

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for December 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 121 surveys in Galion. December flew by but we gave out a \$25 gift card that was donated by Avita for a Galion resident who completed the survey as well as a \$15 WalMart gift card.

Fiscal/Funding

The final budget was passed by the Galion City Council on November 26, 2024, and Leanna has been working to get requisitions loaded for 2025. She has also been working on grant budgets and reporting. I am looking to apply for the 2025 Mosquito Control Grant that is due at the end of January. Unfortunately, we were not awarded the Lead Prevention/Healthy Homes funding for 2025. I worked with Charles E. Harris to complete signatures on paperwork on December 31st since they were fighting to meet our deadline for the audit.

Staff December went by very quickly as I was still covering much of the Environmental Health programs and trying to complete administrative duties. I am looking forward to Matt Schwab starting as the Director of Environmental Health in January. The Galion City Health Department has an excellent team right now, and I am so thankful for everyone's hard work. The two hour holiday staff in-service was a good time.

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. 2025 is filled with changes that GCHD will need time to train and adjust to: our grants management system is going through a major overhaul and change in Jan/Feb, OVRs for vital stats is also going to be a new platform and change, healthspace that is used for EH programs will be replaced by Accela in May 2025, and finally, our new electronic medical records system will transition to the LPHSC collaborative system, ECW in May and June.

City Meetings

Luckily, since our budget was passed as separate legislation in November, we did not need to attend any city council meetings in December.

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