

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for April 2024



Accreditation

News was received from the ODH staff at the Ohio Public Health Conference that each local health department in Ohio will receive \$25,000 to use toward accreditation specific costs...more to come on this. I requested information from PHAB on the exact due date for our Annual Report and what is necessary to complete the report.

Fiscal/Funding

Eunice is resigning from her position at the Auditor's Office, this may delay bill processing but I am not certain. So far, things have gone smoothly. Leanna has been working hard to meet grant expenditure report deadlines as well as tackling the Annual Financial Report for the first time. It has been a struggle with the HIV Grant as the timeline is different from the STI Grant now. ODH informed GCHD in April that the funding in this grant beginning in August 2024 will be reduced by more than \$90,000. The current HIV Grant was funded through May 31, 2024 of this year, and they also told us we would only receive a total of \$1022 to cover June and July.

Staff

The staff attended more DEI training on Sexuality and Gender Acceptance on April 11th to further meet the requirements for this training covered by the Workforce Development Grant. Currently, the Diversity Center staff are reviewing some of our policies to enhance them to be more equitable and inclusive. Unfortunately, due to continuous poor performance and grant funding cuts, we had to terminate Tina Nichols' position on April 22, 2024.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

I am collecting information to eventually compare some of the city's policy and procedure with our PPM as well as other local health departments. It seems that when I read sections of our PPM, it refers to civil service in a lot of sections. This is confusing information when it comes to positions that are fully-grant funded whereas the positions would not exist otherwise.

City Meetings

April

I attended the Police, Health, and Fire Meeting to inform the council about the community cancer concerns to bring council up to date with how this all began and where we are at collecting and evaluating the information turned in by the Galion community members.

I created an Environmental Health power point to present with Jennifer Frazier, EHD at the April 18th Safety Council.

Other tasks progressing include, but are not limited to:

- Performance Management System updates, analyzing data, preparing for 2024 tracking
- Community Outreach plans
- Reviewing Policy/Procedures
- Grant discussions
- Completing performance reviews
- Completing the Quality Indicators & AFR in May, 2024

- Coverage for staff out on vacation
- HR Training, Health
Commissioner University

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Barnes, Health Commissioner