



Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



Human Services Levy Council Request for Information

The 2018 Human Services Levy (HSL) Council Request for Information has been received from the [Montgomery County](#) Human Services Planning and Development Department. Montgomery County has two, eight-year human services levies. Levy A, approved by voters in November 2014, expires in 2022. Levy B, successfully passed in November 2017 expires in 2026.

With each new levy cycle, a full review of the agencies receiving funding is conducted by the HSL Council. The Council assigns an independent Community Review Team (CRT) to each levy agency to review current programs and services, financial accomplishments and future needs. Our initial meeting with our CRT members occurred on April 26. We are now compiling information on follow-up questions from that meeting.

We expect several additional meetings with our CRT to determine our funding allocation from the HSL Council. The overall review and allocation process is expected to be completed in July.



Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month

April was STD Awareness Month and CDC and partners began reaching out to healthcare providers and patients alike with this very important message: **Treat Me Right.**

At a time when STDs are at a record high, it's never been more important for providers to protect their patients' sexual health, and for individuals to stand up for their own sexual health. Having a strong patient-provider relationship is always important, and the stronger these relationships are, the weaker STDs will become.

The resurgence of syphilis highlights its ability to affect many communities at anytime and anywhere. We cannot accept this as the new normal, and together, we can and must take action.

STD Awareness Month is an annual observance to raise public awareness about the impact of STDs on the lives of Americans and the importance of preventing, testing for, and treating STDs. It is an opportunity to normalize routine STD testing and conversations about sexual health.

[STDs](#) are a major public health issue in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs in the U.S. each year, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. In 2017, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County reported 91 cases of syphilis, 1,377 cases of gonorrhea and 3,148 cases of chlamydia.

Many of those who are infected are unaware because many STDs do not have any symptoms. The only sure way to know if you have an STD is to get tested. In observance of STD Awareness Month, a table was set up in the main lobby of the Reibold Building with valuable learning resources and condoms. During the month of April, we distributed over 10,000 condoms to the public.

STDs are preventable and treatable. Working together to build awareness will help us prevent the spread of STDs in our community!



May is Hepatitis Awareness Month.

In the United States Hepatitis A, B, and C are the most common types of hepatitis. While each type can produce similar symptoms, there are differences in the transmission and effects of the viruses, and each affects different groups of people.

The Hepatitis A virus (HAV) is usually spread when a person ingests the virus through objects, food, or drinks contaminated by feces from an infected person. There is a vaccine to prevent HAV.

The Hepatitis B virus (HBV) can be spread by having sex, through contact with blood, such as sharing injection drug equipment, and from an infected woman to her baby. There is a HBV vaccine, and is recommended for all infants at birth and anyone else at increased risk .

The Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is usually spread through blood. Today, most people become infected with the HCV by sharing needles, syringes, or any other equipment to inject drugs. In rare cases, the HCV can be spread sexually, and from an infected woman to her baby. In 1990 special blood testing began, and the risk of getting the HCV from donated blood or organs has been eliminated.

People born from 1945 - 1965, or “Baby Boomers”, are five times more likely to have the HCV. Most Baby Boomers are believed to have become infected

in the 1960s - 1980s when transmission of the HCV was the highest. People born from 1945 - 1965, as well as anyone else at risk should get tested for HCV. <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/cfaq.htm#cFAQ52>

Get a FREE HCV test at the following Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County sites:

117 S. Main Street (3rd Floor) Dayton, OH 4542 (937) 225-4550

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (by appointment only)

Closed 11:30 am – 12:30 pm daily

201 Riverside Drive, Suite 1-C Dayton, OH 45405 (937) 496-7133

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

1323 W. Third Street, Rm # 608 Dayton, OH 45402 (937) 225-4023

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Have you had a recent positive Hepatitis C test result?

Attend a “Living 4 Me”- Understanding Hepatitis C class. Learn about treatment options, healthy eating, understanding liver tests and more! The first class will be held at the Dr. Charles R. Drew Health Center on May 10 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. There will be healthy snacks and a chance to win a \$50 gift card! For more details call (937) 225-4023.



World TB Day

Occurring annually on March 24, World TB Day serves to raise global awareness that tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the leading infectious diseases to cause death worldwide, killing over 4,000 people per day. The date commemorates the day in 1882, when Dr. Robert Koch announced he had discovered *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*—the bacteria that causes TB. The Ohio Department of Health’s TB Program held a World TB Day Conference on March 20, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The conference agenda included lectures on various TB topics: case management, Ohio TB statistics and the Ohio Disease Reporting System, complex contact investigation case studies, and pediatric cases. Physicians, nurses, and outreach workers from TB programs throughout Ohio attended the conference, including one participant from Public Health’s TB Program. In the Public Health Clinic, the TB Program made efforts to raise awareness by displaying a bulletin board with information and unique facts on TB, as well as pamphlets and word searches for children.

