

March 2025 STI/HIV Grant Updates

Clinical

- 45 clinic visits in Galion, 23 in Marion
- 44 active clinic clients taking PrEP (HIV prevention medication)
- 349 active clients taking PrEP through Q Care Plus, the online PrEP access point that we serve as the Community Based Organization (CBO) for. This program allows us to reach any Ohioan that is requesting PrEP or DoxyPEP. They receive STI testing and financial assistance for services. Revenue generated allows us to supplement testing and other program functions.

Region 2 Disease Intervention

- Abby Volk DIS investigated 24 cases during March 2025 (syphilis and HIV combined).
- We completed 2 outreach testing events in March: Ashland Co Jail and Kenyon College.
- We have established a monthly testing site at the Ashland Co Jail. This is held on the 3rd Thursday each month. The jail staff has been welcoming in the past when we have had individuals in custody that have needed testing or treatment as part of a case. We have identified 3 STIs including one syphilis infection that we were able to work in tandem with Cuyahoga County's STI prevention program to assure that the client was treated.

Grant Management

- We have not received an official notice of award for the 2025 HIV Prevention grant (submitted at the end of January 2025).
- The 2025 STI Prevention grant cycle started March 1.
- The Region 2 Galion Community Planning Group (HIV Prevention) meeting was held Wednesday, March 19th at OSU-Mansfield. We are appreciative to Donna Hight at OSU-Mansfield for her continued support and accommodation in allowing this group to meet in-person and virtually. Christina O'Millian, co-chair, arranged two speakers: Joseph Wood, Naloxone Program Coordinator from Toledo-Lucas Co Health Department and Catherine Rischar, PREP District Coordinator from Richland Public Health.
- The next CPG Meeting is Friday May 16th at 10 am, 229 Reidl Hall, OSU-Mansfield. If anyone would like to be a part of this group, please email me, Sarah Miley, sarah.miley@galionhealth.org or Christina O'Millian at omillianc@thirdstreetfamily.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
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