

Wyandot County General Health District
2016 Annual Report

Wyandot County



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2016 Wyandot County Board of Health

Meet the Members of Our Board of Health



Dr. Keri S. Harris, M.D., Health Commissioner

Dr. Harris was raised in Bucyrus, OH and graduated from Bucyrus High School. She did her undergrad in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo, graduating magna cum laude with honors. She went on to Medical School at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health, and graduated cum laude and was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed her Residency at The Ohio State

University (Internal Medicine) and Nationwide Children's Hospital (Pediatrics) and is double board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

She married Corey Harris and has 3 sons: Zachary (12), Chase (9), Brody (8). She loves: God, My family and friends, working out, and golf! She has been on staff at Wyandot Memorial Hospital since 2006 as a primary care physician.

Dr. Harris has been medical director of hospice, medical director of the nursery, and is currently medical director of pediatrics at Wyandot Memorial Hospital and Wyandot County Health Commissioner since 2010.



Dr. Sberna, President

Current Term 4/1/2012 - 3/31/2017

Dr. Sberna joined the Board of Health December in 2009.



Ene Leonard, Vice President

Current Term 4/1/2014 - 3/31/2019

Ene Leonard was born and raised in Carter County, Kentucky. She moved to Upper Sandusky after her high school graduation. In 1955 she graduated from Grant Hospital School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio. Ene worked briefly at Marion General Hospital but spent most of her career at Wyandot Memorial Hospital. She helped establish the Coronary Care Unit serving as the department's supervisor for twenty years before retiring in 1995. She has been

married to husband, Jack, for 58 years. Together they raised 4 children and now keep busy with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ene replaced Sally Stutz on the Board of Health in 1995.



Bill Aubry, Board Member,

Current Term 4/1/2016 - 3/31/2021

Bill was born and raised in Toledo. He achieved his undergrad degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Economics both from University of Toledo. Bill has been married to Kate Brazzill for 40 fun-loving years. Together they have 3 children, who are all raised and on their own. They moved to Upper Sandusky around 1986. Bill has been a banker and for almost 29 years was a financial advisor with Edward Jones & Co. He enjoys travel,

Zumba, reading, and puzzles of all kinds. He does not enjoy the dentist, liver, rap music, or loud noises. Bill replaced Mary Beth Stinehelfer as a Board Member on 3/19/2015.



Joseoh D'Ettorre, Board Member

Current Term 12/1/2016 - 3/31/2018

Joe grew up in rural north central Ohio. A resident of Pitt Township, he and his wife Erin, of Ottawa, Canada, have four children, all U.S.H.S. graduates. He and Erin enjoy visiting with their kids, and taking their black lab on leisurely walks in the countryside. Joe is a member of the Upper Sandusky Lions Club, and has served as CEO of Wyandot Memorial Hospital since 1992. He has a B.A. in Economics and a Master degree in Health Administration.



Dallas Risner, Board Member

Current Term 4/1/2015 - 3/31/2020

Dallas is a lifelong Wyandot County resident and a graduate of Carey High School. Dallas has had two years of accounting at Columbus Business University and two years of civil engineering at Marion Technical College. He worked for 30 years with Honeywell in Fostoria and was a six-year council member for the Village of Carey where he also served as mayor for 24 years. He has served on numerous boards including Key Bank, Fostoria Area

Credit Union and Carey Poverello Federal Credit Union. Dallas enjoys flying and has his private pilot license. He was married for 44 years to his wife Roberta before losing her to cancer in 2006. Dallas has 2 children, JJ in Florida and Sonja in Carey. Mr. Risner replaced Philip Case as a Board Member on 3/22/2012.

Health Commissioner Message

Keri S. Harris, M.D.

Wyandot County Public Health is on a mission to provide access to quality health services that positively impact each and every person in Wyandot County. Within this year's annual report, you'll find information related to these activities. While this report contains general information regarding the number of services directly provided to the public, it does not reflect the true state of the health of Wyandot County, or fully describe how staff continually works with other agencies to address the health needs of our community. As the saying goes "It takes a Village to raise a child," and the Health Department alone cannot effectively address every health issue we encounter. For this reason, I choose to report to you regarding our collaborative efforts with local stakeholders.

One of the finest examples of Public Health collaboration lies within the Wyandot County Health Alliance. The Health Alliance, which is made up of over 20 local agencies and businesses, continually identifies and addresses the most significant health issues facing Wyandot County. Based upon the latest 2015 Community Health Assessment, which is a study conducted by the Health Alliance every

three years, the major issues facing us at this time are: obesity, access to mental health services, substance abuse, and injury prevention. To address these issues, the Health Alliance drafted a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which was finalized in January of 2016. The Current CHIP focuses on the four major areas of concern by implementing seventeen different initiatives to improve health outcomes in our community.

Wyandot County Public Health enjoys many other partnerships. A few of these include the Early Childhood Coordinating Committee, Family and Children First Council, Wyandot County Council for Birth Defects, and the Suicide Prevention Coalition. Our involvement with each of these groups enables us to be aware of the health needs of our communities, and when necessary, fill gaps or improve the services we provide. I believe that our close partnerships with local stakeholders help define who we are, and that the strength of our local health department is built upon those relationships.

Only by working together as a Public Health System can we expect to make significant changes that will positively affect the health of all the citizens of Wyandot County. We continue to be truly grateful for all the community support we receive and are dedicated to the provision of quality public health services to our citizens. As we look to the future, Wyandot County Public Health will continue to expand our involvement with community partners to strengthen the health of our community.