In addition to raising awareness, World TB Day aims to highlight efforts made to prevent and treat TB. In 2017, Public Health’s TB Clinic evaluated 2,219 clients for TB. The TB Outreach staff also provided services for seven Montgomery County residents with suspected or confirmed active TB disease. At a minimal cost, people can be tested and treated for TB; however, the global fight is severely underfunded. A united effort continues to be needed to reach those at highest risk for TB, as well as identify and implement innovative strategies to improve testing and treatment among high-risk populations.



Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio Day

On March 21 Public Health nurses, Donna Youtz, Linda Betts, Beth Carnes and Laura Hale attended Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio (IANO) Day in Columbus.

The day started with Matt Whitehead, Legislative Director, Governmental Policy Group presenting “Quick Tips for Effective Advocacy.” The focus this year was on H.B. 559 - Ohio Immunization Process Improvement Plan. The purpose of the Bill is to streamline how data reporting immunizations is handled and reported so public health officials, parents of immunocompromised children, and other stakeholders will know the opt-out rate at each school building. It establishes a standard form for immunizations for kindergarten, school entry, and grades 7 and 12, and requires parents who wish to opt out of vaccines to receive education about the risks of choosing not to vaccinate for preventable diseases. It streamlines the process by having whoever administers the vaccines sign the form.

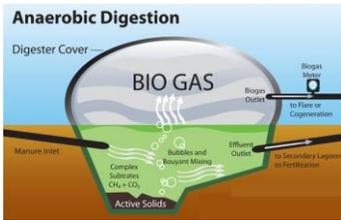
Currently, a parent takes their child’s immunization record to the school and the school must get the parent to sign an opt-out form. The new process would eliminate that step. States that have standardized the process have seen opt-out rates decrease by 35% in just one year. In 2005, Ohio’s Immunization rate was 3rd in the nation. In 2016, Ohio was 38th in the nation. In that period opt-out rates have doubled. After getting an explanation of the Bill, the group met with legislative aides from the offices of Rep. Fred Strahorn, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek, Senator Peggy Lehner, and Senator Bill Beagle. The group explained the Bill and stressed that it does not take away any parental rights or permit a student’s vaccine status or any personally identifiable information be made public. All data will be reported as numbers only. The group was able to explain the Bill and hear what the legislative offices hear from their constituents.



Faith Community and Infant Mortality

Governor John Kasich’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, along with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), and the EveryOne Reach One Infant Mortality Task Force hosted a meeting on April 11 to connect with the faith community and gather their support around combating infant mortality. We recognize that the faith community has the trust of the public and residents and the ability to deliver credible messages on a myriad of topics, including infant mortality. This meeting served as a way for spiritual leaders to better understand infant mortality data, efforts and community grants, along with local initiatives. Opportunities to create infant mortality awareness was a topic of discussion, along with developing partnerships to carry out these awareness messages. As a community we plan to expand ministries to provide parenting and stress relief classes, connect the community to resources by partnering with Public

Health to operate offsite high awareness health ministries, and utilize influence to bring awareness to health disparities.



Citizen Concerns of Odors

On January 31 Public Health’s Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) began working with Ohio EPA Southwest District Office to address citizens’ concerns about odors coming from the Dovetail Renergy facility located at the Pitstick Pork Farms Inc. in Bath Township, Greene County. During the investigation process, RAPCA determined that the odors were coming from the land application of an organic fertilizer by-product, which is an activity that falls under the jurisdiction of Ohio EPA. However, RAPCA also determined that Dovetail Renergy was operating a biodigester process that did not have the proper air permit.

Biodigesters are used to breakdown a variety of organic waste materials, including animal and food waste, into fertilizer and biogas. The biogas from the process is used to generate renewable energy. RAPCA worked with the facility to obtain the proper air permit for the biodigester and energy conversion process. The permit was issued on April 9 and requires testing to ensure compliance with the allowable air pollution limits. RAPCA continues to work closely with Ohio EPA to address ongoing citizen concerns and interest.



University of Dayton Asbestos Project

On January 15 the University of Dayton notified RAPCA of a large scale multiple phase asbestos abatement and renovation project scheduled to occur in the Roesh library. The first project phase beginning in March involves the removal of asbestos containing fire proofing that is fragile and can become airborne when disturbed. The library will continue to be occupied during the project, so if the asbestos is not removed appropriately, employees and students could be exposed. RAPCA met with the University of Dayton and the contractors on January 18 to provide assistance and guidance on the removal. The contractors will work at night to avoid campus disruptions and RAPCA staff will work special hours to make sure we inspect the removal work as it occurs. The first onsite inspection took place on March 19. Inspections will continue periodically as the work progresses.

The project began on February 5 and is expected to take a year to complete. The first phase is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer before the Fall quarter begins.



Restaurant Responses

Dragon City Restaurant on Gettysburg Avenue suffered a fire that was contained to the outside roof area, but resulted in the power being turned off for approximately 18 hours. General Services staff were contacted when the power was restored and followed up with an inspection. The sanitarians found the inside of the business to be in sound condition, but the operator had not taken any measures to ice or remove the unrefrigerated foods from the facility. Frozen foods were observed still frozen. Refrigerated foods were observed at 41 to over 50 degrees F. The operator voluntarily destroyed perishables that were out of temperature.

