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# PICKAWAY COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Letter From the Health Commissioner:

Dear Community Partner,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I have been in public health for almost two decades and have worked in many areas to name a few, Harvard School of Public Health, Kanawha-Charleston Health Department and Putnam County Health Department. I wish to bring together my rich experiences of evidence-based policy making coupled with the development of cohesive public health programs. I would like to continue working with you to serve our dedicated constituents.

As you are aware, Dr. Bolender and Elaine Miller retired March 2019, and I would like to extend a big thank you to such stalwart colleagues for their years of service, dedication and commitment towards public health in our community.

Today, we chart a new path towards advancement of public health in Pickaway County. As such, it is vital that the health department is properly funded and demonstrates fiscal responsibility. We are looking forward to not only becoming an accredited health department but also an efficient one that can manage private health insurance. We believe these would be progressive steps towards achieving our health goals.

We hope that you will find this report to be a valuable resource. I am indeed grateful and appreciative for the warm welcome I have received. I look forward to our continued partnership and working with you.

Respectfully,

Nasandra Wright, MPH, RS



Health Commissioner  
Nasandra Wright, MPH, RS

## Current Board Members

Mike Wolford, President, District Advisory Council Appointment

Jay Elsea, Vice President, City of Circleville Appointment

Spencer Cheek, District Advisory Council Appointment

Dr. Linda Iskra, District Advisory Council Appointment

Elaine Miller, District Advisory Council Appointment

Art Goodwin, District Licensing Council Appointment

Jeff Hallinin, City of Circleville Appointment

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# Environmental Health Services

## Environmental Health Staff:

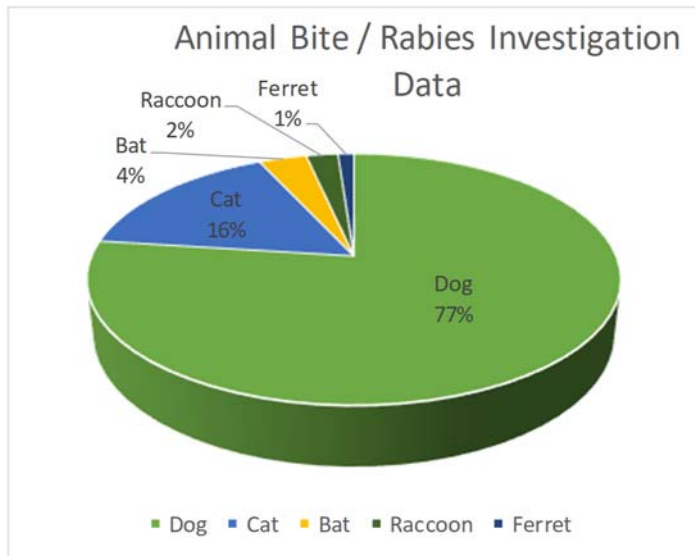
Jere Marks, Environmental Health Director  
 Candy Schwalbauch, Clerk  
 Emily Dieterich, Registered Sanitarian  
 Anastasia Fries, Registered Sanitarian  
 Patrick Hartung, Registered Sanitarian

## 2018 Environmental Health Report

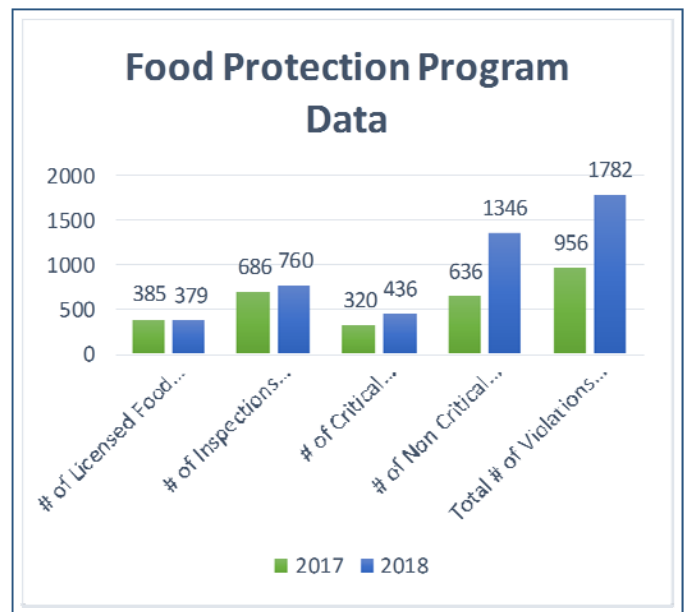
- PCGHD continues to receive the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant to conduct seasonal mosquito control activities including surveillance/trapping, larvicide application and scrap tire abatement projects as well as providing a mosquito control program internship with the health district. Over 1,200 scrap tires were collected during the Fall 2018 Collection Event.
- Increased food safety training opportunities by holding several Level 2 Ohio Certification courses for the local food service industry.
- PCGHD continues to administer the Water Pollution Control Loan Funds from Ohio EPA for eligible homeowners to fund repair and replacement of sewage treatment systems. In 2018, there were 12 projects completed, totaling \$228,922.65 in assistance.
- Conducted investigations/inspections of food operations, pools, schools, campgrounds, private water systems, solid waste and composting operations, & sewage systems. Completed nuisance and rabies investigations.

