

July 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: July = 49 , Marion Public Health (held once weekly, every Tuesday): July = 21 (STI positivity rate for July 8.57%)
- There are currently 49 active in-person PrEP clients (Galion and Marion) and 600 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 22 cases (combined HIV and syphilis) in July 2026.
- The next Community Planning Group (CPG) meeting (HIV Prevention) will be held Thursday August 20, 2026 from noon -1:30. This meeting will be held at Marion at Marion Public Health, 181 S. Main St. and we are welcoming Christopher Hetzer, MSN, RN, ACRN as a guest speaker. 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
- We have worked with our partners at Marion Public Health to implement a second Harm Reduction Vending Machine program. This is in the final stages of development and will be installed August 27, 2026.
- **Outreach and Outreach Testing:**
 - Scheduled monthly testing was held at Richland County Jail and Ashland County Jail. Combined, thirteen individuals were tested for HIV, syphilis and bacterial STIs.

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.
- The HIV 2026/2027 NOA (Notice of Award) was received 6/25/2026. The award amount is \$189,737.00. This grant cycle started June 1, 2026 with spending and grant activities on target.

Respectfully Submitted,
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