

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for January 2017

Accreditation

The Crawford County Health Partners (CCHP) met on January 12, the Obesity subcommittee on January 24, and the Cardiovascular subcommittee on January 26. A variety of action steps have been established and exciting things are continuing to happen.

Food Safety

January and February are busy months for routine food safety inspections, as the required inspections must be completed before the end of the license year (February 28, 2017). Renovations continue at the proposed Iron Works Grill and Ralphie's Sports Eatery.

Household Sewage Treatment

Crawford County Public Health applied for and was awarded \$300,000 in financial assistance through the Ohio EPA Office of Financial Assistance, Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. The assistance is intended for replacement of existing, failing household sewage treatment systems (HSTS). Funding will be available countywide in 2017, and individuals may apply to receive funds which are awarded at three levels based on income eligibility: 100%, 85%, or 50% of the HSTS replacement cost.

There has been an Inspection Services Agreement between Galion City and Crawford County since July 27, 2007. It is narrow in scope and includes provision of on-site reviews and inspections of HSTS construction by Crawford County within the City of Galion. There has been little activity in the sewage program since the contract has been in place. Work will begin in March to review and update the agreement, and likely expand its scope to include other services, such as the HSTS Operation and Maintenance program required statewide as of January 1, 2015.

Public Health Nuisances

Ten public health nuisances were reported and investigated in January, nine of which were solid waste. Three cases are still open from 2016. Two cases were heard in Crawford County Municipal Court in January reference solid waste violations, one for a second offense and one for a third offense. Pre-trial hearings were set for both cases for February 7.

Public Swimming Pools

The Public Swimming Pool Program survey report was received from Ohio Department of Health in January, for the survey conducted in October 2016. The program was found to be meeting acceptable standards as specified by the survey methodology, and the department was approved as the licensor for the district we serve.

Rabies Prevention

Five animal bites were reported in Galion in January: two cats and three dogs. Two of the animals (cat, dog) were strays and no follow-up was possible. The two owned dogs were quarantined, received satisfactory examinations, are up-to-date on rabies vaccination, and have been released from quarantine. I await information on the remaining cat still under quarantine.

Smoke Free Workplace

One investigation was conducted in January for alleged violations of the Smoke-Free Workplace law in a Galion facility. No evidence of violations was found in the facility and the case was dismissed. An invoice for \$250 was submitted to Ohio Department of Health for reimbursement for services provided in the second quarter of FY17.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Zmuda, RS