Mission Statement - The Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County.

Wyandot County Health Department Staff



Back Row: Jeffrey Ritchey, RS, Director of Environmental Health; Beth Bower, RN; Jeremiah Aigler, RS; Kelli Owens, Billing Specialist; Claire Russell, Clerk

Middle Row: Danielle Schalk, RS; Jane Shrider, Registrar and Administrative Assistant; Jodi Kimmel, Clerk; Rachel Niederkohr, RN; Kayley Arthur, Clerk; Nanette Metzger, RN

Front Row: Liz McDougle, RN; Darlene Steward, RN, Director of Nursing; Barbara Mewhorter, Administrator; Arlene Schriener, RD, LD, Director of WIC

Not pictured: Laura Hoepf, LPN

Wyandot County Community Garden is Growing

In 2014, a community garden was established to address the need for the availability of fresh produce to food insecure residents of Wyandot County in an effort to fight obesity and improve overall wellness. This need was identified based on the results of the 2012 Wyandot County Health Assessment. In 2016, over 1000 pounds of fresh produce was raised in our community garden and donated to 12 local agencies in Wyandot County. This achievement was accomplished by the expansion of the existing growing area in the garden through the use of straw bales, and as the result of the first annual garden box challenge. These efforts helped to almost double the donation of healthy fruits and vegetables throughout the county.

Volunteers continually attempt to enlarge the usable growing area of the community garden, while reducing required maintenance, like weeding. These concepts were implemented last year through a straw bale gardening demonstration project. Straw bale gardening is a technique that allows the grower to raise crops without having to work the soil. The benefits include less weeding, the ability to concentrate fertilizer around the growing plant, and the use of the straw bales as mulch for weed control the next growing season. The primary disadvantage identified, particularly during dry periods of the summer, is the need for continual watering. Based upon the results of the project, it was determined that the positives definitely outweighed the negatives.

To help increase the amount of produce grown, and to promote healthy competition between agencies, the Community

Garden Committee held its first annual garden box challenge. Eight local agencies accepted the challenge, which was to grow as much produce as possible for local food pantries, while maintaining the best looking box. Three judges were chosen from the community to monitor the boxes throughout the summer, with a winner chosen at the end of the growing season. The winner of the garden box challenge was Help Me Grow.

The Community Garden Committee looks forward to the implementation of innovative gardening techniques every year. In 2017, the gardening season will begin earlier with the addition of a 4'x 8' domed garden box. The domed garden box will allow for community garden plants to be grown from seed. Visitors to the garden will also notice the addition of a pumpkin patch at the east end of the garden lot. The pumpkins harvested from the garden will be used for a community wide event in the fall.

The success of the Wyandot Community Garden is a direct result of the time, materials and money donated by area residents, businesses, and community agencies. This overwhelming community support helps us to achieve our goal of providing fresh fruits and vegetables to area residents in need, and educating the public regarding innovative ways to produce healthy foods. The Garden Committee would like to thank everyone involved in this project for helping us help the community.

Wyandot County Home Health Staff



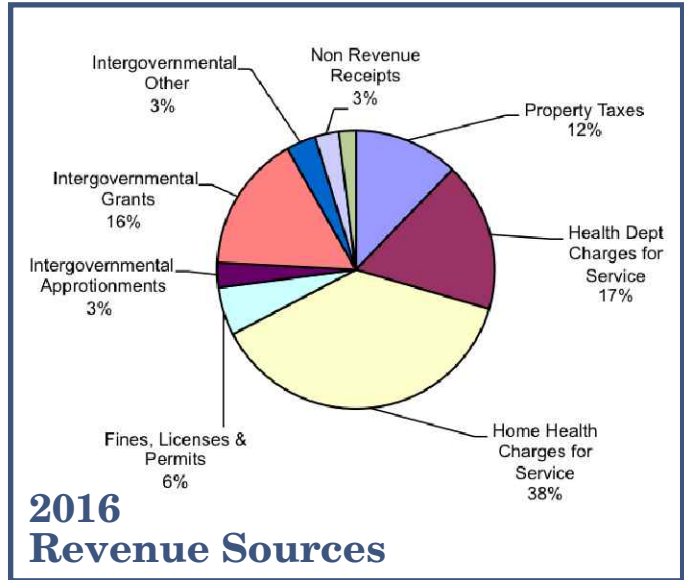
Carrie Aigler Administrative Assistant
Beth Gregory, RN Clinical Manager
Heather Harmon, STNA Home Health Aide
Anna James, RN Staff Nurse
Teresa Lewallen, RN Staff Nurse
Tammy Mooney, LPN Staff Nurse
Elaine Niederkohr, STNA Home Health Aide
Margaret Niederkohr, STNA Home Health Aide
Minda Orians Billing/Medical Records Specialist

Bailey Price, STNA Home Health Aide
Amanda Reid, STNA Home Health Aide
Sara Shaw, LPN Staff Nurse
Ashley Siesel, RN Staff Nurse
Dionne Staley, MBA Business Manager
Phyllis Thiel, PCA Home Health Aide
Trae Turner, RN, BSN Regional Director
Madeline Webster, PCA Home Health Aide
Amanda West, RN Staff Nurse

Wyandot County Public Health Combined Finances

2016 Revenue Sources

Property Taxes	\$303,080
Health Dept. Charges for Service	\$429,748
Home Health Charges for Service	\$935,689
Fines, Licenses & Permits	\$139,003
Intergovernmental Apportionments	\$71,828
Intergovernmental Grants	\$395,627
Intergovernmental Other	\$85,422
Non Revenue Receipts	\$68,059
Commissioners Advance	\$50,000
TOTAL REVENUE.	\$2,478,456