International Grocery on Springboro Pike lost water service due to non-payment of their water bill. Water had already been shut off when the sanitarian arrived, and the operator was using a water hose from a neighboring business. They were not, at that time, processing or preparing any foods. The facility was instructed not to sell food without potable water and decided to close. The problem stemmed from a dispute between the building owner and the operator as to who was responsible for the water bill. Payment was made, water was turned back on, and the operation reopened the next morning.

Dayton Fire Department contacted Environmental Health regarding a fire at the Brunch Club on South Main Street. The fire suppression system and sprinkler system discharged when employees were trying to re-light a pilot light and a fireball flashed out from the stove top. The fire affected the electric in the building and the power was turned off. The owner is planning to save the food in refrigerated trucks or by transferring it to another licensed facility. All exposed food and single service items were discarded. The facility will need to be thoroughly cleaned and inspected before it will be approved to reopen.



Public Health Employees Honored for Accomplishments

The Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA) at its April 2018 annual conference, bestowed The *Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award* upon Sanitarian, Michael Buchanan. This honor is bestowed upon "A member who has made a sustained effort for the advancement of O.E.H.A. during the past several years." Mike has served the Association in a variety of capacities for over 30 years. The organization has over 600 members statewide. Mike was recognized for being an involved member and his overall continuing contributions to the Association and the advancing of our profession. Mike has been with PHDMC for 34 years this month.

International Association of Food Protection (IAFP) has selected Sanitarian Supervisor, Connie Freese to receive the Association's 2018 *Sanitarian Award*. This award "honors an IAFP Member for dedication and exceptional service to

the profession of the sanitarian, serving the public and the food industry.” IAFP is a non-profit association of food safety professional with over 4000 members from 50 countries. Connie has been a member of IAFP since 2007. She will receive the award at their annual meeting this July in Salt Lake City, Utah. Connie has been with PHDMC for 22 years.

Ashley Seybold, Epidemiologist has been named a member of the Delta Omega national public health honor society. The society exists to encourage research and scholarship among graduate students of public health, and to recognize achievement in the field of public health. With over 100 active chapters, Delta Omega and its members are dedicated to ensuring the quality of the field of public health and to the protection and advancement of health of all people. Each year they recognize excellence in public health by inducting students, faculty, and graduates into the Wright State University Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Omega. Membership in Delta Omega is intended to not only recognize merit, but also to foster excellence in public health work.

Molly Boatman, Public Information Assistant, has been selected as an honoree in the Dayton Chapter of the American Advertising Federation’s Mercury Awards in the category of newcomer of the year. This peer-nominated award recognizes outstanding achievement by a person in their first-year of work. The mission of the AAF is to protect and promote the well-being of advertising. This is accomplished through a unique, nationally coordinated grassroots network of advertisers, agencies, media companies, local advertising associations and college chapters.



Media Opportunities:

- DDN on **Overdose Deaths - COAT** (4/3/18)
- WHIO on **E-Cigarettes** (4/3/18)
- WDTN on **Physician Opioid Education** (4/3/18)
- WROU on **Minority Health Month** (4/3/18)
- AP on **Naloxone Availability** (4/5/18)
- Fox 45 on **Overdose Deaths Demographics** (4/5/18)
- WDAO on **Minority Health Month** (4/5/18)
- WCSU on **Minority Health Month** (4/6/18)
- WHIO on **E. Coli** (4/23/18)
- WDTN and WHIO on **Hepatitis A** (4/23/18)
- Fox 45 on **Hepatitis A** (4/24/18)
- DDN on **Hepatitis A** (4/25/18)

Outreach Opportunities:

- American Heart Association Wellness Fair** at Dayton VA Women's Health Primary Care West (4/4/2018)



National Day of Walking at VA Medical Center (4/4/2018)
Minority Health Kick Off at Neon Movie Center (4/7/2018)
Kettering College Spring into Health at Kettering College (4/8/2018)
Diabetes Self - Management Class at AFSCME Union Hall (4/12/2018)
Mt. Enon MBC health fair at Mount Enon Missionary Baptist Church (4/13/2018)
Right Path Ministries Youth Led Prevention at Right Path Ministries Inc. (4/14/2018)
Community Baby Shower at Dakota Center (4/14/2018)
Goodwill Industries' Commemoration of MHM at Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley (4/17/2018)
Community Baby Shower Baby Pantry at Life Resource Center (4/17/2018)
VFW Post #8312 Life Screening Community Health Fair at VFW Post #8312 Beaver Creek Memorial Post (4/18/2018)
Trotwood-Madison High school: Health & Safety Fair at Trotwood-Madison High School (4/20/2018)
Minority Health Community Forum - Taking Community Action on Infant Mortality at Central State University - Dayton Campus (4/21/2018)
Kettering Medical Center Baby Fair at Kettering Medical Center (4/22/2018)

Stat of the Month...

90%

Nearly 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18.

Source: CDC.gov

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