is the governing body for Galion City Health Department. Board members are appointed by the Mayor.

Regular meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meeting dates/times, agendas, and minutes are available online at:

<https://galionhealthorg.blueskymeeting.com>

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

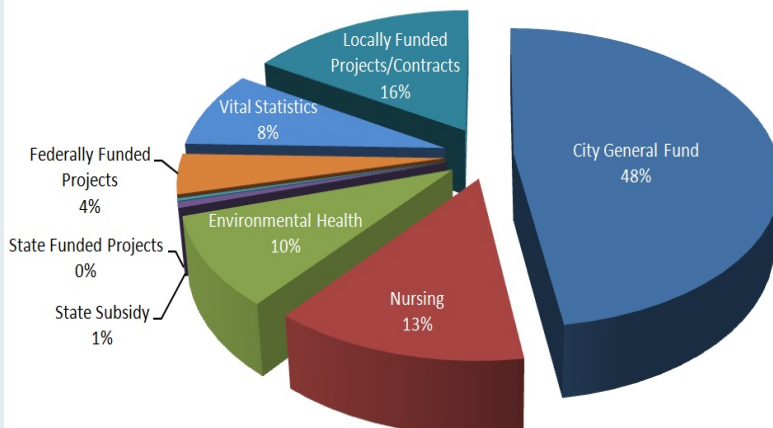
## General Health Expenditures 2014

<b>Contractual Services</b> Legal Advertising, Memberships, Publications, Equipment Lease, Software, Permits, License and Contract, Facility and Vehicle Maint., Postage, Technical Services, EH Fees, VS Fees, Travel/Registration	\$ 44,192.28
<b>Liability Insurance</b>	\$ 2,398.44
<b>Personnel/HR Services</b>	\$ 3,071.78
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b> Supplies for office, computers, copiers, printers, cleaning, medical, vaccines, medicines, gasoline, equipment, & furniture	\$ 37,853.98
<b>Utilities</b> Natural Gas, Trash, Phones, Cell Phones, & Internet Service	\$ 3,915.20
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	\$ 9,893.00
<b>Employee Benefits &amp; Ins.</b> Includes Workman's Comp, PERS, Medicare, Hospital and Life Insurance	\$106,039.89
<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b> Including: Longevity, Clothing Allowance, Sick Leave Incentive	\$243,454.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$450,818.71</b>

## General Income & Source of Funds 2014

<b>City General Fund</b>	\$ 214,722.42
<b>Medicaid</b>	\$ 7,087.01
<b>Medicare</b>	\$ 10,842.65
<b>Private Insurance Reimbursement</b>	\$ 30,341.18
<b>Patient Fees</b> Immunization Fees - \$ 5,171.39 Shampoo - \$ 60.00 Visuals - \$ 190.00 Flu - \$ 4,866.00	\$ 10,287.39
<b>Health Promotion Fees</b> Car Seats - \$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
<b>Environmental Health</b> Food Services - \$ 39,604.11 MHP Inspection Fees - \$ 550.00 Pool Licenses - \$ 2,215.00 Trash Hauler Licenses - \$ 625.00 Water Testing - \$ 40.00 Other (EH Postage Reimbursement & Crestline Smoke Free Fines) - \$ -	\$ 43,034.11
<b>Vital Statistics</b>	\$ 37,561.00
<b>Locally Funded Projects/Special Contracts (Non-Govt)</b> School Nursing : Galion City - \$ 35,241.50 Galion St. Joe's - \$ 770.00 Crestline City - \$ 36,786.00 Crestline St. Joe's - \$ 228.00	\$ 73,025.50
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b> Refunds - \$ -	\$ -
<b>State Subsidy</b>	\$ 2,836.62
<b>State Funded Projects</b> BCMh - \$ 1,310.00	\$ 1,310.00
<b>Federal Funded Projects</b> MAC - \$ 19,120.83 Ohio Youth Occupant Prog. - \$ 300.00	\$ 19,420.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 450,818.71</b>

## 2014 Revenue Breakdown



# PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

## Communicable Disease Spotlight: Hepatitis C

Galion City Health Department nurses tested 47 adults for Hepatitis C free of charge in 2014, with kits provided by Ohio Department of Health. The adults were age 18 and older and all residents of Crawford County, with return antibody results of 25 adults that were positive, 19 adults were negative for antibodies, and 3 adults had indeterminate results or antibody levels not high enough to trigger a positive result.

