

Health Commissioners Monthly Report for April-May 2016 Submitted by Trish Factor

Funding

Contracts for services provided by our department are out for signatures. Additional contracts to bring in revenue are being considered.

IT/ Website

Staff has been moved to a new email system. Our former email addresses will still work through the end of June; however, in order to ensure continuity we will have a period of time with overlap. New email addresses are firstname.lastname@galionhealth.org. We have ensured that proper encryption and security of data are incorporated with these new addresses.

Our website has been restored and moved to a new host. We will now have a better ability to change/ add/ correct content on our own.

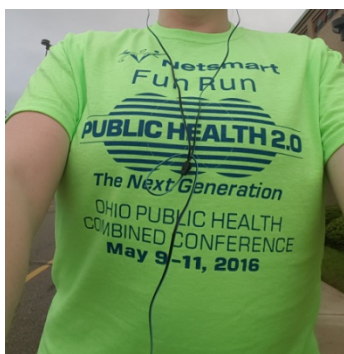
Administrative

Continued work on administrative policies and procedures is being done.

Training/ Conferences

Spring Public Health Combined Conference

Trish attended this three day conference and obtained various state updates and new resources. An optional activity at the conference is a Fun Run-Walk on the last day. The Galion City Health Department was recognized for being an active partner in "the Next Generation" of Public Health. We were awarded 1st Place (for small organization division (under 100 employees)) for our commitment to physical activity and health.



17th Annual Summer Program in Population Health

Trish has been offered 1 of 10 scholarships across the state to attend the week long courses. Courses that she will be taking are:

Data Collection Instrument Design and Analysis

This course focuses on the process of finding or developing data-collection instruments. Strategies for identifying, using and evaluating existing data collection instruments will be presented, including identification and use of web-based tools, use of instrument cataloging documents, and communicating with instrument authors. Participants will use an Instrument Review Form developed by the instructor. Methods of development of instruments including knowledge tests, attitude/opinion surveys, behavior recording, and observation will be presented. Epi Info™ 7 will be used to develop data collection instruments, and participants will learn correct data management for input into forms for research and evaluation using IBM SPSS Statistics. Assessing instrument reliability and validity will be presented and software for determination of psychometric properties of various types of data collection instruments will be used, including item analysis, reliability, subscale, and total score determination, including development of tables and graphs.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI Bootcamp)

CQI Boot Camp is an intensive training that gets people learning and using CQI methods and tools. Starting with the basics, this course is designed to provide a foundation in CQI that will give participants the confidence to be an effective improvement team member within their agencies. Participants will apply new skills to an in-depth simulation involving a prototypical public health agency. This course is highly interactive and participants will leave ready to start an improvement project in their agencies. Individuals and teams welcome.

Preparedness

Operation Decisive

Medallion was a success (Ebola exercise). An After Action Report should be completed soon and will be shared.

Building

Pioneer Community Day: A group of students from Pioneer came out and assisted with painting, clean-up, and organizing parts of the health department.



In addition, Dr. Metzger joined us to work on Standing Orders and brought us a little “Baby Therapy”.

Meet Baby **Zellie**!

Staffing

We have welcomed DeEtta Shaffer to the department as our new Director of Nursing. We are also welcoming back Brittany Hobson as a Public Health Nurse effective June 27, 2016.



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Community Health Assessment

Our Community Event for the Crawford County & Galion City Community Health Status Assessment was held May 16, 2016. We are now ramping up for the Community Health Improvement Plan. CHIP meeting dates have been set as follows:

May 31, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Galion Community Hospital Lobby Conference Room

July 14, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Galion Community Hospital Board Room

August 11, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Galion Community Hospital Board Room

August 25, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Galion Community Hospital Board Room

September 1 (make-up date), 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ Galion Community Hospital Board Room

Avita has graciously offered to provide lunch during the meetings.