

Monthly Report for February 2015 **Submitted by Trish Factor**

Health Commissioners Report

Ebola

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the state of Ohio 4.2 million in preparedness funding. This funding is being distributed to the regions and then dispersed to the counties. A contract with Crawford County for additional funding is being finalized.

Building

I've been working on settling in a bit. I am currently residing in what was previously the DON's office.

We relocated all immunization records to locked filing cabinets within an office, and also relocated all needles/ syringes into a locking cabinet. These were some of the first measures taken due to some safety concerns as well as HIPPA. We have more changes to make, but this was a good start with great help by the staff.

We had a few plumbing issues pop up and had some repair work done. During the repairs it was found that one of our issues (water not getting hot enough) was due to an aged and deteriorating water heater. A quote has been obtained and we plan to move forward with the replacement as this is a necessary repair. (\$735.28)

In looking toward future expansion of programs and the need for space, contractors have been contacted to produce quotes on creating 2 additional office spaces out of existing space adjacent to our hall. At the time of this report, only one quote has come in.

Annual Report

It has come to my attention that Galion City Health Department has not completed an annual report in quite some time. I am hoping that we will be able to pull together some data and statistics in order to create a 2014 report. These reports are typically brief, highlighting key facts that the health department can share with its community members. This is a document that can be utilized in many aspects of Accreditation.

AOHC All Member Meeting

The AOHC All member meeting was held Friday March 6, 2015. Agenda items included a Budget Bill overview, Immunization Funding Changes, the Public Health Futures Projects, and for the first time a

Roundtable Discussion by ODH District with ODH Bureau Chiefs. ODH Director Rick Hodges came and introduced himself and explained the changes to the table of organization for the ODH then introduced his Bureau Chiefs (most of which were new). During the round table discussion concerns were able to be brought to up and notes were taken on a standardized form by the AOHC Regional Officers which were then handed over to the Director in order for answers to questions that were not able to be immediately answered to be prepared and sent out to all commissioners.

DON

Interviews for DON have been set and I am hopeful that we will have a candidate prior to the next meeting.

Upcoming Dates/Meetings for the Commissioner- Local Meetings TBD

3/23-27/15 Preparedness, Emergency Response, and Recovery Consortium (PERRC) [Speaking, Presenting, Planning Committee Member]

4/3, 5/1, 6/5 Health Commissioner University

5/18-20/15 Public Health Combined Conference

4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, November – TBD, December – TBD NWOhio AOHC Meeting