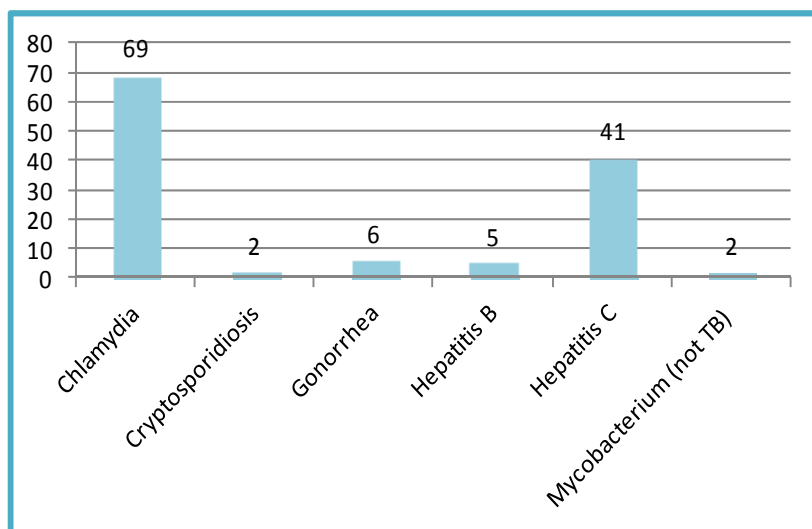
The community and nation has seen a rise in new cases of Hepatitis C in adults and children. The main causative factor is the increase of intravenous drug usage and sharing of drug paraphernalia. The Ohio Department of Health had to discontinued the free testing program this year when funding was eliminated by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



## School Nurse

The Health Department provides Registered Nurses to Galion City Schools for 30 hours per week, and to Crestline Exempted Village Schools for 20 hours per week. Both nurses provide vital links to medical care

## 2014 TOP 6 CONFIRMED COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



## Immunization Clinics

2nd & 4th Monday:  
9:00-11:00am,  
1:00-3:00 pm

3rd Monday:  
3:00-6:00 pm

## Childhood Injury Prevention



Galion City Health Department provided 35 low cost convertible rear-/forward-facing car seats to eligible families in 2014. Our certified car seat safety technician provides education, demonstrates proper use of the seat, and assists families in installing seats in their vehicles.



**Environmental Programs:**

- ~Food Safety
- ~Manufactured Home Parks
- ~Rabies Prevention
- ~Public Swimming Pools & Spas
- ~Public Health Nuisance Abatement



**Rabies Prevention**

Thirty-six (36) animal bites were reported in Galion in 2014: 23 dogs, 11 cats, 1 bat, and 1 fox. Following a bite, staff works with animal owners to ensure their pets are properly vaccinated against rabies to prevent the disease in animals and people.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



## Food Safety

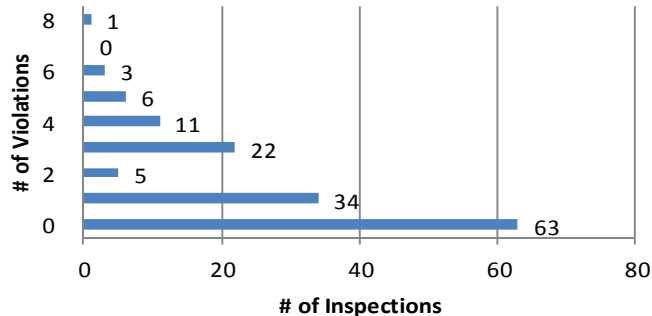
Galion City Health Department issued 113 licenses in the food program in 2014. Most are permanent food service (restaurants) and retail facilities, but there are 20 mobile units and 13 vending machine locations, too.

Plans were reviewed for 2 new facilities and 1 that changed ownership. Education about food safety is provided during each on-site inspection.

