

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for August 2016

Accreditation

The Crawford County Health Partners met on August 25 to complete the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). We have worked throughout the summer following a community-driven strategic planning process for improving health called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). Tessa Elliott and Britney Ward of Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio guided us through the MAPP process, which included using community health assessment (CHA) data to set priorities for health improvement; assessing the community for strengths, existing resources, and gaps in services; and planning strategies for improvement. Accountability was established for each of the strategies chosen and the committee will meet on a monthly basis in order to continue forward momentum.

Strategies chosen for which Galion City Health Department has some accountability include:

Obesity

- ❖ Increase businesses/organizations providing wellness programs and insurance incentive programs to their employees.
- ❖ Establish a Crawford County Obesity Coalition that will create an action plan to achieve healthy weight goals and objectives.

Adult Cardiovascular Disease

- ❖ Implement Tobacco 21 policies.

Prenatal Outcomes

- ❖ Increase breastfeeding practices.

Trans-Strategies

- ❖ Market the CHIP with Crawford County community leaders.

Food Safety

Two facilities—a Risk Level 3 and a Risk Level 4 retail food establishment—have been entered into the Enhanced Enforcement Process for noncompliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. Each facility has received a Notice of Noncompliance and will have a follow-up inspection during the week of September 12.

Public Health Nuisances

Eight public health nuisances were reported in August, all of which were solid waste. Nuisance abatement has been achieved in 50% of the cases.

Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Special Use Pools

Seasonal public swimming pool injury data has been submitted to the department for the Drowning Prevention Pilot Project, thanks to the diligence of Galion Community Center YMCA Aquatics Director Mary Fuller. The data accompanies this report.

Rabies Prevention

Four animal bites occurred in Galion in August. All the biting animals were owned dogs, and rabies vaccination information has been received in 50% of the cases.

Smokefree Workplace

The Smokefree Workplace program operates on a complaint-based system. No complaints about violations in Galion were received in August.