Employees By Division

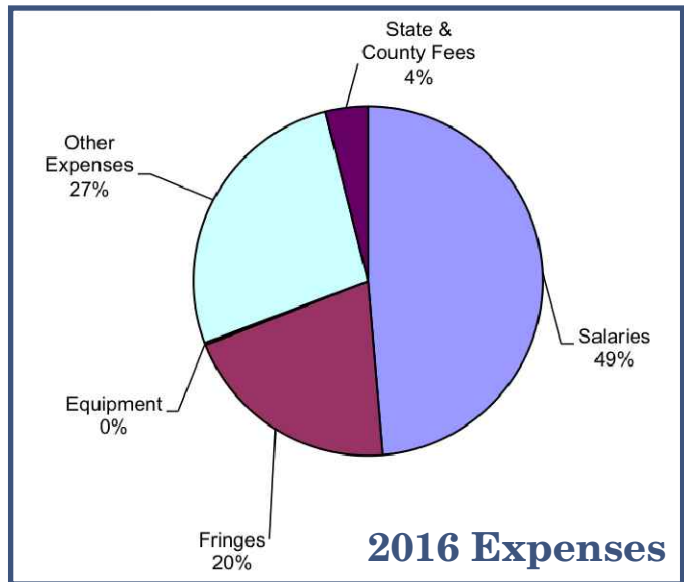
Environmental Health Staff	3
Home Health Nursing and Aides Staff	18
Public Health Nursing Staff	8
Vital Statistics/Administration Staff	2
WIC Staff	3
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	34

Grants & Intergovernmental Funds

Children & Family Health Services Grant	\$36,589
Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$7,840
Life Skills Grant	\$26,743
EPA Mosquito Control Grant.	\$27,200
Sewage.	\$46,046
Public Health Emergency Response Grant . . .	\$56,596
Passport	\$40,821
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant.	\$23,274
Safe Communities Grant	\$20,157
Title IIIB	\$5,141
Women Infants & Children Grant	\$105,220
TOTAL GRANTS	\$395,627

2016 Expenses

Salaries	\$1,179,847
Fringes	\$493,716
Equipment	\$5,031
Other Expenses.	\$650,992
State & County Fees.	\$95,060
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,424,646



Home Health Finances

2016 Revenue Sources

Property Taxes.....	\$0
Health Dept Charges for Service.....	\$0
Home Health Charges for Service.....	\$935,689
Fines, Licenses & Permits.....	\$0
Intergovernmental Apportionments.....	\$0
Intergovernmental Grants.....	\$45,962
Intergovernmental Other.....	\$0
Non Revenue Receipts.....	\$10,135
<u>Commissioners Advance.....</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$1,041,786

Employees By Division

Home Health Nursing and Aides Staff 18

TOTAL EMPLOYEES..... 18

2016 Grants & Intergovernmental Funds

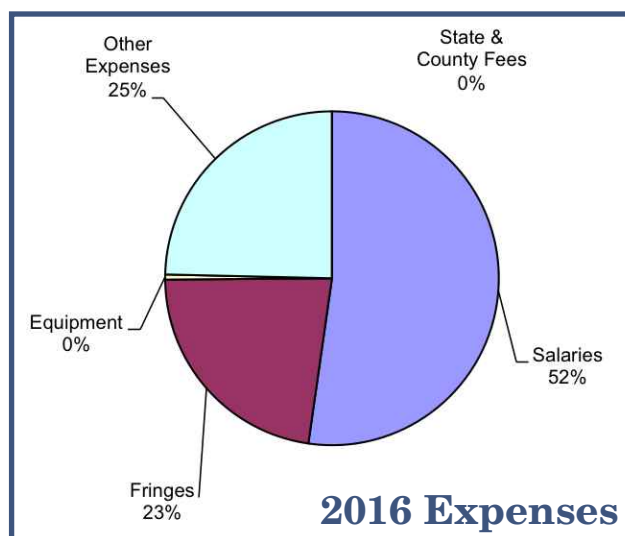
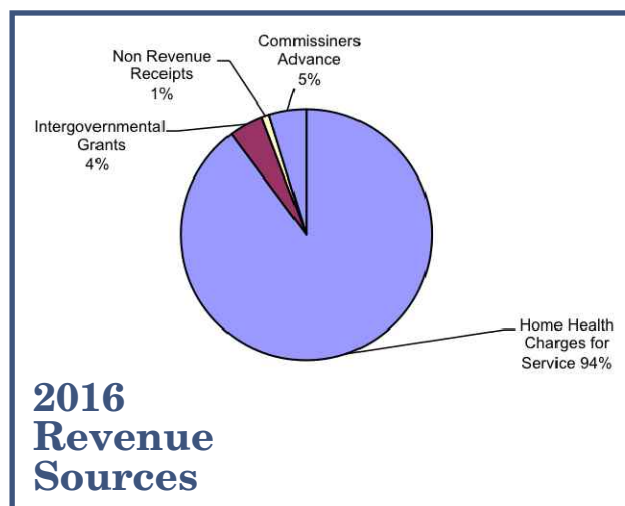
Passport.....	\$40,821
<u>Title IIIB.....</u>	<u>\$5,141</u>

TOTAL GRANTS..... \$45,926

2016 Expenses

Salaries.....	\$533,836
Fringes.....	\$230,978
Equipment.....	\$5,031
Other Expenses.....	\$251,611
<u>State & County Fees.....</u>	<u>\$0</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$1,021,456



Public Health Accreditation

In 2013, the Public Health Accreditation Board was formed to facilitate the standardization of all public health departments in the United States. Public Health Department Accreditation has become the goal of all local and state health departments across the country.