**Top 5 Violations Found During Inspection**

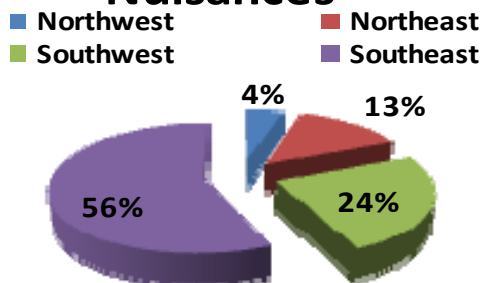
- 1) Person in Charge/ Critical Violations
- 2) Hot/ Cold Holding
- 3) Clean Equipment & Utensils
- 4) Prevent Contamination
- 5) Chemical

**How Many Violations Found During Inspections?**



## Public Health Nuisance Abatement

**Location of Reported Nuisances\***



\*within the City of Galion

The vast majority of the public health nuisances reported to the Health Department every year are related to solid waste, or trash on properties. Nearly 85% of nuisances in 2014 were due to trash. Other concerns included: food (4%), sewage (4%), scrap tires (3%), general environmental health (2%), school (1%), and water (1%).

**Did you know?**

Nuisances reported in 2014: 102  
 Nuisances resolved: 92  
 Cases ongoing: 10



# VITAL STATISTICS

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## Birth Data

Birth Certificates Issued:	806
Births Registered:	381
Male:	211
Female:	170
Galion:	86
Bucyrus:	92
Crestline:	40
Other Crawford Co:	61
Non-Crawford Co:	102
Teen Births:	45
Low Birth Weight:	18
< 37 Weeks Gestation:	22



## Revenue

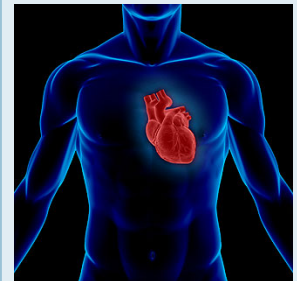
\$37,561

## VS Fees Paid to ODH

\$19,608.80

## Death Data

Death Certificates Issued:	670
Free Veteran's Copies Issued:	40
Burial Permits Issued:	71
Deaths Registered:	198
Male:	93
Female:	105
Potential Life Lost by Gender (Average Life Expectancy = 75 yrs.)	
Male:	648 years lost
Female:	480 years lost



## Leading Causes of Death by Disease Process

1. Diseases of the Circulatory System
2. Diseases of the Respiratory System
3. Cancer

*\* Drug Related Deaths: 3*

### What Do Public Health Officials Do?

- Monitor the health status of a community to identify potential problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, particularly the underserved and those at risk
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Ensure a competent public health workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of population based health services
- Research new insights and innovative solutions to health

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

### The Public Health System

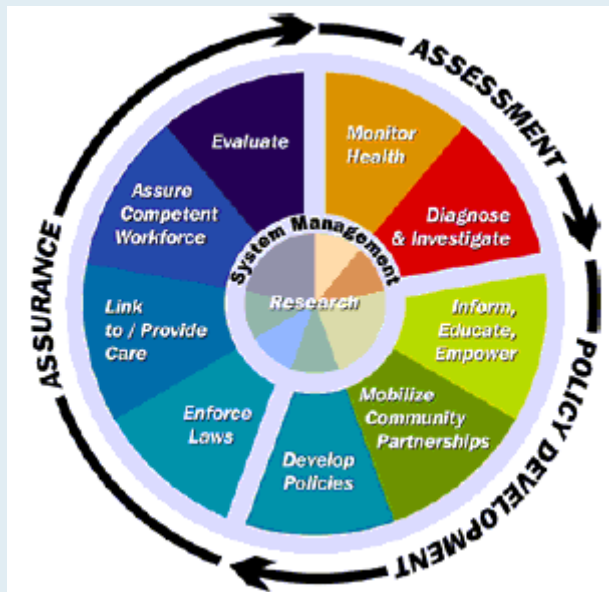
Public health systems are commonly defined as “all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.” This concept ensures that all entities’ contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services.

The public health system includes:

- Public health agencies at state and local levels
- Healthcare providers
- Public safety agencies
- Human service and charity organizations
- Education and youth development organizations
- Recreation and arts-related organizations
- Economic and philanthropic organizations
- Environmental agencies and organizations



## 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe the public health activities that all communities should undertake and serve as the framework for the NPHPS instruments. Public health systems should

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

### GCHD is PHAB-ulous!

**What is PHAB?**  
The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

The Galion City Health Department is preparing for a future application toward accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board, because of the desire to advance the performance of the department, and to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders.



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