

## December 2023 Board of Health Updates

### Clinical

- Testing numbers in December were slightly lower at both clinic sites-this is consistent with the timing of the holidays.
- Year end active PrEP clients: **336** Q-Care Plus (Ohio-wide telehealth platform), **41** between GCHD and Marion Public Health clinics
- Final testing numbers for 2023:
  - **493** STI tests (gonorrhea, chlamydia, etc.) were provided between GCHD, Marion and Mansfield test sites
  - **321** serum HIV tests
  - **204** rapid HIV tests (through November, December numbers pending)
  - **498** screening syphilis tests

### Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking

#### ***Crawford, Marion, Richland, Ashland, Knox, Erie, Wyandot, Seneca, & Huron Counties***

- Syphilis cases are steady. Cases throughout December have been concentrated in Marion and Knox counties. At the last part of December we were very busy in Knox county working a case that had *9 contacts*.
- HIV/syphilis testing events held in December (2): Knox Recovery (2 sites)

### Grant Management/Budget

- We have received several applicants for the DIS position and interviews will begin the first week of January 2024
- No funding or budget concerns have been brought to our attention through the end of 2023
- Tina Nichols, DIS, led the Region 2 Rural AIDS Advisory Group (RAAG) quarterly meeting at OSU Mansfield on December 8, 2023.
  - Two speakers provided discussion: Katie Rafeld from Crawford County Public Health spoke about harm reduction and Christina O'Millian, Third Street Family Health Services, provided information on the PAPI program.
  - If any Board of Health or community members would like to participate in future RAAG meetings, please email myself or Tina Nichols at [Tina.nichols@galionhealth.org](mailto:Tina.nichols@galionhealth.org)

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