

## Health Commissioners Monthly Report for January 2016 Submitted by Trish Factor

### Funding

I will be meeting with Galion City Schools to determine contracts for the 2016-2017 school year on February 23, 2016.

### Building

I met with Mayor O'Leary, Mr. Swain- City Safety Service Director, and Mr. Bute- Utilities on February 2, 2016. Mr. Bute and I were asked to obtain quotes on previously proposed projects; this time together as one large quote. It was discussed that we should potentially have a lease agreement of sorts written up which would determine who must pay for improvements, repairs, alterations. This would outline not only who would pay for items, but also provide us guidance on who the Health Department would need to go through in order to make any changes (i.e. paint color approval). In addition, this would be a protection for the Health Department; ensuring that we wouldn't be abruptly removed from our current location, etc.

### Accreditation

#### AOHC Regional Meetings with Director Hodges - from Jim Watkins, President

I have received a few questions regarding regional meetings with Director Hodges to discuss ideas about mandatory accreditation by 2020 for local health departments to receive funds from ODH. The AOHC Board is not endorsing mandatory accreditation. It is the board opinion that this major proposal by ODH is of great concern to all our members and we feel it is important that the members hear this concept right from the source. These are important opportunities to share the local perspective with ODH regarding ensuring essential public health services to our communities. The more awareness and interaction LHD AOHC members have regarding ODH plans requiring accreditation 2020, the better. To that end we need our boards of health to understand the challenges being put forth by the administration on local health. This new mandatory requirement being proposed would have major ramifications on how health departments operate; we need people to be involved in this discussion. Here are all of the meeting dates, in case you need to attend a different district meeting than your own:

District	Date	Time	Location
Central	<b>February 5</b>	9:30 am	AOHC Office
NW	<b>February 18</b>	1:00 pm	Bowling Green
SW	<b>February 26</b>	Noon	The Springfield Center of Innovation: The Dome 700 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45505
NE	<b>March 4</b>	10 am to Noon	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
SE	<b>April 12</b>	9:30 am	Athens

### PHAB Board of Directors Approves New Five-Tiered Fee Structure

With this newsletter, PHAB announces the upcoming implementation of a new fee structure to manage and maintain the national accreditation process. Approved by PHAB's Board of Directors in December 2015, the new five-tiered structure bases accreditation fees on the size of the jurisdictional population served by the health department. Applicants who submit an application as a Tribal, state, local, or territorial health department after June 30, 2016 must use the new five-tiered fee schedule.

<b>Health Department Category</b>	<b>Initial Accreditation Review Fee*</b> <i>Effective July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017</i>	<b>Annual Accreditation Services Fee*</b> <i>Effective July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017</i>
Category 1 <i>Health Departments with populations of 100,000 or fewer</i>	\$ 14,000	\$ 5,600
Category 2 <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 100,000 to 500,000</i>	\$ 21,000	\$ 8,400
Category 3 <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 500,000 to 1,000,000</i>	\$ 28,000	\$ 11,200
Category 4 <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 1,000,000 to 5,000,000</i>	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,000
Category 5 <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 5,000,000</i>	\$ 56,000	\$ 22,400
<b>*Fees are subject to review for potential Cost of Living Allowance increases annually to take effect on July 1st of each year. Any changes to the fee amount will be announced in January of that same year.</b>		

### Website

We have had issues with our website over the last few weeks. In speaking with our vendor we were notified that when sites were being transferred on their end that there was an issue and when it went back up that it was an old "recovered" version of the site. We are working with the vendor to get things corrected ASAP.

### Personnel Policies and Procedures

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

### Administrative

Continued work on administrative policies and procedures is being done.

Data and information is currently being gathered for the 2015 Annual Report. This will be presented at the March BOH meeting.

### Training/ Conferences

January's Continuous Quality Improvement Training was successful; all staff were present.

February's training subject is Staff Development in Performance Management.

Public Health Combined Conference May 9-11, 2016

PERRC March 21-24, 2016



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## **Internet Services to Local Health Departments**

Received from Julie Walburn- ODH Chief of Staff

*Dear Health Commissioners,*

*As discussed recently on the Local Health Department weekly call, ODH is working with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology (OIT) for several Enterprise Shared IT Solutions. Networking and internet connectivity is one of the shared solutions the state enterprise is working on to lower operating costs and align with Ohio's strategic IT Optimization.*

*As expressed previously, ODH has recently discontinued internet services to LHDs who were not using our connectivity. In addition, ODH communicated that we are incurring a cost for services that will need to be paid by LHDs who wish to continue receiving internet services from ODH after July 1, 2016.*

*ODH has compiled information regarding the cost of IT Services for State Fiscal Year 2017 which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*OIT has set the rate for all LHD email accounts using the "[@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:@odh.ohio.gov)" domain to be \$16.08 per account per month. This translates to just under \$200 dollars annually per account. ODH will continue to fund and provide these email accounts thru June 30, 2016, at which time ODH will no longer be offering email as an IT service to LHD's. There are a number of commercial domains available that provide low or no cost email accounts and ODH can assist LHDs in identifying those resources, if needed. LHDs are encouraged to have a generic email account on file with ODH (within the Ohio Profile Performance Database) for use in communicating with the department in a universal manner. If the LHD elects not to register a generic account in OPPD, ODH will utilize the Health Commissioner's email address for all general communication with the LHD.*

*For LHDs who currently reside on the ODH Wide Area Network (i.e. use ODH for internet connectivity), there will be a cost associated with this connectivity beginning July 1, 2016. This cost is based on OIT's rate for network services, the cost of all circuits in the field, and maintenance. The figure also assumes ~60 LHDs continued participation and could rise should a significantly less number of LHD's decide to remain on the ODH network. The cost for this IT service will be roughly \$1,148 per month per site or ~\$13,800 annually. This cost may increase, however, if the number of LHDs using ODH internet connectivity decrease below 60.*

*Again, there are a number of commercial ISPs available that may be able to provide this service to LHDs at a lower rate. ODH is available to offer technical assistance to LHD's who elect to move from ODH provided service to a commercial solution. We can also help in reviewing indirect funds/opportunities within subgrants ODH awards to the LHD that may help cover the cost for commercial solutions.*

*Once you have had the opportunity to review this information, please contact Nate Huskey via email at [Nathan.huskey@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Nathan.huskey@odh.ohio.gov) to indicate whether your LHD intends to retain email and internet connectivity services through Ohio DAS/OIT. We would like to receive this information no later than April 1, 2016.*

*Additionally, ODH is currently in the process of migrating LHD emails ending in "[@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:@odh.ohio.gov)." So, even though we will be discontinuing email accounts for LHDs at the end of the fiscal year, this step is necessary while we continue to work toward the July 1, 2016 permanent transition. The migration will require users to obtain new credentials in order to log in. You will be receiving a separate communication from ODH regarding these steps.*

*ODH appreciates your understanding as the department continues to review services, align with the state enterprise, and improve efficiencies that will allow us to focus on the pillars of public health.*

*Sincerely,*

*Julie Walburn*