Accreditation is the measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice focused and evidence based standards. It is continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards. The goal of the voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality of practice and performance of local and state public health departments while increasing accountability to stakeholders.

In 2015, the Ohio Department of Health achieved accreditation. To date in 2016, this brings the total

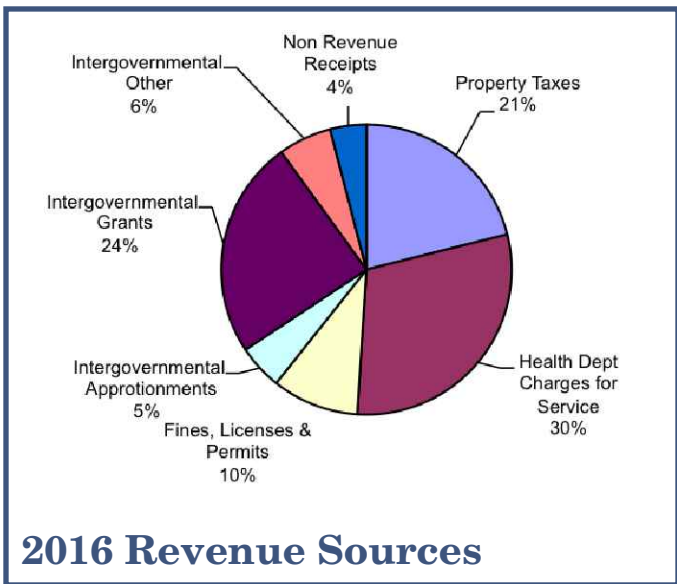
number of accredited public health departments in Ohio to fourteen. Ohio Department of Health is requiring that all public health departments in Ohio be accredited by the year 2020. The ability to apply for state and federal grant monies will be directly tied to accreditation status.

The accreditation process requires detailed documentation of policies and processes, detailed record keeping and monitoring of public health performance standards. The accreditation process demands time and resources of the public health staff with no additional state or federal compensation to complete the project. With the assistance of Marianne Shawley, RN, BA, a contracted employee with accreditation experience, the Wyandot County Public Health staff continues to work diligently on accreditation to meet the Ohio Department of Health accreditation goal of 2020.

Health Department Finances

2016 Revenue Sources

Property Taxes	\$303,080
Health Dept. Charges for Service.	\$429,748
Fines, Licenses & Permits	\$139,003
Intergovernmental Apportionments	\$71,828
Intergovernmental Grants.	\$349,665
Intergovernmental Other	\$85,422
Non Revenue Receipts	\$57,924
<u>Commissioners Advance.</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE.	\$1,436,670



Employees By Division

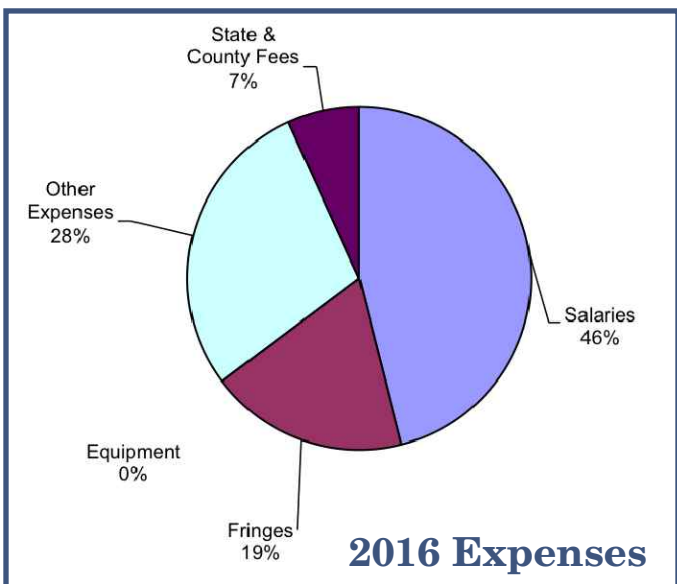
Environmental Health Staff.	3
Public Health Nursing Staff	8
Vital Statistics/Administration Staff	2
<u>WIC Staff</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEES.	16

Grants & Intergovernmental Funds

Children & Family Health Services Grant	\$36,589
Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$7,840
Life Skills Grant	\$26,743
EPA Mosquito Control Grant.	\$27,200
Sewage.	\$46,046
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Reproductive Health & Wellness	\$23,274
Safe Communities Grant	\$20,157
<u>Women Infants & Children Grant</u>	<u>\$105,220</u>
TOTAL GRANTS	\$349,665

2016 Expenses

Salaries	\$646,011
Fringes	\$262,738
Equipment	\$0
Other Expenses	\$399,381
<u>State & County Fees.</u>	<u>\$95,060</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,403,190



2016 Public Health Nursing

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

The health department is the Contract Manager for Wyandot County's Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program. This evidence based program promotes healthy growth and development for babies and young children. First time expectant or new parents are provided the education and support they need to be prepared for the birth of their child. Home visiting also provides ongoing education and support to maximize a child's health and development up to 3 years of age. Goals include: Increase healthy pregnancies; Improve parenting confidence and competence; Increase family connectedness to community and social supports; Improve child health, development and readiness. During 2016 our caseload continued to increase along with a 47% increase in client visits. Funding is received from the Ohio Department of Health.

