

Galion City Board of Health Health Commissioners Monthly Report for September 2021

Fiscal/Funding

Liv continues to manage the Covid-19 grants, including the newest Workforce Development Grant. Crawford County informed us at the end of September that we will be receiving the entire \$180,000. Olivia gathers data from the staff and completes the monthly grant reports to Crawford County Public Health. Olivia is working on the 2022 budget for the department.

Emergency Preparedness

GCHD is still offering both the COVID-19 Moderna & Pfizer two-dose vaccine. The state still wants LHD's to vaccinate our communities, promote the vaccine, and go to the people to get it done. The Pfizer is also being offered to the 12-17 year old population at school open house. GCHD will continue to promote the availability of the vaccine for anyone who wants it. Covid-19 test kits were in extremely high demand for the month of September. We get shipments from the Ohio Department of Health and share the supply with the Galion Public Library for disbursement to the community.

Communicable Disease

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Confirmed Communicable Disease by Type	
Sexually Transmitted Infections	4
Vaccine Preventable Illness	0
Bloodborne Pathogens	8
Enteric Illnesses	0
Other Illnesses	0
Vectorborne Illnesses	0
Total	12

Sexual Health Clinic

The sexual health clinic continues to provide much needed care to individuals at GCHD on a regular basis. The clientele are all very happy with our nurse practitioner's dedication to patient care.

Staff

I am so thankful to all staff that worked so hard on the preparation for our PHAB virtual site visit. It was a lot of work for everyone, but Emily and Olivia put in a lot of extra time providing documentation and answering questions. Thanks to Tina as well who helped on the site visit days addressing some of the domains. It will take all of us to become accredited and maintain it. The Board members also did well with their responses to some of the PHAB site visitor questions. We should all be very grateful to the community supporters who showed up with praise for the work that we all do.

A lot of time was also spent interviewing for the front desk MA part time position as well as the PRN nurse position; however, we believe we have found quality individuals to fill both positions.

Accreditation

PHAB did the site visit for the Galion City Health Department on September 1-3, 2021, and it was virtually conducted. We had to submit more (requested) documentation by PHAB by the end of the day on September 8, 2021 to reflect better demonstration of several measures. The final decision of our accreditation status should be known by November 15, 2021.