

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

Fiscal/Funding

We completed our second interview with Jena Wells for the Business Services Officer/ Vital Statistics Registrar position. We extended an offer and she accepted after some negotiating. We started right away to get the process started with getting the background checks and the pre-employment drug screen.

Jason and Andy have been taking on the financial tasks and Jessica has largely taken on the vital statistics reports. Though it has been difficult to not have our Business Services Officer/ Vital Statistics Registrar, one positive thing that has come out of this is that there are certain things we have learned about finances and vital statistics that we wouldn't have learned otherwise. One major task was completing the application for Workforce 23 funding. This grant had a strict deadline and will provide significant funding through November 30, 2027, so it was particularly important to get this completed before the deadline, which we did.

Building

A contractor completed the long-awaited building repairs in April. The drywall by the front entrance was repaired and painted, so there is no need to block the hole with that big corkboard anymore (unless we want to). In addition, the weathering strip was fixed on the front door, so that should prevent any metal from coming out from inside the door. Before the weathering strip was fixed, some metal poked out from the door and superficially scraped someone's heel. Per Jessica's request, 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.

IT

ES Consulting is still sending an invoice for the charges exceeding \$7,000 from last year, when they said they had to bill us extra to update our systems. Last year, our legal counsel contested those charges, but they have not been dropped by ES Consulting. Whenever I receive an invoice of those extra charges, I forward it to our legal counsel. After I did that this month, he said that he would contact them to have them stop sending those invoices to me, because he requested that all correspondence on this matter should go to him instead of us.

Training/ Conferences

Jason attended the annual spring public health conference in Lewis Center, where he was able to learn more about what other areas are doing regarding various public health initiatives.

Jason attended the initial monthly meeting for the New 2 Public Health Residency Program, which will last through April of 2024. There will be about 8 hours of work in between those sessions, too.

Education/ Outreach

For child car seat safety classes, two classes were conducted, and the last two car seats were distributed at that time until a new shipment comes in May. In addition, Jason completed two car seat inspections for the same child who rides in two different vehicles.

Staff

Master of Public Health intern Vonja Thomas started her first day at the health department in April. She made good progress on her first day.

Accreditation

Jason and Andy met with our PHAB accreditation specialist Sara via Zoom to continue working together on the accreditation requirements. We hope that she will be able to come to the health department in person in May as we wrap up the remaining requirements.