

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



Accreditation

I have been continuing to work with Cinda, Kate and Moxley Public Health Group to complete focus group interviews and promote the Community Health Needs Assessment. The GCHD team has been working to get clients to scan the QR code and complete the CHNA survey. At this point for Galion to have a statistically significant survey sample, we need to obtain an additional 200 surveys in Galion. Our plan is to go out to the community and reach as many people that live in Galion to complete the survey to find out the true community needs as time permits. It has been difficult to encourage the Galion residents to complete the survey. I may do a mailing although I am not sure there is enough time in the year to obtain the needed results.

Fiscal/Funding

The Charles Harris Audit will begin in November. The 340B program is doing very well bringing in income to further aide patients in the sexual health program and the health department overall. The 340B income for October was \$35,000. Leanna and I are trying to obtain details from the Ohio Local Public Health Services Collaborative about scheduling our next steps to begin the path to migrating to a new EMR. Leanna has done excellent work with our budget to reduce our ask from the city of Galion which was well over \$400,000 originally to now our ask is \$348,000.

Staff

October was busy with clinics and outreach in the community. The GCHD has an excellent team, and I am so thankful for everyone's hard work. Two candidates were interviewed for the Director of Environmental Health position. Although it has put extra work on me personally, I want to be very careful about the next director. We are hoping for a couple of more applicants to interview before making a decision. I have been a part of 2 ODH state visits for both the STI/HIV grants, and they are very impressed with our small but mighty team we have to implement the programs. These visits were the complete opposite from 2023.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

I attended an AOHC Finance for Health Departments training in Dublin with Leanna. It was very helpful to my understanding of traditional accounting verses fund accounting-which is public health. A variety of health departments across the state attend this training and demonstrated different ideas/strategies/reasons to perform a cost analysis on all of LHD programs to see the true cost. We are still awaiting the unemployment decision from ODJFS for Jennifer Frazier.

City Meetings

Leanna attended a council meeting in the month of October to obtain approvals for money moves. The Charles Harris audit is now pushed to November. The first Finance meeting with the city was pushed to November 5th.

Continuing work on:

- Performance Management System updates, Clear Impact implementation
- Reviewing Policy/Procedures
- Budget/Grant discussions
- Community Health Needs Assessment

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Barnes, Health Commissioner