

## **April and May 2025 Board of Health Updates**

### **STI and HIV Prevention**

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

#### **Clinical**

- April 2025 total visits 53 Galion, 14 Marion
- May 2025 total visits 60 Galion, 7 Marion
- There are currently 43 active PrEP clients between GCHD and Marion, 408 active on Q Care + platform.

#### **Region 2 Disease Investigation**

- Abby Volk DIS investigated 35 cases in April 2025 and 16 in May 2025 (HIV and syphilis combined)
- **Outreach Testing:**
  - We have provided monthly STI and HIV testing at the Ashland Co. jail since February 2025. Jail administration has requested that we continue this service for the remainder of 2025 due to positive uptake by inmates. These take place on the third Thursday of each month.
  - Other testing events included Kenyon College, The Minority Health Fair (Richland Co.), Knox Co. jail, Crosswaeh CBCF (Seneca Co.).

#### **Grant Management**

- Prevention staff attended the biannual Ohio Department of Health state-wide meeting in Columbus on April 22, 2025. This meeting is held to provide updated syphilis and HIV trends and training to staff in each grant-funded program from around the state.
- Jenny Jordan and Abby Volk attended Bridges out of Poverty on April 24, 2025. This training gives participants a better idea of poverty and what it is like for those facing it.
- The new HIV 2025 grant cycle starts June 1, 2025. The total award for this cycle which ends May 31, 2026 is \$114,737.
- STI/HIV Prevention staff are participating in the Walgreens National HIV Testing day on June 27, 2025. Our assigned store is in Marion, OH at 1321 Delaware Ave. This event is held from 11 am - 7 pm.
- The next Region 2 Galion Community Planning Group (HIV Prevention) meeting is Wednesday, July 16 at 2 PM, OSU Mansfield, 229 Reidl Hall. We continue to look at ways to improve services. If anyone would like to be a part of this group, please email me, 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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