

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



Accreditation

Very good news, shortly after the CHA survey was put into the utility bill, GCHD reached the statistically significant goal by raising our survey responses to more than 400. The total responses for Crawford County is now greater than 1000. This is important for our accreditation efforts, and now the Crawford County Health Partners will start working with Moxley Public Health to complete our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Fiscal/Funding

Leanna has been working on grant budgets, the AFR, and paying bills. The food license fees are generally paid in February so it is the time of year when our income is higher. The federal grants that we receive come through the Ohio Department of Health. The good news is that the funding for 2025-26 seems to be assured as far as the grants that we generally apply for at least for now. The AOHC and other sources are trying to relay updates to budgetary public health items as they receive them. In public health, we will likely need to look for any opportunities that may fit the new agendas.

Staff

A staff meeting is planned for March 13th at 8:00am and board of health members are welcome to attend. Staff were given evaluation forms to review the health commissioner's performance this past year. The evaluations should be turned into Leanna prior to the BOH meeting to assist the BOH to review the health commissioner. Three staff had written reprimands in February.

Administrative Policies/ Procedures

Andy made a mistake which will delay the implementation of the new electronic medical records system and subsequently our joining the Local Public Health Services Collaborative in 2025. GCHD was unaware that we were in a 60 month term agreement with CureMD, our current EMR. They informed GCHD that we would need to pay the remaining months left in that agreement if we joined a new EMR this year. LPHSC was very understanding of the situation and has allowed GCHD to cancel/delay the contract with them and eClinical Works.

City Meetings

Leanna and Andy attended the Finance and regular City Council Meetings in February. Andy presented the 2024 Annual Report to the Police, Health, and Fire Committee on February 20th. The committee and council meetings went well.

Continuing work on:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Barnes, Health Commissioner