

**February 2024 BOH Updates**

**STI/HIV Prevention Program**

**Clinical**

- Continued steady client numbers in Marion and in Galion, increase from January. As weather gets warmer, we see an increase in people that are interested in testing, especially in Marion.

**Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking**

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

- Syphilis cases have been concentrated in Marion, Richland and Erie counties since the start of 2024
- Several new HIV cases to be interviewed with a larger cluster investigated in early 2024, all outside of Crawford County
- HIV and syphilis testing events held in February (1): Heidelberg University

**Grant Management/Budget, Other Grant News**

- Abby Volk, Disease Intervention Specialist, started Feb. 5, 2024. She has been working with myself, Tina Nichols DIS and Mark Pawelczak, our consultant at the Ohio Department of Health during her first month at GCHD. Her training is going well and she has already become a valued staff member at GCHD.
- Leanna Perdue can provide any financial updates

Questions, concerns or comments?

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Respectfully Submitted,

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