

Galion City Board of Health Health Commissioners Monthly Report for July 2021

Fiscal/Funding

Olivia is keeping us in line with the grants, purchase orders, etc. Both Liv and I completed the Sunshine Law Training on July 14th. We are also trying to deal with records retention and taking inventory in the basement to see what we may discard by law. There is a lot to do, but we do need the space for storage down there. Liv continues to help us manage the Covid-19 grants as they trickle in; it is especially helpful on the grant reporting back to Crawford County. I do believe we have been working well together on r

Emergency Preparedness

GCHD is still offering the COVID-19 Moderna two dose vaccine. The state still wants LHD's to vaccinate our communities, promote the vaccine, and go to the people to get it done. This has not proven to be highly effective in Galion; vaccinating less than 10 new people at various locations. Emily has made cards for both the GPD and FD staff to give to homebound people in need of the vaccine. GCHD will continue to promote the availability of the vaccine for anyone who wants it. All mandates disseminating from the state are now recommendations for the most part.

Communicable Disease

July 2021

Confirmed Communicable Disease by Type	
Sexually Transmitted Infections	4
Vaccine Preventable Illness	0
Bloodborne Pathogens	8
Enteric Illnesses	0
Other Illnesses	
Vectorborne Illnesses	0
Total	12

Sexual Health Clinic

- The official continuation funding amount for 2022 for our region will be \$324,915. Olivia has been working hard to look at how we will use these funds to support our current positions and add additional positions to support our 9-county region.
- In July we had a **42% positivity rate** on tested clients that presented for gonorrhea, chlamydia of trichomonas (2 pending specimens).
- 1 new HIV positive diagnosis from our clinic

- 12 current PrEP patients enrolled in our 340B Avita pharmacy program (approx. \$1000 revenue/month per patient to go back to our programming/services!)
- 21 current PrEP patients that we are monitoring every 3 months in HIV prevention from Richland, Crawford, Wyandot, Marion & Franklin counties
- Our DIS, Tina Nichols, has been working on a “Rise and Thrive” Grant with Dr. Donna Hight at OSU Mansfield to support overall student health at the campus. The overall goal of this grant is to eventually fund a student health center.
- We will be spending 3 hours each week in the fall on campus to provide education and screenings to the students and staff at OSU/NCSC
- We have been working with the new regional Navigators from Third St. Clinic to expand services for HIV prevention, testing and PrEP
- Again, we are living in a time when those at high risk for HIV have access to the tools to stay free of infection. And we are fortunate to be able to provide that here in our small community.
- We have received recognition from the Ohio Dept. of Health STD Program Manager regarding the development of our clinical services—We were asked by a Columbus Equitas branch for technical assistance with their clinical flow.

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Staff

A lunch staff meeting was held on August 2nd, because we couldn’t make July happen. We discussed the need to keep doing outreach reports, surveys, and documenting events for the accreditation purposes. We began watching the “Preparing for the Site Visit”, but we discovered it was more for a PHAB site visitor to review. We discussed some issues that may need to be put on the BOH agenda, such as clarification of a salaried position/exempt/non-exempt employee. It was tabled last month. Our opinion is that the Director of Nursing position and the Director of Environmental Health position should not be salaried positions.

Accreditation

PHAB will do the site visit for the Galion City Health Department on September 1-3, 2021, and it will be virtually conducted. Each day will consist of 4 hours of review. Community members will be asked to attend on Friday, September 3rd, and so far, Miranda Jones from the Chamber and Jennifer Allarding, superintendent with Galion City Schools has agreed to attend. I may invite one or two more community members as well.