

## Health Commissioners Monthly Report for February/ March 2016 Submitted by Trish Factor

### Funding

Contracts for services provided by our department are being reviewed.

### Building

Mr. Swain- City Safety Service Director approved painting to be done by a group of volunteers as part of a Community Day project through Pioneer. It has not yet been determined whether there will be enough groups of students to complete our project, but we are hoping to hear back soon.

Mr. Bute and I were asked to obtain quotes on previously proposed projects; this time together as one large quote. Due to his extended absence this has been delayed but plans are to meet within the next week.

### Accreditation

#### AOHC Regional Meetings with Director Hodges

I was able to attend a few of these sessions and we were lucky enough to have our Board of Health represented by Ms. Kerr on March 4<sup>th</sup>. There are many changes coming our way in public health; however, we are proactive and meeting these head on.

#### PHAB Board of Directors Approves New Five-Tiered Fee Structure

PHAB announced the a new fee structure to manage and maintain the national accreditation process. Approved by PHAB's Board of Directors in December 2015, the new five-tiered structure bases accreditation fees on the size of the jurisdictional population served by the health department. Applicants who submit an application as a Tribal, state, local, or territorial health department after June 30, 2016 must use the new five-tiered fee schedule.

<b>Health Department Category</b>	<b>Initial Accreditation Review Fee*</b> <i>Effective July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017</i>	<b>Annual Accreditation Services Fee*</b> <i>Effective July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017</i>
<b>Category 1</b> <i>Health Departments with populations of 100,000 or fewer</i>	\$ 14,000	\$ 5,600
<b>Category 2</b> <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 100,000 to 500,000</i>	\$ 21,000	\$ 8,400
<b>Category 3</b> <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 500,000 to 1,000,000</i>	\$ 28,000	\$ 11,200
<b>Category 4</b> <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 1,000,000 to 5,000,000</i>	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,000
<b>Category 5</b> <i>Health Departments with populations greater than 5,000,000</i>	\$ 56,000	\$ 22,400
<b>*Fees are subject to review for potential Cost of Living Allowance increases annually to take effect on July 1st of each year. Any changes to the fee amount will be announced in January of that same year.</b>		

**Website**

The vendor was not able to fully recover our website. We have been working diligently to get all pages current and are verifying that current information is and/ or is able to be placed on our website.

**Administrative**

Continued work on administrative policies and procedures is being done.

Data and information was gathered for the 2015 Annual Report. See attachment.

**Training/ Conferences**

February's Staff Development in Performance Management Training was successful; all staff were present.

Public Health Combined Conference May 9-11, 2016

PERRC March 21-24, 2016

**Internet Services to Local Health Departments**

Based on rates determined by the state department of health it was found that maintaining our current @odh.ohio.gov email addresses would cost our department (at minimum) \$1,543.68 per year. It was also determined that remaining on the ODH provided fiber optic internet connection would cost our department (at minimum) \$13,776 per year. These figures are far out of our budget. Therefore we will be looking into alternatives for email and internet services. \*The state will begin charging for these services effective 7/1/2016.