

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for 5/21/19



Accreditation

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) Community Release event will be held on May 29, 2019 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Wesley Chapel, Galion, OH; we hope that many of our BOH members are able to attend. Health issues we will be examining at the event include health care coverage, access & utilization, women's health, men's health, weight status, tobacco use, alcohol consumption, sexual behavior, mental health, cardiovascular health, cancer, diabetes, and quality of life. Addressing the health status of our community and developing collaborative initiatives to make improvements requires all of us fully understanding the issues, assessing the resources we have available, and coming together to develop initiatives and make changes.

The Crawford County Health Partners are driving forward and preparing to create the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Based on the data from the 2019 CHA the Health Partners will meet to determine our priorities for the next 3 years. This is your opportunity to provide input on what those priority areas are and how we choose to address them. The CHIP will be developed in a series of 4 meetings. These meetings will take place at the Galion Community Hospital, 269 Portland Way South, Galion *Lobby Conference Room* from 9:30am-1:30pm on June 6th, July 10th, August 1st, and August 28th.

Working on documentation gathering, creation, and cover sheets as time allows.

Previously met with Crawford County Public Health Planner regarding documentation for Domain 2. There are numerous issues with the documentation that was provided to us. I requested updated, missing, unsecured, and/or additional documents and will most likely not receive them. I also met with the Planner and the Health Commissioner to discuss the Emergency Operations Plans (for Domain 5) and the formatting/ security issues. Some plans were provided in a less secure format, but still not allowing us to do everything we typically would with a document being submitted to PHAB. At this point we are just going to have to utilize what we have in the format that we have it.

Fiscal/Funding

The Mosquito Control Grant (\$14,500) will be received. This was not accounted for in our 2019 budget. We have notified the auditors office and spoken to City Council to let them know that amendments will need to take place.

An additional \$60,000 in grant funds has been applied for to build the capacity of PrEP services for our Region; we have not received word on this application yet. If received it would be added into the same funding lines we receive our DIS (HIV/STD) grants through; it would still be reimbursement based, and would require a budget revision through the GMIS (grants management information system).

During a conference call with ODH on 4/25/19, there was a presentation regarding counties potentially at increased risk of an HIV Cluster/ HCV Outbreak associated with non-sterile injection of opioids. The state found that it would be receiving federal dollars (CDC-RFA-TP18_1802); it was determined that they would allocate 100% of the funds to HIV/STI prevention planning regions. An assessment was conducted to determine the most vulnerable counties in Ohio in order to distribute the funds based on

greatest vulnerability. Of the top 20 vulnerable counties identified, our planning region houses 2 of them (Marion and Crawford Counties). Based on how many of the top 20 vulnerable counties were identified in each region, \$5,625 for each of those will be received. For GCHD (Region 2) we will be receiving \$11,250. This is a reallocation of federal funds and therefore takes some time to get organized at the state level; we were told that reallocation information should be available until around June, these specific funds must be spent by 8/31/19. As we receive information, it will be shared. A budget revision through GMIS would be necessary for these funds as well.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

Continued work on administrative policies and procedures is being done. Review of policies and procedures being conducted according to their designated review/ revision schedules.

IT

We continue to work with ES as IT issues are identified.

Issues regarding our GoDaddy accounts have come up; this is in regard to our email, Microsoft Office 360, and our Domain. The payment was submitted to GoDaddy via check (\$2,329.06) and should have been an electronic payment. GoDaddy cannot track down the physical check (as of 5/16/19); the Auditors Office would need the physical check back in order to process an electronic payment in order to ensure that a double payment is not made. If the physical check cannot be tracked down, there is a 90-day policy at the Auditors Office. Unfortunately, if we are not able to figure something out, most of our items will expire on 6/2/19. We continue to try to work through this but are having great difficulty.

It was found that our website had been hacked, not just once, but multiple times over the last few years. Our website needs to be fixed and also upgraded to a CMS that is up-to-date and put on a hosting server that is more secure. The fix is estimated to cost us around \$1,000. Then the increase of the annual fees in subsequent years. This is a necessary, but unexpected cost.

Staff

Training for staff is ongoing based on the workforce development plan and programmatic needs. A staff meeting was held on 4/22/19. Ms. Julie Kiser, Fair Housing Specialist from the Ohio Regional Development Corporation came and spoke to the staff about Fair Housing. There were many questions prompted and good discussion occurred.

Internal discussions regarding the filling of the vacant MA position have occurred. Most agree that moving the position to one that is more clerical than MA would better fill the needs of the department. Discussion with the BOH is forthcoming.

