

Health Commissioners Monthly Report for December 2015
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Funding

Our staff has done an outstanding job working through the budget process and adjusting/ adapting to the various changes that have come our way.

The final totals that were shared with us by the State Auditor were as follows:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Difference from 2015 Budget</u>
Total Contractual Services	\$82,395.00	-24.44%
Total Materials and Supplies	\$39,340.00	-26.88%
Total Capital Outlay	\$0	-100%
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$121,735.00	-25.24%
Salaries	\$312,900.00	14.91%
Benefits	\$128,800.00	42.29%
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$563,435.00	7.19%

Future BOH Meetings

During the December 2015 BOH meeting a document with a list of 2016 BOH meeting dates was shared. I was notified of a few conflicting dates and would like to get those rescheduled. Suggested dates are below; dates that have been changed are noted in **Red**.

January 12, 2016

February 9, 2016

March 15, 2016

April 12, 2016

May 17, 2016

June 14, 2016

July 12, 2016

August 9, 2016

September 13, 2016

October 11, 2016

November 8, 2016

December 13, 2016

Building

No further definitive news regarding the building or future modifications and/or repairs.

Accreditation

The Accreditation Team is meeting after each Board of Health meeting. Progress on large documents is still being made. Various changes in day to day functions continue to be adjusted in order to better meet requirements and also to better serve our clientele.

Personnel Policies and Procedures

Continued work is being done. Some surveys and further cross references PHAB requirements are taking place.

Administrative

Job descriptions have been reviewed and updated; these incorporate Public Health Core Competencies as required by PHAB.

Personnel evaluations have been completed. These were developed to incorporate individual goals & objectives, evaluation of the Core Competencies, training needs, licensure verifications, evaluation of job duties/ responsibilities, etc.

Evaluations of our technology equipment and software have been conducted and repairs are in progress. Various issues regarding our former IT contractor have been noted.

Outreach

The Wash Your Paws for Santa Claus campaign went better than expected. We had hundreds of entries into the coloring contest. We worked with the primary school and 7 winners were selected. Winners have been invited to ride (with their parents) in the Come Home to Galion parade. The Health Department had a horse drawn wagon take the along the parade route.



ODH Updates

Effective July 1, 2016, state provided internet and email will no longer be provided free of charge to local health departments. ODH is currently conducting a cost analysis to determine how much it would cost each department in order to maintain those services.

Based on the results of this cost analysis the GCHD may wish to look to other providers for these services. Further information will be provided as we get more details.

PHAB (Accreditation) requirement: ODH addressed this issue directly on a recent conference call and discussed actions moving forward. Director Hodges stated that he does not have a secret Bill, but has a number of ideas. He said that local health departments deserve certainty, flexibility, and autonomy. It was said that through legislative actions for the next state budget period that the language in revised code would provide certainty in regards to Accreditation; a change from may to shall would provide that certainty. In terms of the flexibility and autonomy, it was stated that the Director was not seeking to create regional hubs around urban areas, that he wants a system where decisions are based in the LHD's, and that flexibility in timing to make those necessary choices/ changes be in place.

Director Hodges and ODH will be providing 6 regional meetings to discuss the topic of Accreditation and how to handle the various aspects that must be addressed. They are looking for a consensus on how to meet the goals being set by ODH. Local health departments are being asked to not only send a representative from their department, but to also bring a BOH member (or as many BOH members that are able/ willing to attend) as this affects the governance of the local departments.