EH Programs	2017 Inspections	2018 Inspections
Food	672	903
Sewage	877	968
Water	204	204
Pools	75	49
Camps	31	19
Nuisances	451	794
Solid Waste Program	60	24
Animal Bites / Rabies	129	162
School Inspections	10	58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>3,181</b>

Data above shows number of inspections and activities performed by Environmental Health Sanitarians during 2018 & 2017 years. Inspection totals include standard inspections and follow-up inspections.



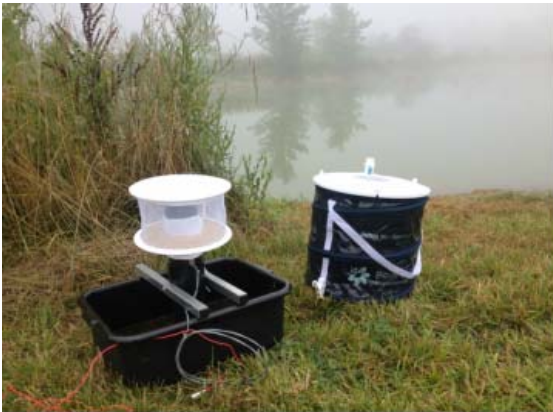
Data above reflects on comparison of number of animal bite investigation by species. We were fortunate to have 0 zero animals test positive for rabies during 2018.



Data above shows a comparison of number of food operations licensed in Pickaway County, number of inspections completed by PCGHD, and number of violations / critical violations documented during 2018 vs 2017. The number of inspections increased in 2018, as did the number of violations documented. Food Safety inspections provided by Pickaway County General Health District are meant to make sure that food establishments are operating according to the state food code. These inspections help assure our residents that their food is safe.

# Environmental Health Services

*Mosquito Surveillance Traps set up at a location outside of New Holland, Perry TWP*



Data below indicates evidence of West Nile virus in the mosquito population from mosquitos trapped and tested from Pickaway County during 2018. West Nile Virus (WNV) can be spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and can cause illness in humans and animals. When evidence of WNV is discovered in mosquito populations, health district staff will increase awareness within areas evident of WNV as well as try and coordinate removal of nuisance conditions that can harbor mosquitos or mosquito breeding (i.e. tall grass and weeds, stagnant water, scrap tires)

2018 Mosquito Surveillance Data	
Total Number of Mosquitos Trapped and tested	4,279
Total Number of Mosquito pools (pools consists of 50 mosquitos or less)	178 pools
Total Number tested positive for West Nile Virus	42 pools

Data below indicates the number of scrap tires removed from tire collections events utilizing Mosquito Control Program funds during 2018. By removing scrap tires from communities, we can help reduce mosquito harborage conditions which can help reduce risks of mosquito borne illness such as West Nile Virus and encephalitis.

2018 Mosquito Control Grant PCGHD Scrap Tire Clean Up Projects	# of Tires Removed
PCGHD, RPHF Solid Waste District, Pickaway Commissioners Tire Collection Event Fall 2018: Types of Tires Removed	
Passenger Tires	1,261
Truck Tires	11
Farm Tires	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,281</b>

Public Health Nuisance investigation data below demonstrates number of complaints investigated in 2018 compared to 2017. We observed an increase in complaints reported in 2018.