The Mosquito Surveillance contract position is in the process of being posted.

Quality Improvement Efforts

GCHD Quality Improvement Council meet as part of the staff meeting on 4/22/19. The following Quality Improvement Updates were provided.

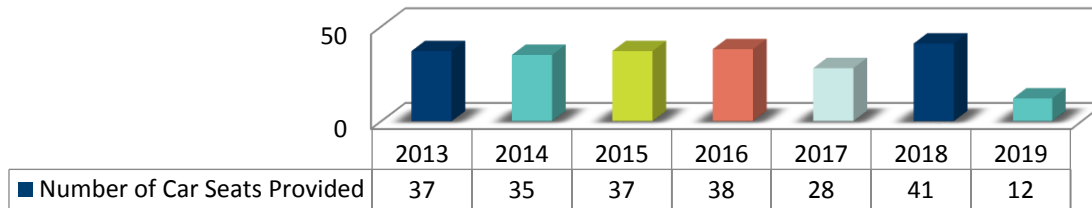
- a. Current Projects
 - i. Administrative QI Projects
 - 1. Daily Logs

- a. Some are a month behind, look for blank entries
- 2. Deadlines- Reminders
 - a. The use of deadlines on the Galion City Outlook Calendar, no issues or comments
- 3. Communications- Staff Locations
 - a. Change to Microsoft Teams- discussion on use of Microsoft Teams
- 4. BOH Retention- Involvement
 - a. BOH Satisfaction Survey- Went over submitted questions, condensed and clarified some submissions. Input will be considered, and questions formatted into Survey Monkey.
- ii. Environmental QI Projects
 - 1. Food Service Licensing- completed- shared storyboard
- iii. Nursing QI Projects
 - 1. Started new AFIX (immunization recalls, reminders)
 - 2. Documentation Errors- completed
- b. Potential Projects
 - 1. School Health Services- the nursing division is looking into starting a project over the summer

Child Passenger Safety

GCHD was notified on 4/23/19, by Crawford County Public Health (CCPH), that their 2 child passenger safety technicians would not be renewing their certifications and after April would no longer be able to provide car seats/ classes. As the OBB site for the county, GCHD received the seats and provided half to the county to distribute, but we have done the classes as well as the reporting to the state. CCPH discontinuing their participation in the program will leave a gap across the county. GCHD will need to assess how we choose to move forward with the program in terms of its structure. *The number of seats provided that are reported are only inclusive of those seats provided by GCHD technicians. As the only site for the county now we may see those numbers increase.

Number of Car Seats Provided (YTD)



Communicable Disease

Note: Case counts are updated as information is obtained, updates are incorporated into the YTD charts.

April

Disease Type	Disease	Total Investigations	GCHD Investigations Confirmed	GCHD Investigations Suspected	GCHD Investigations Not a Case	GCHD Investigations Ongoing
STI	Chlamydia	3	3	0	0	0
VPI	Flu (hospitalized)	3	3	0	0	0
BP	Hepatitis C - Chronic	9	8	0	1	0
VPI	Hepatitis B - Chronic	2	1	1	0	0
VPI	Hep B Perinatal	1	0	0	0	1

April Confirmed Communicable Disease by Type

Confirmed Communicable Disease by Type	
Sexually Transmitted Infections	3
Vaccine Preventable Illness	4
Bloodborne Pathogens	8
Enteric Illnesses	0
Other Illnesses	0
Vectorborne Illnesses	0
Total	15

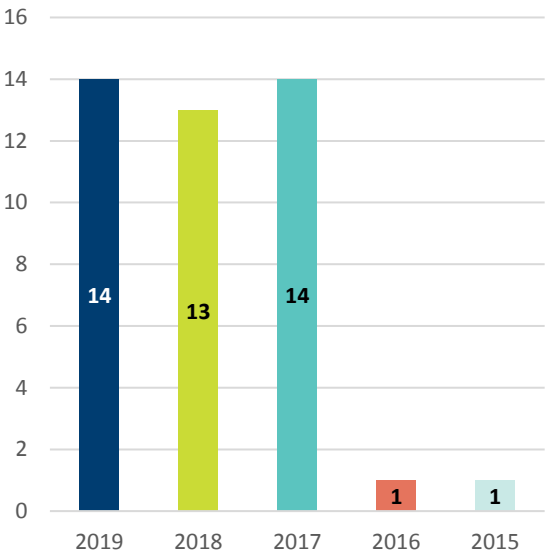
Communicable Disease Totals by Type - YTD					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (YTD)
Sexually Transmitted Infections	67	55	72	77	19
Vaccine Preventable Illness	8	12	21	27	17
Bloodborne Pathogens	67	63	39	67	21
Enteric Illnesses	3	4	3	1	0
Other Illnesses	3	2	1	4	0
Vectorborne Illnesses	1	4	2	0	0
Total	149	140	138	176	57

