

Pickaway County General Health District

Quarterly Newsletter Oct.-Dec. 2014

Clinical Services

By: Elaine Miller, RN, BSN

Much of October was spent in planning for the Ebola response in our county. We had numerous community meetings, ODH conference calls, and sent out information to various agencies. Lots of networking was done to form protocols with several different community health providers.

We have been working on our Community Health Assessment. Dr. Jayne Barr is helping in this process as part of her graduate program requirements. We collected surveys at the 2014 Pumpkin Show to use to compile data for the Community Health Assessment. The Ohio State University is also providing some students to help us collect and evaluate secondary data about our community.



Holly Slusher, R.N., is our new communicable disease nurse, formerly with Westfall Schools. Welcome aboard Holly! Danny Miller will be responsible for the PHEP grant and Darcie Scott is our new Accreditation Coordinator for both Pickaway and Fayette County's Health Departments to begin the process of becoming accredited health departments through the State.

Since November 1st, we have conducted Direct Observe Therapy on an active case of Tuberculosis (TB) in our county. Initially, we made visits daily, then three times a week, and we are now down to once a week. We collected cultures and ensured the client took medication. A large amount of time and documentation goes into this process.

The remainder of the quarter has been spent rewriting emergency plans and planning for our functional exercise for the PHEP grant that was held in January.

PHEP Grant Update



Danny Miller has taken over as the Emergency Response Coordinator as of January 2015. He was formerly the Communicable Disease Nurse for the PCGHD and helped fulfill some of the Epidemiological functions for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant. The PHEP midyear report was submitted and approved and the second quarter financial report was submitted and approved in January. Danny is currently working on writing the upcoming PHEP 2016 Grant RFP and budget. Please do not hesitate to contact Danny with any PHEP related questions at dmiller@pchd.org. Additionally, PCHGD received a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) award through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to help fund our local MRC. We are always looking for volunteers. If you or someone that you know may be interested please either contact Danny or go to www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov



Environmental Health

By: Kelly Dennis, EH Director

The Environmental Health Division finished up 2014 preparing for the implementation of the new sewage regulations that became effective January 1, 2015. Many of the new changes to Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29 will include local changes to our household sewage treatment system regulations for soil evaluation, system design, installation, and the operation and maintenance of existing systems.

For the creation of lots or construction of homes on new or existing lots that have expired health department site evaluations/permits, property owners will be required to have the soils evaluated by a soil scientist, have the system designed by a system designer using the soil evaluation report, and propose the site plan and system design to the health department for approval. Once approved by the health department, the property owner may apply for a sewage installation permit.

For all systems that are in operation by the effective date of the rules, as long as the system is not failing nor creating a nuisance, they will not be required to make system upgrades at this point in time. As for systems that are failing or in need of repair, existing systems will need to be repaired, altered, or replaced under the new regulations.

The new sewage regulations also require that all household systems that are in operation prior to January 1, 2015 will need to be phased into the health department's operation and maintenance programs. Currently we have an operation and maintenance program for all aeration treatment systems that were installed since 1988. Over the next year, we will be developing our plan to phase in the remaining existing systems into the operation and maintenance program. Any system

that is installed or repaired after January 1, 2015 will automatically be added to the operation and maintenance program. This will be a long process and will take several years to develop. We will keep you informed as the program is implemented.

If you have any questions regarding the new sewage treatment system regulation under Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29, please call our office or visit our webpage at www.pchd.org.

4th quarter EH division Inspection totals

Program	Number of Inspections
Animal Bite Investigations	30
Campgrounds / RV Parks	9
Food Service Inspections	357
Infectious Waste	0
Lot Split Evaluations	8
Manufactured Home Parks	0
Nuisance Investigations	47
Pools/ Spas	4
Real Estate Inspections	7
Septage Haulers	1
Sewage System Inspections	395
School Inspections	23
Solid Waste	3
Tattoo Parlor	1
Other Inspections	0
Water Systems	56
TOTAL	941

4th Quarter EH Division Activity by
Township

Township / Village / City	# Activities
Circleville TWP (N)	10
Circleville TWP (S)	44
Darby	42
Deercreek	12
Harrison	75
Jackson	41
Madison	59
Monroe	49
Muhlenberg	37
Perry	12
Pickaway	111
Saltcreek	219
Scioto	153
Walnut	146
Washington	146
Wayne	12
Ashville	22
Circleville City (N)	242
Circleville City (S)	251
Commercial Point	2
Darbyville	0
New Holland	3
Orient	0
South Bloomfield	6
Tarlton	7
Williamsport	5
General	1011
Totals	2717

Activities include inspections, consultations, reports, letters, phone calls, and other activities completed in each township.

Vital Statistics

4th Quarter 2014

Birth:

- 82 Births Registered
- 0 Births Verified
- 241 Certified Birth Certificates issued
- 4 Birth Affidavits Processed
- 4 Paternity Affidavits Processed

Death:

- 75 Deaths Registered
- 58 Burial Permits Issued
- 2 Fetal Deaths Registered
- 2 Deaths Verified
- 352 Certified Death Certificates Issued
- 4 Death Affidavits Filed
- 1 Certificate of Service Filed

By: Paula Johnston and Lisa Rase

Accreditation Update



Darcie has started her new role as the Accreditation Coordinator for the Pickaway County General Health District. She will be splitting her time between Pickaway County and Fayette County. Due to budget constraints, the PCGHD can only afford to pay a portion of Darcie's salary. Fayette County Health Department is contracting for Darcie's time 20 hours/week. The PCGHD has completed a community health survey and are in the process of collaborating with local partners to create a Community Health Assessment. Once the Community Health Assessment is complete, a Community Health Improvement Plan will be created and implemented. This is a community wide task. The PHAB standards are based on the 10 Essential Services. If you are interested in the accreditation process please visit www.phaboard.org.



Please contact Darcie Scott at dscott@pchd.org with any questions pertaining to accreditation.

Fi\$cal Corner



Spring is just around the corner with pitchers and catchers reporting on February 18 to Reds Training Camp. It also means that we will be making our budget request for 2016 to the District Advisory Council. This will be the first request made in several years and I assure you it won't be a shocking request. The Board has done an excellent job in managing the funds as shown by our solvency and recent audits.

The funds we receive from the DAC go into the Board of Health Fund for general operations that cover various costs not paid for by fees or grants. Expenditures exceeded revenues in the Board of Health Fund in 2014 for the first time since 2008. The difference was less than 1/2% but I was pleased with it because 2014 was the first year that there were no more old accounts to clean up from years prior to my arrival. In 2013 there was a \$71,000 transfer in to the Board of Health fund to close out grants from prior to 2010. So with that loss largely being offset by other forms of more permanent revenue it was a good year. There are things that throw these figures off easily such as having an employee retire this year but at the same time we didn't have any major equipment purchases. These are one-time items that make 4 to 5% changes in our budget. Our total salary and PERS in the BOH Fund went down in 2014 but insurance and Medicare costs went up. The largest increases were contract services increasing \$4,500, travel \$3,300 and audit \$9,635. Overall our expenses dropped \$5,000 from 2013. Our revenue dropped \$22,500 but considering that we had \$71,000 to make up as I mentioned earlier, it was a good year.

Steve Hawkin\$, Fi\$cal Officer



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