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS	2017	2018
TOTAL NUMBER STILL OPEN OR UNDER INVESTIGATION	39	32
TOTAL NUMBER ABATED OR CORRECTED	225	174
TOTAL NUMBER IN CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE	264	369

## Environmental Health Services Provided

Food Operation Licensing, inspection, consultation, and training programs

Well permitting and water sampling

Sewage system permitting, inspection services, real estate evaluations.

Swimming pool licensing inspection, and consultation.

Campground licensing, inspection, and consultation

School Environmental Health Inspections

Animal Bite Investigation and Rabies testing

Nuisance complaint investigation and enforcement

Solid Waste and Compost Facility Inspection and licensing

Scrap Tire Generator Inspection and Enforcement

Disease Outbreak Investigation

Tattoo and Body Art Facility Permitting and Inspection

Vector Control and Mosquito Surveillance and Prevention

# Clinical Health Services

## Clinical Staff:

Clinical Health Director—Holly Slusher  
Sabrina Alphin, Clerk  
Barbara Steward, Public Health Nurse  
Karen Greider, CMH Nurse  
Sam Neill, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

## 2018 Clinical Health Services Report

The Clinical Service Department continues to promote services in the community and improve the health care needs of the residents of Pickaway County. The Clinical Services Staff consists of one full-time RN, 2 part-time RN's, a clerk, and an Emergency Response Coordinator. The department works diligently to implement the mandatory services required by the state of Ohio.

The staff has tracked, investigated, and followed up on communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, Hepatitis A, B, C, sexually transmitted infections, and foodborne illnesses during the year. The data is entered into ODRS (a statewide database) to provide statistical data for our county. Staff are currently focused on a statewide Hepatitis outbreak with Pickaway County being a part of this outbreak. The staff has provided several outreach vaccination clinics to help deter this outbreak.

Immunizations are provided through the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program at ODH. These vaccines are provided at no cost to eligible children, ages birth through 18, that have Medicaid, no insurance (or are underinsured), American Indians, or Alaskan natives. PCGHD has recently become a vaccine provider for the 317 vaccine from ODH. This is an adult immunization program with eligibility requirements. The Clinical Services Department continues to participate in local agency meetings, community activities, and various local coalitions. The staff have been preparing for the upcoming Accreditation review.

The agency held a functional exercise at PCGHD in December about drug overdoses. This was in conjunction with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. PCGHD worked closely with other agencies to meet PHEP grant deliverables and to find potential solutions to the county wide drug problem. The exercise was a huge success with great collaboration among the various agencies.

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) nurse continues to do case management. There are 227 children active on the CMH diagnostic, treatment and or service coordination program.

It is the goal of the agency to increase and improve clinical health services countywide.

As a final note, Elaine Miller retired from the Pickaway County General Health District on February 28, 2019. Elaine served the citizens of Pickaway County for twenty years. PCGHD is thankful to Elaine for her support and service over the years.

## CLINICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PICKAWAY COUNTY RESIDENTS IN 2018

Tuberculosis  
Screenings and Clinics

Pregnancy Testing

Immunizations

Health Education  
Free Vision Vouchers  
for Children

Hemoglobin  
Screenings

Communicable  
Disease Reporting and  
Tracking

Head Lice Checks

SIDS Follow-up  
Newborn Screenings

Blood Pressure  
Checks

Lead Tests/Lead  
Investigations in  
Homes

Emergency  
Preparedness

Child Fatality Review

BCMH Program

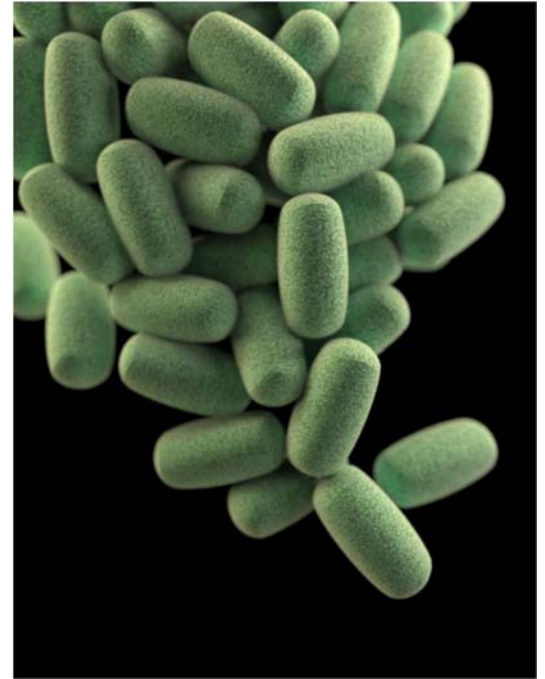
Home Visits

Foster Family Nursing  
Assessments

# Clinical Health Services

## 2018 SUMMARY Communicable Disease Report

CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	6
CHLAMYDIA INFECTION	190
COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS	<5
CP-CRE	<5
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	<5
E. COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (O157:H7, NOT O157, UNKNOWN SEROTYPE)	<5
GIARDIASIS	<5
GONOCOCCAL INFECTION	46
HEPATITIS A	42
HEPATITIS B (INCLUDING DELTA) - ACUTE	<5
HEPATITIS B (INCLUDING DELTA) - CHRONIC	51
HEPATITIS B - PERINATAL INFECTION	<5
HEPATITIS C - ACUTE	5
HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC	129
HEPATITIS C - PERINATAL INFECTION	<5
IMMIGRANT INVESTIGATION	<5
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	105
INFLUENZA - ODH LAB RESULTS	<5
LACROSSE VIRUS DISEASE (OTHER CALIFORNIA SEROGROUP VIRUS DISEASE)	<5
LEGIONELLOSIS - LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE	<5
LYME DISEASE	<5
MALARIA	<5
MENINGITIS - BACTERIAL (NOT N. MENINGITIDIS)	<5
MENINGITIS - ASEPTIC/VIRAL	<5
PERTUSSIS	15
RABIES - ANIMAL	19
SALMONELLOSIS	7
SHIGELLOSIS	<5
SPOTTED FEVER RICKETTSIOSIS, INCLUDING ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER (RMSF)	<5
STREPTOCOCCAL - GROUP A -INVASIVE	<5
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE - INVASIVE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE UNKNOWN OR NON-RESISTANT	<5
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE - INVASIVE ANTIBIOTIC SISTANT/INTERMEDIATE	RE- <5
VARICELLA	7
Total	669



### Correctional Facility Communicable Disease Reports

CHLAMYDIA INFECTION	56
CP-CRE	<5
E. COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (O157:H7, NOT O157, UNKNOWN SERO-	<5
GONOCOCCAL INFECTION	35
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE (INVASIVE DISEASE)	<5
HEPATITIS A	36
HEPATITIS B (INCLUDING DELTA) - CHRONIC	120
HEPATITIS C - CHRONIC	799
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	<5
LEGIONELLOSIS - LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE	<5
STREPTOCOCCAL - GROUP A - INVASIVE	<5
Total Correctional Facility Communicable Disease Reports	1052

### Number of Outbreaks

Hand Foot and Mouth Outbreaks	1
Impetigo Outbreak	1
Pertussis Outbreaks	7
Total Number of Outbreaks Completed	9

TB Tests Given	147
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This data indicates the number of communicable diseases investigated by disease type and does not indicate total number of diseases confirmed.

# Clinical Services—CMH

## Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

# of children active in BCMH diagnostic, treatment, etc.	231
# of children contacted (unduplicated by phone or visits)	126
# of children with primary care physician or medical home identified	70
# of children with Primary dentist identified	60
Number of Children that have:	
a. Individualized Education Plan (IEP)	36
b. Individualized Service Plan (ISP)	9
c. Individualized Habilitation Plan (IHP)	0
d. 504 Plan	12
e. Comprehensive Service Plan (CSP)	0
f. Individual Family Service Plan	9
Barriers to care for all children served	
Family Health issues	<5
Lack of BCMH providers	<5
No Transportation	<5
Nutritional Issues	<5
Family Dynamics	<5



Data to the left shows BCMH program statistic for clients within Pickaway County for 2018.

