

May 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: May = 66 , Marion Public Health (held once weekly, every Tuesday): May = 19
- There are currently 43 active in-person PrEP clients (Galion and Marion) and 562 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 19 cases (combined HIV and syphilis) in May 2026.
- The next Community Planning Group (CPG) meeting (HIV Prevention) will be held during the summer of 2026 (pending funding). 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 noted higher uptake of supplies as the weather has gotten warmer and more people are out and moving in this walkable area.
- **Outreach and Outreach Testing:**
 - Scheduled monthly testing was held at Richland County Jail and Ashland County Jail. Additionally, outreach testing was done at Crossweah (Seneca Co.).

Grant Management

- The 2026 STI Prevention grant cycle started March 1, 2026. The total amount awarded for this grant is \$259,179. We are on target with spending and grant activities including outreach, educational campaigns, and other required prevention services.
- We are waiting for HIV 2026/2027 NOA (Notice of Award). This grant cycle starts June 1, 2026. We were notified by the Ohio Department of Health at the end of May that they had not received their notice of award or correspondence from the CDC in regard to this project.

Respectfully Submitted,
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