Immunization Program

The goal for immunizations is to reduce and eliminate vaccine preventable diseases in children, adolescents and adults. Vaccines are constantly changing and keeping up with the changes can be challenging. Our nurses are a resource for providers and residents who have questions about immunizations. 2016 was a major transition for the health department's immunization program. Effective January 1, 2016, the Ohio Department of Health no longer provides local health departments vaccine for children under 19 years of age who have private medical insurance; only providing vaccine for children who are uninsured, underinsured or on Medicaid. Vaccine must be purchased for those with private health insurance. We are contracted with several private insurance companies to comply with this change. We had a 27% increase in the number of clinic attendees and a 13% increase in vaccines given during 2016.

Appointment clinics are held on Mondays 12-6 pm and Fridays 9-11:30 am and 1-4 pm at the health department and on the 2nd Monday of each month 2-6 pm at the Carey Depot.

LifeSkills

The LifeSkills Training Program is an evidence based tobacco/drug prevention program facilitated by trained public health nurses. LifeSkills addresses important factors that lead adolescents to use one or more drugs by teaching them a combination of health information, general life skills and drug resistance skills. Classes are presented to students in grades 3, 4, 5 at East, South, Mohawk, Carey, OLC; grades 3, 4, 5, 6 at St. Peter's and Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 at Union. Funding is provided through the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot Counties.

School Nursing

School nursing contracts include Angeline, Carey, Our Lady of Consolation, Upper Sandusky and St. Peter's. School nurses are an integral part of health promotion within the school community, providing guidance to school administration and staff regarding a variety of day to day health issues. Daily services are provided to students with special health care needs along with consultation of student's various health complaints. Annual training to school staff is completed prior to the start of each school year, fulfilling OSHA requirements, reviewing Exposure Control Plan and Medication Administration Training. School nurses monitor every student's immunization status; completing the annual mandatory state immunization report. Screening programs include hearing, vision and scoliosis of select grades. Class presentations concerning growth and development, hygiene, puberty, sexual health and dental health are presented throughout the year. Angeline School nursing includes guidance to staff to fulfill Delegated Nursing requirements for students and clients along with completion of required medication evaluations for clients who live in group home settings.

Family Planning

The Reproductive Health and Wellness Program grant provides screening, treatment, referral and education for females and males 13 years and older through the Family Planning Clinic. This program improves the overall health and well-being of women, men and children by improving health care access, promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging the establishment of a reproductive life plan. A

reproductive life plan allows individuals the opportunity to determine when and if they are physically, emotionally and financially prepared to become parents, lowering the risk of adverse perinatal and birth outcomes. Physical exams, contraceptive options, STD testing and treatment and pregnancy testing are provided. Fees for services are based on family size and income. No one is denied services due to inability to pay. Clinics are held the first and third Thursday of each month.

Nutrition Education

In our efforts to reduce the percentage of children who are overweight, nurses implemented 'Choose My Plate', an evidence-based nutrition education program, to 2nd grade students at Carey, Mohawk, St. Pete and Upper Schools during the 2015-16 school year. Students were educated on identifying food groups; foods with sugar and fats; and the importance of physical activity. Funding for this initiative was provided through the Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) grant from the Ohio Department of Health.

Blessings in a Backpack

Partnering with the Blessings in a Backpack program provides students in grades K-5 who are on free and/or reduced lunch, supplemental foods on weekends through the school year, reducing food insecurity among Wyandot County children. The program is implemented at South, Union and Carey schools. Funding is provided through the Maternal Child Health Program (MCHP) grant from the Ohio Department of Health.

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

CMH is a state administered program that assists parents with children up to 21 years of age who have been diagnosed with special healthcare needs. Registered Nurses link families to a network of quality providers, providing case management, support and access appropriate sources of payment for medical services.

Communicable Disease Reporting

Disease investigation and prevention of outbreaks is an important part of protecting the health of Wyandot County residents. The health department is authorized by the Ohio Revised Code to report to ODH case reports of specific infectious diseases and outbreaks in an effort to prevent the spread of disease and ultimately eliminate some diseases. Each case that is reported to the health department is investigated by a public health nurse to ensure persons are informed, treated and provided education to assure that proper measures are taken to not spread disease. Case information is entered into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS), a real time secure access for state and local practitioners' to report infectious diseases, allowing immediate access to infectious disease reports 24/7. The top three reportable infections in 2016 were Hepatitis C, Chlamydia and Campylobacter.

Wyandot County Health Alliance (WCHA)

Wyandot County Health Alliance consists of entities, businesses and private citizens within Wyandot County dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community. The Alliance was formed to review important data to help clarify and understand our general health status as a community; identify gaps in services and unmet needs; and help to identify and focus priority areas of concern as community members. The 2016-18 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priorities align perfectly with state and national priorities. The four strategies established by the Alliance include: Decrease Obesity; Increase Mental Health Services; Decrease Substance Abuse; and Increase Injury Prevention. We are fortunate to have community partners who are active in the implementation of action steps of the CHIP. Meetings are held quarterly, continually gathering data to assess our community's needs, making changes to the CHIP to ensure issues are being addressed in the best possible way. The complete 2015 Wyandot County Health Assessment and the 2016-18 CHIP can be viewed at www.wyandothealth.com.

