

## **Monthly Report for May 2015**

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#### **Environmental Health**

##### **Food Safety –**

Food safety activities in May included program survey by Karim Baroudi of Ohio Department of Health. Surveys are conducted at local health departments by each of the state agencies, Ohio Departments of Agriculture and Health, every 3 years. Reviewed are administrative aspects of the program; requirements of the rules as applied to the inspection of facilities (evaluation of food program sanitarians); and performance standards, items that are essential in facilitating compliance with the requirements of an inspection program as well as those that are enhancements for a quality program. Despite resource limitations faced by the department, survey results were favorable, with one item requiring an action plan for improvement. There are several optional opportunities for program improvement that I plan to implement within the next year, including inspection report website upgrade and streamlining the plan review process, and I look forward to possible collaboration with Mr. Baroudi.

##### **Public Health Nuisances –**

I spent a significant amount of time in May working to abate public health nuisances. The volume of nuisances reported was much less in May than in April with just 4 new cases; all complaints were reference solid waste. Seventeen nuisances were abated in May and no nuisance was found in one reported case. Two cases were referred to Crawford County Municipal Court for prosecution.

#### **Accreditation**

Training – I was fortunate to be able to participate have training opportunities in May: online training in goal setting and performance management; and Accreditation Learning Community training and networking with colleagues from around the state. I am currently working toward completion of prerequisites for the CQI Bootcamp training at the 2015 Summer Program in Population Health on the Ohio State University campus June 24-26. My attendance at that training was made possible through a scholarship secured by Ms. Factor. I will be planning actual quality improvement project(s) for the EH division during the training in order to reap maximum benefit from the time spent and while I have access to subject matter experts.

Community Health Assessment (CHA) – Crawford County Health Partners met on May 28 to select questions for the community health assessment survey. We narrowed a master list of nearly 1000 questions to just 115 of those that we believe will best help us gather information about the health status and needs of our community. The assessment will begin in early September.

Respectfully submitted,

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