

Environmental Health Monthly Report for May 2016

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Accreditation

I participated in an Accreditation Learning Community event on May 9. These events are always a good opportunity to network and learn from the efforts of others.

Crawford County Health Partners reached the completion of the countywide community health assessment (CHA) with the release of the data at a community event held on May 16. Forty-four stakeholders and community members were present for the event and presentation by Britney Ward of Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. Ward solicited feedback from participants about the data as well as priorities for health improvement.

With the completion of the CHA we were ready to begin work on the countywide community health improvement plan (CHIP), with the first of 4 4-hour long meetings being held on May 31. The meeting was productive; partners narrowed down the list of possible health priorities to the four that we will focus on:

- Obesity
- Adult Cardiovascular Disease
- Youth Substance Abuse
- Prenatal Outcomes

Food Safety

Jason Ahrens of Ohio Department of Agriculture conducted a Retail Food Program survey April 18-20. Survey results were received in a packet dated May 26. The department retained its approved status to administer the retail food safety program under the oversight of Ohio Department of Agriculture. There are five items that need improvement, some of which had already been planned and/or undertaken. Details can be found in the attached survey report.

Public Health Nuisances

Eight new nuisance complaints were reported in May: 2 insect/rodent, 1 sewage, and 5 solid waste. Twenty-three nuisance inspections were conducted. Three ongoing solid waste cases were finally abated after being heard in Crawford County Municipal Court for first offenses.

Smokefree Workplace

I requested and participated in Smokefree Workplace training with Lisa Zumstein of Ohio Department of Health on May 3. The training, which included administrative aspects of the program as well as an onsite investigation, was quite helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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