2016 Environmental Report

Environmental Health Division

The Environmental Division is responsible for the licensing and inspection of food service and retail food establishments, home sewage treatment systems, private water systems, campgrounds, public pools, tattoo and body piercing operations and solid waste facilities. The Department also inspects manufactured home parks and schools, and investigates animal bites, nuisances, and smoke-free workplace complaints. In addition, we conduct emergency planning, coordinate safe communities grant activities, and conduct animal and vector-borne disease testing and surveillance. Some of the significant highlights from 2016 are listed below.

Septic System Operational Permit Planning

Last year, Wyandot County Public Health began working with stakeholders to initiate a mandatory operation and maintenance (O&M) permitting program for all existing sewage treatment systems. The proposed O&M program plan is in the final phases of drafting, and includes feedback from local stakeholders, including government officials, realtors, septic contractors and others. Some of the key requirements include: mechanisms to permit existing systems; basic system maintenance; minimum system evaluation requirements; and the provision of homeowner education. Prior to implementing the program plan, the Health Department will collaborate with stakeholders and septic service providers to obtain final feedback. It is our hope to roll the new system out this summer.

Septic Systems Replacement Grant

In 2016, Wyandot County Public Health received a \$150,000 Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) repair/replacement grant from the Ohio EPA. The purpose of the grant is to assist low and moderate income individuals with the cost of repairing/replacing failed septic systems. Eligibility for the grant is based on income and the number of individuals living in the home. As of January, the program has assisted with the replacement of 3 septic systems. Six other systems are being designed or are awaiting installation, and 3 homeowners are in the process of applying for the grant. In addition to last year's grant award, the Health Department has also received \$150,000 in Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) repair/replacement funding for 2017. Grant applications can be obtained through the Health Department or by contacting the Sandusky River Watershed.

Safe Communities Grant Program

Safe Communities is a grant funded program aimed at reducing motor vehicle injuries and fatalities by working with coalition partners to educate the public. Unfortunately, in 2016, there were two traffic fatalities on Wyandot County roadways. Although this is half the number that occurred in 2015, two deaths are still too many. Both fatal accidents were associated with US 23, which highlights the dangers associated with the existing at-grade crossings throughout the county. To reduce future incidents, the coalition will be urging the public to use established overpasses when traveling, or crossing major interstates, and stress caution when using existing at grade crossings. Help us make 2017 the safest ever by talking with your family and friends about traffic safety, it might just save a life.

Vector Borne Disease Surveillance Program

Due to national concerns associated with the spread of the Zika virus, Wyandot County Public Health worked hard to expand our existing vector borne disease surveillance program to include *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, a potential vector for the disease. Zika Virus is an infection spread mostly by the bite of an infected mosquito, and can affect pregnant woman by causing certain birth defects. Although there have been no locally acquired cases in Ohio, knowing the natural population of the mosquito that may spread the disease is essential to preventing future cases. In

addition to expanding mosquito testing, the Health Department also worked with the City of Upper Sandusky and Village of Carey to obtain over \$20,000 in grant dollars to supplement existing mosquito programs in the county, and to obtain educational materials for the public. Both of these activities are vital to the Health District's response to the spread of the disease, should it become localized.

Environmental Health Outreach Activities

Throughout the year the Environmental Health Division worked hard to provide public health information to the community. These activities included publishing health and safety related articles in local newspapers, and regularly updating public health messages on our website and Facebook page. As always, the Environmental Health Division is ready and willing to provide local groups, and the general public, with presentations on environmental health topics.

Radon Program Update

Due to changes with the Ohio Department of Health's Radon Grant, 2016 was the last year that home radon test kits were made available to homeowners through the Local Health Department at no cost. Since 2009, over 600 free radon test kits have been provided to homeowners by Wyandot Public Health through an Ohio Department of Health Grant. Of those submitted for laboratory testing by residents, roughly 40% of the homes showed radon levels at, or above, the recommended USEPA level for indoor environments. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and testing is the only way to know if you have a problem. In the future, home owners may continue to contact Wyandot County Public Health for general radon information, and can check the availability of free or discounted radon test kits directly through the Ohio Department of Health's website at www.odh.ohio.gov.

Food Service Program

Last year, Health District staff conducted over 400 local food operation inspections and entered the reports into EHDS, the State's Environmental Health Data System. EHDS is an Ohio Department of Health licensing and inspection system that enables inspectors to create electronic inspection reports that can be accessed by the public via the internet. To view local food reports, visit Wyandot County Public Health's food information page at www.wyandotohealth.com.

Emergency Response

The Health District continues to collaborate with our local emergency response partners to prepare for, and respond to, emergency situations. In 2016, the department continued to partner with the local EMA and Wyandot Memorial Hospital to implement the WENS system. WENS is a web based system used to send emergency messages to the public, or select populations of the public, via text message, email and phone. The system enables first responders to notify the public faster, and with the best information, during disaster situations. The Health District will continue to support the implementation of WENS and looks forward to working with our partnering agencies to protect the public's health.

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Wyandot County WIC Program 2016

WIC is a special supplemental food and nutrition education program that serves Women, Infants, and Children. The program works by providing nutrition education as a means of preventive healthcare, referrals to coordinating agencies and nutritious foods to pregnant and breastfeeding women, post-partum women, infants and children up to age 5 years. In 2016, an average of 358 Wyandot County residents were receiving WIC benefits each month.

Breastfeeding is encouraged as the normal and healthiest way to feed an infant. Wyandot County WIC has one certified lactation counselor available on staff to assist with any questions or concerns pregnant or breastfeeding mothers may have. Breastfeeding initiation rates remain stable at about 55%.

