**December 2024 BOH Updates**

**STI and HIV Prevention Programming**

***Region 2: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Knox, Marion, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot***

**Clinical**

* December 2024 clinic visits:

Marion: 23

Galion: 49

* We continue to promote home STI and HIV testing with Aware, an Ohio Department of Health provided service, free for any Ohioan age 16 and over
* 41 active in-person PrEP clients, 325 active in Q-Care Plus, our partnership with Avita Pharmacy that provides PrEP to Ohioans through Telehealth

**Region 2 HIV/Syphilis Updates**

* 32 cases investigated by DIS Abby Volk during December 2024
* 1 outreach testing event conducted during December-Kenyon College
* 372 rapid HIV tests were conducted during 2024 throughout our 9-county region

**Grant Updates**

* The HIV Prevention Grant is due January 27, 2025. This is a 5-year, competitive grant. The total amount that we are writing for is $109,737 with the project period extending from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2026.

**The next Region 2 Galion Community Planning Group (HIV Prevention) meeting is Friday January 17, 2025 at 10 AM, OSU Mansfield, 129 Reidl Hall. We continue to look at ways to improve services. If anyone would like to be a part of this group, please email myself, Sarah Miley,** [**sarah.miley@galionhealth.org**](mailto:sarah.miley@galionhealth.org) **or Christina O’Millian at** [**omillianc@thirdstreetfamily.org**](mailto:omillianc@thirdstreetfamily.org)**.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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