

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for November 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. November has gone by quickly with little outreach for the survey. We have not been getting a response from the community with current efforts. My plan is to hand out the survey at the Come Home To Galion Parade in December to reach local residents.

Fiscal/Funding

The final budget was passed by the Galion City Council on November 26, 2024, and with Leanna's hard work and collaboration with staff, we cut some expenses and decided it was in our best interest to use approximately \$30,000 of our carryover funds to reduce our ask from the city to \$300,000.

Staff November passed very quickly, especially with interviews, covering much of the Environmental Health programs and trying to complete administrative duties. The Galion City Health Department has an excellent team right now, and I am so thankful for everyone's hard work. I met with Sarah and Dr. Crum on November 22nd and it was a very positive meeting. Sarah was very appreciative to Dr. Crum for being able to refer cases to her and vice versa. She also provided insight into new upcoming drugs for treatment. GCHD is very pleased that she will remain our Medical Director in 2025.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

Filling the Director of Environmental Health position has been at the top of my priority list; although I know that updating our policies and procedures is the next priority. AOHC meetings have indicated that they are working closely with the Governor's office to increase the funding to local public health departments. Ohio is severely underfunded (for local public health departments) when compared to surrounding states. I have been impressed with the new leadership in Association of Ohio Health Commissioners.

City Meetings

I presented to council at the November Police, Health and Fire Committee meeting to update members on our numbers so far this year. They seemed to be genuinely happy with what GCHD has been doing to date. I also attended regular council meetings with Leanna in case of questions concerning fund transfers and our budget.

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