WIC is funded through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. Approximately \$283,000 federal tax dollars were returned to Wyandot County in the form of food dollars and grant funds to assist WIC participants during 2016. Participants redeemed \$142,661 worth of WIC benefits at Wyandot County grocery stores in 2016. This is a 14% decrease from 2015. Decreasing caseload both nation and statewide is a contributing factor in the decrease for 2016. Foods eligible for the WIC program include low fat milk, eggs, iron fortified breakfast cereals, canned or dried beans, peanut butter, fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables, unsweetened juice, whole grain breads, tortillas, brown rice or oatmeal and infant formula (when indicated). The formula bid process saw the first change in twenty-five years in the primary formula provider. Infants over six months of age are also eligible for Beech Nut baby food in 4 ounce jars and Gerber infant cereal.

In 2016, an upgrade to the WIC certification system now allows for easy identification of high risk participants and has expanded the number of qualifying nutritional reasons. Retention of children ages two through five is a continued focus and there are incentives offered for those who are finishing their WIC eligibility. Postpartum women with high weight gain in pregnancy are offered

counseling at their mid certification visits.

The Wyandot County WIC staff works closely with many partnering agencies to insure that WIC participants are receiving the services they need to promote healthy life styles for their families. We refer participants to a variety of agencies and services in the county. A popular quarterly activity is a joint playdate with the Help Me Grow program. Public health staff nurses are available during most WIC clinic hours to insure that participants are up to date with immunizations.

WIC Services are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Wyandot County Health Department. Evening and lunch hours are available by appointment. Upper income limits for the WIC Program are generous and increase with family size. Potential participants qualifying for Medicaid and food assistance qualify for WIC. Funding is provided to serve all eligible participants. WIC serves traditional as well as non-traditional families. Translators are available for Spanish speaking participants.

Early in 2016, WIC had a staff change. If you have any questions about the WIC program, please call our new dietician director, Arlene Schriener, RD, LD, at 419-294-3341.

Participants Served by Townships

Antrim Twp.	12	Pitt Twp.	1
Crane Twp.	151	Richland Twp.	5
Crawford Twp.	80	Ridge Twp.	0
Eden Twp.	16	Salem Twp.	14
Jackson Twp.	2	Sycamore Twp.	27
Marseilles Twp.	1	Tymochtee Twp.	3
Mifflin Twp.	3		

Causes of Death 2016

Accidents	Dementia	2
Car-Blunt Force Trauma	Diabetes	1
Morphine Toxicity	Dysphasia	1
Alzheimer's	Emphysema	1
Anorexia	Gangrene	1
Brain Hemorrhage	GI Bleed	2
Brain Hypoxia	Hypoxia	2
Cancer	Liver Failure	1
Adenocarcinoma	Malnutrition	1
Adrenocortical Carcinoma	Mental Retardation/DD	1
Anal	Oropharyngeal Dysphasia	1
Breast	Parkinson's	2
Cervix	Pneumonia	10
Colon	Pulmonary	11
Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Pulmonary Thromboembolism	1
Kidney	Renal/Kidney	13
Leiomyosarcoma	Respiratory Failure	1
Lung	Senescence	3
Myeloid Leukemia	Sepsis/Septicemia	1
Myeloma	Sequelae of Guillain-Barre Syndrome	1
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	Stroke	11
Ovarian	Suicide	
Pancreatic	Alcohol/Medication Overdose	1
Prostate	Asphyxiation	1
Stomach		
COPD		
Cardiac/Heart		
Cirrhosis of Liver		
Coronary Syndrome		

NOTE: Due to space limitations the causes of death have been categorized accordingly.

2016 Vital Statistics

Births:	Female	65
	Male	63
Deaths:	Female	108
	Male	78
Burial Permits Issued		263
Certified Births Issued		631
Certified Deaths Issued		620

NOTE: The birth and death numbers do not include the occurrences of Wyandot County residents taking place outside Wyandot County.

The Vital Statistics Department of Wyandot County Health Department records all births and deaths occurring in Wyandot County and forwards this information to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Columbus, Ohio.

