

## **Monthly Report for February 2015** **Submitted by Stephanie Zmuda**

### **Environmental Health**

#### **Food Safety Program –**

- Licensing for 2015-16 is nearly complete with a 93% on-time renewal rate. A total of \$484.89 in late fees was received for delinquent renewals.
- A total of 25 food safety inspections were conducted in February: routine standard – 17; follow-up – 1; critical control point – 5; pre-licensing – 2.
- New retail food establishment Papa John's opened in the Galion West Shopping Center on March 5. TNT Bar, the former Maynard's Bar & Grill/Sports Shack, opened under new ownership in February as did Millie's Whistle Stop Café. Plan review is underway for a new tap room in the Drug Mart plaza. Wee Care Daycare & Preschool closed permanently in February.
- Ms. Zmuda participated in field training with environmental health contractor Joette Moore on February 9, 2015, in the food service operation and vending components. A joint inspection was conducted at a food service operation and Ms. Moore was trained in vending during conduction of routine inspections.

### **Accreditation**

Planning for a collaborative community health assessment began in September of 2014 with Crawford County and Galion City Health Departments and Avita Health System. A great deal of work has been done since then to plan for a successful assessment, identify health partners in the community with whom to collaborate, and select a contractor to conduct the assessment. Nathan Benich, Emergency Preparedness Planner at Crawford County General Health District, and Ms. Zmuda co-chair the planning committee, Crawford County Health Partners. A community kick-off meeting was held at Galion Alliance Church on March 5 with 36 in attendance, a very impressive turn-out for a small county. Contracts and MOUs are set to be in place by April 15. Survey questions will be selected during the summer and surveys will go out in early September. Survey results should be available at year's end.

### **Annual Financial Report & Quality Indicators**

Annual reporting to Ohio Department of Health was completed on March 2. The Annual Financial Report is submitted annually as a requirement for receiving state subsidy funds. Quality Indicators were first submitted in 2015 and will be a submitted annually as a requirement for receiving state subsidy funds moving forward (OAC 3701-36-03: Minimum Standards). The Quality Indicators come from the Public Health Futures report commissioned by the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) in 2012, and some are directly applicable to PHAB standards for accreditation.

**Board of Health & Health District Licensing Council** – RECAP: There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Health (BOH) and on the Health District Licensing Council (HDLC); the HDLC vacancy includes the BOH delegate. ORC 3709.41 (A) states, “The members of the council shall consist of one representative of each business activity for which the board of health operates a licensing program. To be appointed and remain a member, an individual shall be a resident of the health district for which the council was created.” Section (C) further states, “The health district licensing council shall appoint one of its members to serve as a member of the board of health.” Licensing programs currently in operation are food service operation, retail food establishment, public swimming pools, and solid waste haulers. Council members were Dan Beach of Wendy’s representing food service operations and Phil Schreck of Phil’s Deli representing retail food establishments. Neither is available to be the Board of Health delegate. There are no eligible candidates for the public swimming pool program and only one eligible individual in the solid waste hauler program. UPDATE: Ms. Zmuda received information from Joe Mazzola, Local Health Department Liaison at Ohio Department of Health, and Beth Bickford, Executive Director of AOHC, that there is no legislation currently being considered that would remove the HDLC requirement. However, both stated interest in having conversation to discuss the possibility.

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