Note: When reporting diseases on these spreadsheets "confirmed" include both confirmed and probable cases (probable cases in which confirmatory testing is unavailable but with all other data, it is assumed)

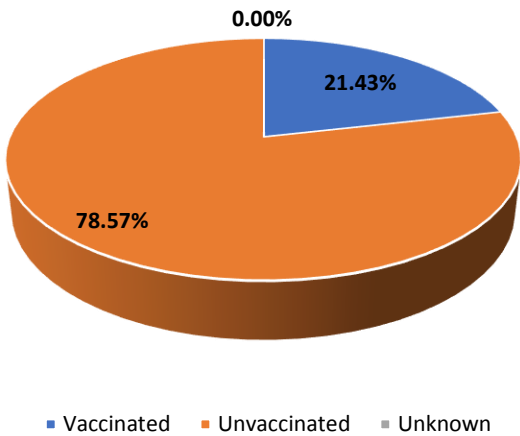
Hospitalized Influenza

Hospitalized Influenza cases in Galion have hit a level equal to that of our highest year in the last 5. The last 3 flu seasons have seen a dramatic rise in cases of Hospitalized Influenza. All cases in 2019 have been Influenza A, no hospitalized cases of Influenza B. When looking at vaccination rates of those that have been hospitalized, 78.57% (11 cases) were unvaccinated and 21.43% (3 cases) had received vaccination. Documentation of vaccination status of cases improved in 2019 and all cases vaccination status were known (0 unknown). The average age of hospitalized Influenza cases was 58.42. This number changes when you factor in vaccination. Individuals hospitalized for Influenza that had received the flu vaccine (3 cases) had an average age of 69.93 while those that had not been vaccinated (11 cases) averaged an age of 55.28.

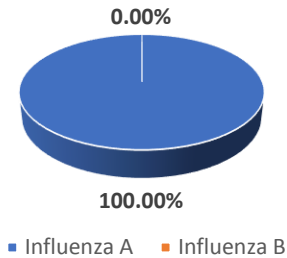
Hospitalized Flu Cases 2015-2019



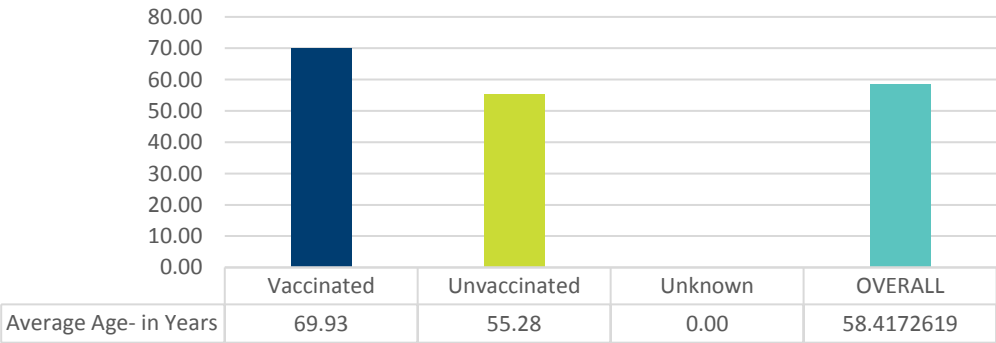
Vaccination Status of Hospitalized Influenza Cases



Influenza A vs B Prevalence



Average Age by Influenza Vaccination Status



Other

Other tasks progressing include, but are not limited to:

- PHAB (accreditation) documentation preparation/ submission
- Performance Management System updates, correcting formatting/ data entry for 2019 tracking; have had major issues with the system of excel spreadsheets.
- Outreach/ Education opportunities/ materials for GCHD
- Contract reviews
- Meetings with local, state, and regional partners
- Submission of the new AFR and Quality Indicators
- Prep for CHA Community Event
- Prep for CHIP process
- Clinic coverage- late
- Conference call for OPHA EPI white paper
- Legislative Input and stakeholder feedback gathering
- Review of state budget bill, including attendance at AOHC Public Affairs Committee
- Review of city ordinances as they relate to and/or affect the health department
- Attendance at the required Spring Combined Conference
- Covered multiple days for staffs utilizing leave
- Filed Medicaid recertification for the Medical Director
- Conducted Car Seat Classes
- Etc.