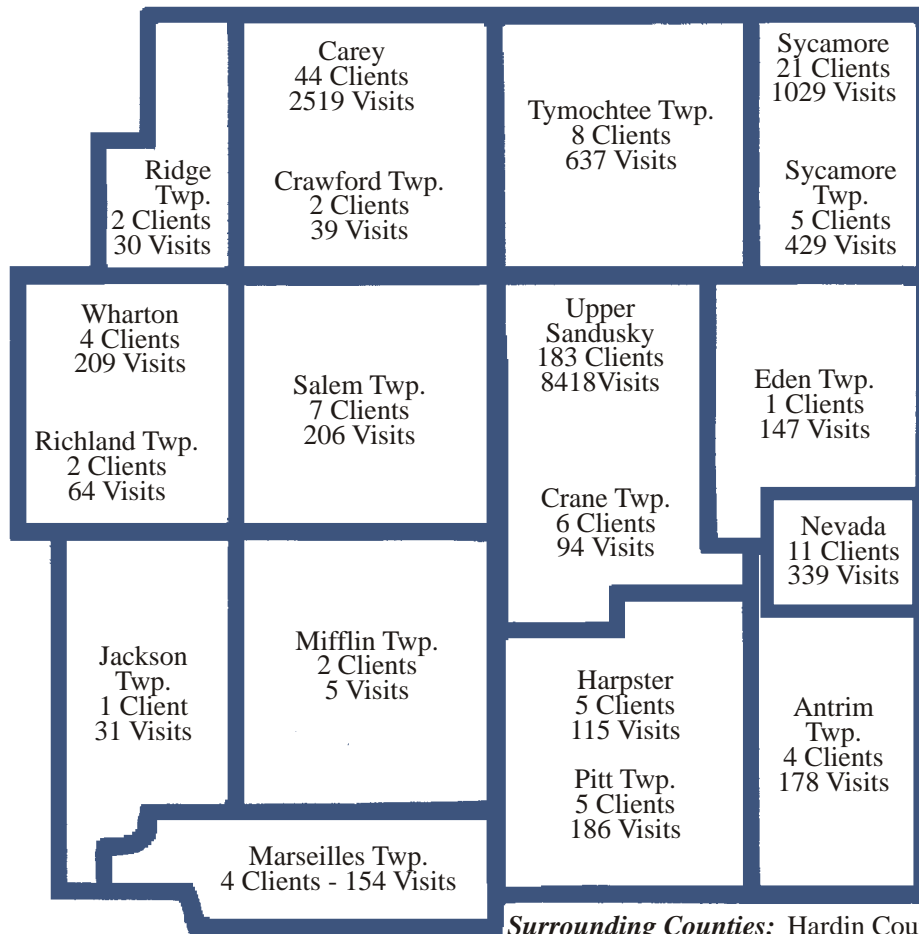
Certified copies are issued at \$27.00 each, of which \$3.00 is submitted to the State of Ohio for the "Children's Trust Fund" and \$1.50 is submitted to the State of Ohio for the "Family Violence Prevention Fund." Also, \$9.00 of each certificate will be used solely toward the modernization and automation of the system of vital records in Ohio.

Wyandot County Home Health Agency

Serving Wyandot County Residents since 1966

Wyandot County Home Health has provided high-quality, comprehensive home care to the residents of Wyandot County for nearly half a century. Agency service lines include Skilled Nursing, Therapies and Home Health Aides. In today's ever-changing health care landscape, the agency remains committed to providing residents with patient-centered care that combines both tradition and innovation. As a provider of post-acute care services, Wyandot County Home Health is focused on reducing avoidable hospitalizations, meeting the goals of individuals and local organizations.

Statistical Data



Surrounding Counties: Hardin County 2 Clients, 73 Visits
Seneca County 1 Client, 24 Visits

<u>VISITS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Nursing Visits	4,045	3,915	3,986	4,706
Physical Therapy	2,280	1,686	1,390	2,023
Occupational Therapy	429	252	277	891
Speech Therapy	48	7	31	102
Home Health Aide	8,624	9,008	7,932	7,403
Total Visits	15,426	15,362	14,039	15,125
Number of Clients	326	296	281	338

2016 Public Health Nursing Statistics

BCMH Program

Caseload	120
Diagnostic Services	34
Treatment Plan	81
Service Coordination	5

Immunization Clinics

Monday Clinic Clients	619
Friday Clinic Clients	624
Carey Clinic Clients	98
WIC Clients	38
Other Clients	149
Walk- In Clients	3
Total Clients	1,531
Total Vaccines Administered	3,073

Influenza Vaccine Doses Administered

	982
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Tuberculosis Screening

PPD administered	130
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Car Seat Program

Car Seats Distributed	15
Car Seat Inspections	1

Communicable Disease Reports

	163
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Family Planning Clinic

Unduplicated clients	76
Total Visits	131
Pap Screens	23
GC/Chlamydia Screens	40
HIV Testing	41
LARC Insertions	11

Teen/Family Clinic Total Visits

	36
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Help Me Grow Home Visiting

	290 visits
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Lead Testing

	16
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Lice Checks

	551
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Life Skills Training Program

	1,210 students
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Newborn Home Visiting

	2 visits
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Nutrition Education

	196 students
	5,175 "Blessings in a Backpack" distributed

Select 2016 Environmental Health Statistics

Food Service Program

Food Service Inspections	442
Food Program Consultations	297
Food Program Plan Review	5

General Environmental Health

General Environmental Inspections	12
Tattoo Operation Inspections	3
Regional Planning Inspections	38
School/Jail Inspections	18
Nuisance Complaints/Inspections	51
Animal Bite Reports	55
Rabies Specimens Tested	10
Mosquito Trapping	37
Combined General Consultations	314

Recreational Inspection Program

Public Pool Inspections	19
Campground Inspections	12
Mobile Home Park Inspections	8
Combined Recreational Consultations	48

Household Sewage Program

New Home Site Evaluations	14
Septic Permits Issued	22
Septic Operational Permits Issued	36
Septic System Inspections	71
Septic System Finals	20
Septic Realty Evaluation	5
Service Providers/Haulers/Installers	30
Combined Sewage Consultations	344

Solid Waste Program

Landfill Inspections	27
Compost Facility Inspections	1
Infectious Waste Inspections	3
Combined Solid Waste Consultations	40

Private Water System Program

Water Samples Taken	127
Well Permits Issued	53
Well Inspections	105
Water Realty Inspections	10
Water Hauler Inspections	3
Water Systems Approved	51
Combined Water System Consultations	220

Emergency Response Activities

Emergency Response Inspections	6
Emergency Response Consultations	56
Exercises / Meetings / Training	34

Other Environmental Activities

Indoor Air Quality Consultations	65
Media Advisories Issued/Provided	139
Safe Community Coalition Events	13