October 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: October = 50, Marion Public Health (held once weekly, every Tuesday): October = 22 (STI positivity rate for October clinic visits 8.7%)
- There are currently 56 active in-person PrEP clients (Galion and Marion) and 666 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 10 cases (combined HIV and syphilis) in October 2026.
- We met with community partners at Crawford County Public Health during the month of October to collaborate and discuss ways to offer testing and additional services in their office. Previously, clients were able to have STI and HIV testing at CCPH. This has not happened for several years and together, we are hoping to find a solution so that residents of Bucyrus are able to test close to home. I will continue to provide updates on this work.
- The Galion Community Planning Group (CPG/HIV Prevention) will meet Thursday November 12, 2026 from 10 am - noon. This meeting will be held at Avita Hospital in Galion in the Lobby Conference Room. We continue to look at ways to improve testing and prevention 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

- **Outreach and Outreach Testing:**
    - Scheduled monthly testing was held at Richland County Jail, Ashland County Jail, and Kenyon College. 23 outreach tests were completed.
    - Outreach was conducted Oct. 3 at a Mansfield Gay Pride sponsored Drag event at Kosta's in Mansfield. See attached outreach report.

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 2027 STI Prevention grant is set to release in Mid-November, 2026. Here is the Grant Opportunity Forecast. Search Results Detail | Grants.gov
- 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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