# Vital Statistics and Administration

## Vital Statistics

### Services Provided:

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Burial Permits
- Files medical supplements
- Files Certificates of Service
- Issues Birth Correction Affidavits
- Executes Birth Correction Affidavits
- Processes Birth / Death Verifications
- Processes Paternity Affidavits
- Issues Government Use Only Copies
- Assists in Genealogy Research

2018 Vital Statistics	Number
Births Registered	5
Birth Certificates Issued	1,674
Birth Affidavits Processed	14
Paternity Affidavits Processed	9
Deaths Registered	380
Burial Permits Issued	320
Fetal Deaths Registered	0
Death Certificates Issued	1,511
Death Affidavits Filed	25
Certificates of Service Filed (Death)	2
Government Use only copies issued	49
Medical Supplements Filed	20

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are \$28.00 in Pickaway County. Of the \$28.00 fee, \$1.45 goes to Domestic Violence Prevention Fund, \$1.00 goes to the Local Subsidy Fee, \$2.91 to the Ohio Children Trust Fund, \$3.00 Vital Statistics Base Fee to Ohio Department of Health, \$5.00 to Vital Statistics Technology Fee to Ohio Department of Health, and \$14.64 remains locally in our Vital Statistics fund to help cover costs of administering the program.

Current Vital Statistics / Administration Employee Paula Johnston (Registrar and Accounts Clerk) manages the vital statistics office for Pickaway County as well as all accounts for the health district. Vital Statistics office is where you obtain birth and death records/certificates in Pickaway County.

# Accreditation

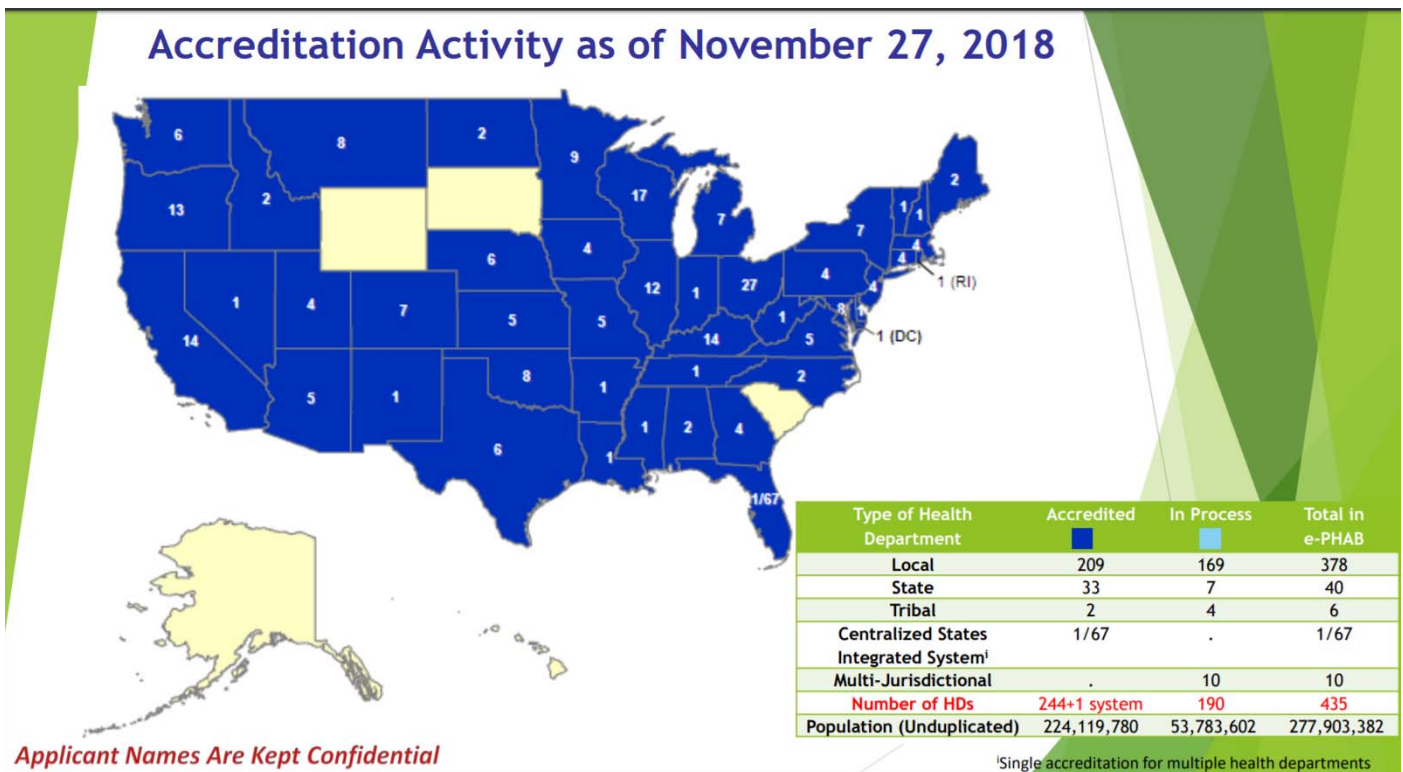
## What is Public Health Department Accreditation?

