

April 2026 BOH Update

STI & HIV Prevention Grants, Ohio Dept. of Health Region 2

Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Knox, Marion, Richland, Seneca, & Wyandot Counties

Clinical

- Galion Clinic Visits: April = 32 , Marion Public Health (held once weekly, every Tuesday): April = 18 (lower numbers attributed to staff time off)
- There are currently 47 active in-person PrEP clients (Galion and Marion) and 539 active on Q Care + platform. These clients receive every 3-6 month follow up visits for comprehensive STI and HIV testing and HIV prevention (PrEP).

Region 2 Disease Investigation & Grant Activities

- Abby Volk, DIS investigated 15 cases (combined HIV and syphilis) in April 2026.
- The next Community Planning Group (CPG) meeting (HIV Prevention) will be held during the summer of 2026. This is scheduled to be at OSU Mansfield, Riedl Hall. We continue to look at ways to improve services to our nine-county region. If anyone would like to be a part of this group, please email me, Sarah Miley, sarah.miley@galionhealth.org
- The harm reduction vending machine (HRVM) placed at Five Points Primary Care in coordination with Third Street Family Health Services has continued to see high use and remain free of vandalism. Items include naloxone, fentanyl test strips, pregnancy test kits with referral information, male condoms/safer sex kits, cable gun locks, and wound care kits.
- We have purchased a second HRVM that is in the final stages of development for our partners at Marion Public Health. Their agency will fully stock and manage this machine once it is installed this summer.
- **Outreach and Outreach Testing:**
 - Scheduled monthly testing was held at Richland County Jail and Ashland County Jail. Additionally, outreach testing was done at Kenyon College.
 - We were invited to participate in the Richland Correctional Health Fair on April 22. Incarcerated persons are given the opportunity to interact with area health and wellness professionals. Abby Volk developed a 'Myth or Fact' trivia game that was interactive and well received.

Grant Management

- The 2026 STI Prevention grant cycle started March 1, 2026. The total amount awarded for this grant is \$259,179.
- We are waiting for the HIV 2026/2027 NOA (Notice of Award). This grant cycle will begin June 1, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
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