

Galion City Board of Health
Health Commissioners Monthly Report for April 2026



Accreditation

The PHAB Annual report is due September 30, 2026. It was recently announced that new PHAB standards and measures will be announced in June of this year. The GCHD will begin to review the changes to understand what will need to be established to meet the new criteria. The WFD23 grant does have monies specified that must be spent specifically on accreditation so we may use some funding to consult with a seasoned accreditation coordinator if needed. Our reaccreditation will need to be completed by August 21, 2028.

Fiscal/Funding

On April 27, 2026, GCHD was informed that we did not receive the mosquito control grant although we had completely revamped our application, including a collaboration with the village of Crestline. After I reviewed the Ohio EPA website, it appears that several small departments have not received funding since 2024. The state's funding went from over a million dollars for the entire state to \$650,000. The Workforce Development Grant 23 will end in November of 2027. GCHD is looking to do a budget revision soon to ensure that all WFD23 funds are spent. The WFD23 funding helps with salaries, accreditation, and some travel and training sessions.

Staff The GCHD held an Open House on Tuesday of National Public Health Week in April. It was decently well attended, because we gave out incentive gift cards to local businesses for participation. The garden starters and other free items were well-received. The next staff meeting will be on May 7th at 8am.

Administrative Policies/Procedures

On March 24th, Terri and I met with Brian Butcher from Clemons & Nelson to show us several updates to the GCHD PPM, and he has sent us a draft copy of with the updates for our review. This is a good investment as several policies need updated to match current law.

City Meetings

Terri and I attended the Finance committee meeting to request that funds be appropriated for the NEHA FDA grant that Matt was awarded, and I presented the 2025 GCHD Annual Report at the Police health and Fire meeting in April. I also attended the regular council meeting in case of questions about our legislation from finance.

- Clear Impact implementation for performance reviews
- Re-accreditation
- Community Health Improvement Plan implementation

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Cinadr, Health Commissioner