- The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidenced-based standards.
- The issuance of recognition of achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity.
- The continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards.
- The goal of Ohio's mandated national accreditation requirement is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of local health departments.

## A Message from Jimmie Davis, Accreditation Coordinator Pickaway County General Health District

Over the past few years, the staff at PCGHD have been working hard to achieve national Public Health Accreditation. In the Spring of 2018, PCGHD officially submitted all the necessary documentation preparing for our Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Site Visit. During the year, our three site visitors from health departments in other states were selected and a thorough review of the health department's documents was completed. A site visit with the three site visitors and the PHAB accreditation specialist (assigned to PCGHD) was scheduled for March 5-6, 2019. Overall the visit went well, the site visit team identified our top 3 strengths and top 3 areas for improvement. This will all be contained in a report from the site visit team. When the report is available it will be included in the next quarterly newsletter. Now that the site visit has been completed, the Site Visit Team must complete their report within the 2 weeks following the site visit. The PHAB staff will then review the report, and continue reviewing the documents. The recommendation of PHAB will go to the PHAB Board in June. Within one week of this meeting PCGHD will be informed if we have been approved as an accredited health department or be put on an action plan.

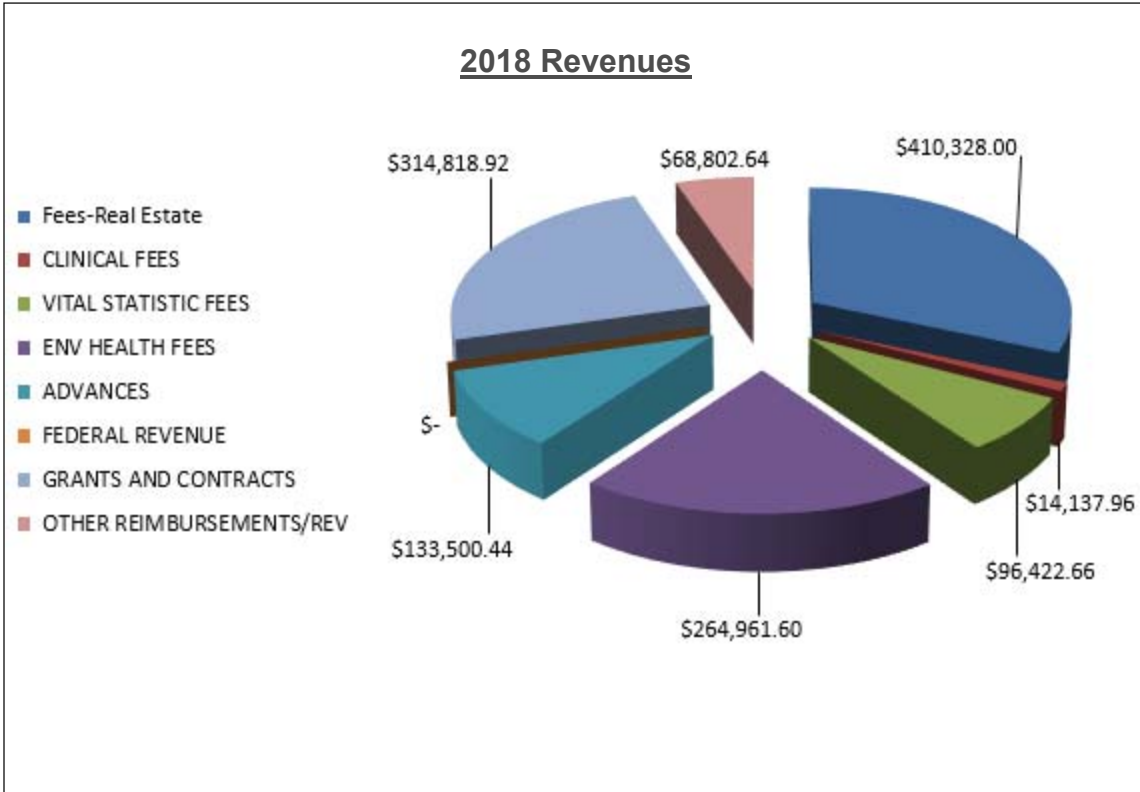
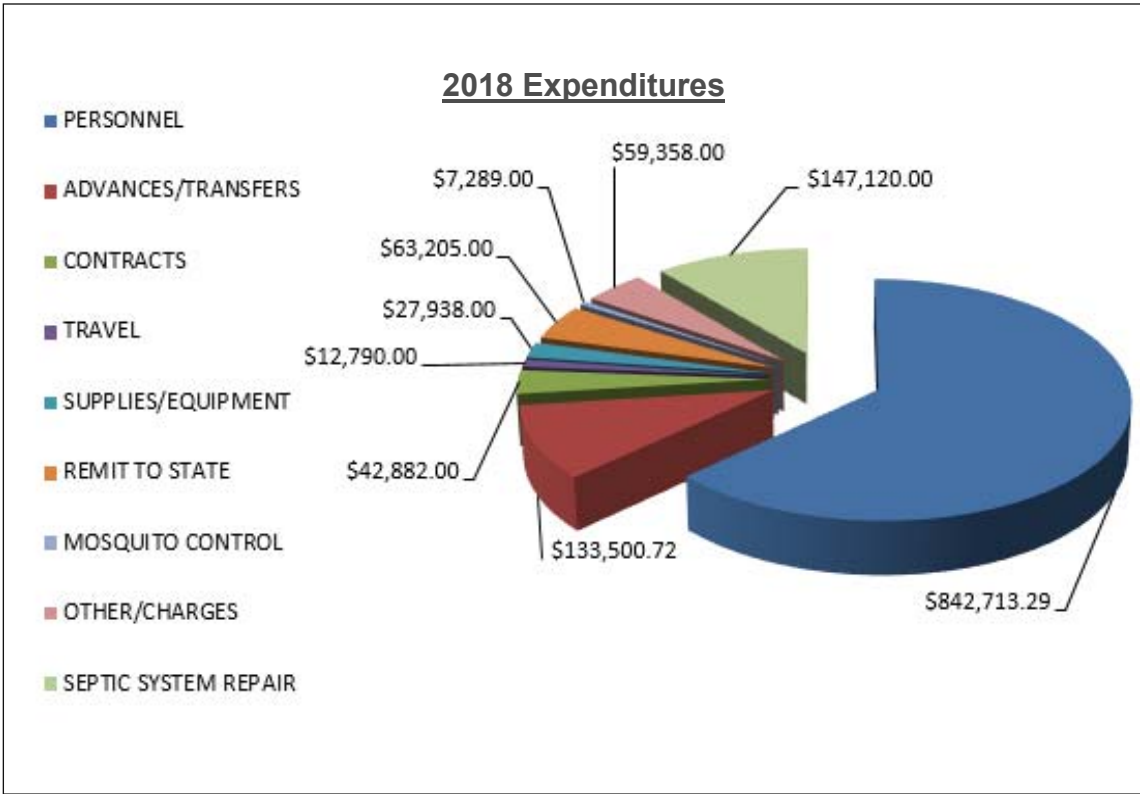
In the meantime, we will be continuing to make improvements to the agency and the health of the community by further implementing our Quality Improvement Initiatives, Workforce Development Activities, and Community Health Improvement Strategies. We will also be working on the next version of our Community Health Assessment. Thanks to our public health accreditation efforts, we are continuing to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of your local health department.



**In Ohio, 27 out of 113 local health departments are already accredited. The mandate for LHD accreditation is to accomplish this process by 2020. Ohio is the only state that mandates what was designed as a voluntary process by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Screenshot credited to PHAB, 2018, retrieved from <http://www.phaboard.org/>**

# 2018 Fiscal Report

Fiscal Officer: Steve Hawkins







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