

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for January 2025



Accreditation

Promotion of the Community Needs Health Assessment is continuing. 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 100 surveys in Galion. We paid A-1 Printing to put the flier in the February Galion utility bill with an incentive to be entered into a gift card drawing, and we are hoping for some good results.

Fiscal/Funding

2025 has started off well, with the auditor's office closing out 2024 in record time. Leanna has been working on grant budgets, reporting, and paying bills. Matt completed the 2025 Mosquito Control Grant application for our department. Sarah received all of her letters of collaboration and submitted for the HP25 grant one day in advance of the due date. Brandi has been looking into grants for nursing but currently not finding very much.

Staff A brief staff meeting was held on January 30, 2025 with reminders for policy and procedure review and to complete daily work sheets, especially for 2024 by mid-February. The staff and I also did a workplace harassment prevention training at the meeting. Matt has started his job with a good adaptation so far. Some of the political news has been difficult to understand, but it doesn't look very promising for public health.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

The trainings have begun for OVRS and GMIS platform updates. 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. We have high hopes for the new EMR system to nullify some of our billing issues that have been difficult to manage. The other systems for other programs are supposed to also simplify processes but time will tell.

City Meetings

Leanna and I attended the Civil Service Commission Committee meeting on January 27th to try to get answers on whether or not our hiring practices are correct according to being "classified or unclassified". The week prior we updated and gave them our job descriptions to help them define changes since 2015 or 2018. The result was that the commission needs more time to evaluate their own rules and job titles to conclude with a fair outcome for all future hires at GCHD.

Continuing work on:

- Performance Management System updates, Clear Impact implementation
- Reviewing Policy/Procedures
- New program platform trainings
- Community Health Needs Assessment

Respectfully Submitted,
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