

January 2024 BOH Updates

STI/HIV Prevention Program

Clinical

- Continued steady client numbers in Marion and in Galion, increase from December (after-holiday rush)

Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking

Crawford, Marion, Richland, Ashland, Knox, Erie, Wyandot, Seneca, & Huron Counties

- Steady syphilis cases, primarily in Knox, Marion and Richland counties
- Individuals most at risk for syphilis continue to be women of childbearing age who use drugs (IV drug use, crystal meth), men who use drugs and men who have sex with men.
- *However*, we have provided services to individuals as old as 80+ years with syphilis infections.
- HIV and syphilis testing events held in January (2): Knox County Jail, Kno-Ho-Co Ashland Family Planning

Grant Management/Budget, Other Grant News

- Abby Volk was hired for the DIS position. Her start date is Feb. 5, 2024. Training for this position will take approximately 12 months, with support from the Ohio Dept. of Health. This position is fully funded by ODH.
- Leanna P. has worked to manage our ever-changing budget and challenging financial needs that come with two separate grants on two different timelines. Prior to 2024, both grants were on a January 1 start, now both do not start on this date, and have separate starts altogether.

Questions, concerns or comments?

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Respectfully Submitted,

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