

Galion City Board of Health Health Commissioners Monthly Report for March 2022

Fiscal/Funding

Several staff members were part of the interview team for hiring the new Business Services Officer/ Vital Statistics Registrar. In the month of March, three candidates were interviewed. Tina asked a former coworker if she would be interested in this position. Though this person declined, she did tell us of someone else who may be a good fit for this position. This candidate was interviewed in March, though Jason was unexpectedly out of the office that day, so a second interview was scheduled in April for Jason to meet this candidate. However, the rest of the interview team was very enthusiastic about this candidate.

More candidates applied for this open job position than some other positions we have tried filling.

Building

A contractor started some building repairs in March. The drywall by the front entrance was repaired, the weathering strip was fixed on the front door, and a mirror was put up for safety in the front, so the front desk staff could see who comes in the door. The doorstep which fell off the employee restroom door was also repaired after a couple of attempts.

Training/ Conferences

Jason attended a training called Finance for Health Departments. It was a two-day training at the Union County Health Department.

Jason finalized paperwork for Master of Public Health Intern Vonja Thomas to start her internship at the health department in April.

Education/ Outreach

Jason and Sarah attended the annual Health and Wellness Fair that the Chamber hosts. Instead of being at the Y as in years past, it was held at Real Life Nazarene Church. Please see the corresponding Outreach Report for more information about this. During this event, Jason had the chance to meet with the volunteers from Columbus who have corresponded with him for a few months. This event was a good chance to provide education to the community and also connect or re-connect with community partners.

For child car seat safety classes, three classes were conducted, and five car seats were distributed to four different people. There is a new coordinator who started in March named Kirsten Frissora (from Columbus Public Health) that Jason corresponds with for any questions or for completing quarterly reporting.

Staff

Staff got sick more frequently during March. For example, Jason had strep throat twice, and Tina was out for a week. Andy was also summoned to jury duty, but thankfully it was shorter than expected.

We also worked with Olivia to try and have a smooth transition before she left. Staff worked together to make sure we would have all the pertinent info that we needed, and Olivia worked to have certain reports and tasks completed to make it easier on the staff in April.

Contracts

Jason entered into a contract to complete a New 2 Public Health year-long residency program. This training is paid for by Workforce Development funds and does "deep dives" into every aspect of the Foundation Public Health Services framework. Another contract was signed for an intern to start working in April.

Accreditation

Jason was able to provide a lump-sum check to our PHAB specialist. She spoke of coming to the health department for two or three days to help us complete additional requirements in-person.