

Pike County General Health District  
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*Serving the Citizens of  
Pike County*

*Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

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# 2017 Annual Report

## Pike County General Health District

**Dear Citizens of Pike County,**

On behalf of the Pike County General Health District Board of Health, it is my pleasure to present the 2017 Annual Report. The Pike County General Health District has safeguarded our community and protected our citizens for nearly 100 years. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in Pike county by preventing disease, promoting health, and providing environmentally safe surroundings.

The year 2017 was a busy year to say the least. We sold our building to the Pike County Commissioner's and moved from our location north of Waverly to the old Sheriff's Department building located downtown. This move has generated revenue from the sale of the building and helped us to reduce our expenses while still allowing us to effectively serve the public. The move took approximately 5 months to get all employees and materials transitioned and fully functional in our new location — with the exception of our public health clinic that didn't reopen until June.

Along with the move, came some staffing changes. Julie Thornsberry, Kathy Williams, and Dr. Sean Stiltner joined Lori Ison and Dr. Greg Montavon on the Board of Health. Linda Murphy retired and her position was absorbed internally as a cost saving measure.

Our main goals for 2017 were to be completely transparent, be more involved in our community, and emphasize the important role the health district plays in our county. I feel like we have worked very hard toward reaching those goals and will continue to work on letting the county know who we are, what we do, and why we do it. Over the next 3 years, our strategic goals are: to become accredited, to pass a health tax levy, and maintain quality improvement while raising Pike County's health rankings.

The health district is currently funded through inside millage from the townships and villages and this will continue until a health tax levy can be passed. It is my hope that if we work together toward reaching the above mentioned goals and receive your full support that we can get a levy passed in the future to alleviate the burden on the townships and villages.

Please take a few moments to review the 2017 Annual Report of the Pike County General Health District. This report demonstrates the hard work and effort shown by our dedicated staff. We welcome the opportunity to serve you and your family throughout the upcoming year. Thank you for your support and please join our efforts to see Pike County as a healthy community living, working, playing, and learning in a safe environment.

Health Commissioner

### Financial Report 2017 Revenue and Expenses

To provide public health services in Pike County, the financial support of the community is necessary. Funding sources for the health district include: grants, contracts, fees for services, and the most important being a potential 1Mill Levy. A health tax levy would generate approximately \$345,664.98 and remove the financial burden from the municipalities.

Fund:	Revenue:	Expenses:
General Health	\$618,544.91	\$456,330.00
Dental Sealant	\$28,461.42	\$10,870.83
PHEP	\$75,244.08	\$62,090.52
Hospital Disaster	\$26,991.38	\$23,380.75
Safe Community	\$22,682.13	\$22,270.39
Environmental	\$440,862.56	\$309,643.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,138,671.43</b>	<b>\$884,585.83</b>

### The Role of the Pike County General Health District

The health district is truly the only county agency that is directly involved in the lives of our community from the cradle to the grave – we issue the birth certificate, provide childhood immunizations, provide a car seat if you can't afford one, make sure that the food you and your family eat and the water you and your family drink is safe, make sure your waste is properly disposed, ensure that the roadways are safer while you are on your way to work or taking your kids to school, make certain that the school your child attends is free of safety hazards, make sure the city pool your kids are swimming in all summer and the campground you frequently visit is safe, help you to enjoy the outdoors without worrying about mosquitos biting, monitor that dog for rabies that bit you while you were taking a walk, ensure that the produce you bought on your way home from work at the farmer's market is safe, provide that TB test for your new job, provide the meningitis vaccine for you to go to college, design your septic system for your new house, make certain that the rural road you live on doesn't become a tire dump or that your new neighbor doesn't litter the neighborhood with trash, set up a shelter during the power outage from the ice storm so you and your family can stay warm, provide adult immunizations, and then we issue your death certificate.

[www.pike-health.org](http://www.pike-health.org)

## Public Health

The Public Health Division of the Pike County General Health District remains dedicated to promoting and protecting the health of our community. To achieve this goal, our public health nurses focus on disease prevention, wellness promotion, and risk factor reduction. The Public Health Division also works in collaboration with other disciplines and agencies such as Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Pike County Job and Family Services, Help Me Grow, Community Action, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Pike County Drug Abuse Prevention and Re-entry Coalition, Pike Health Lifestyle Initiative, OSU Extension, Ohio Department of Health, and local schools to ensure that the citizens of Pike County receive the resources they need to achieve optimal health and wellness. The Public Health Division includes: Mona Minor, RN, BSN, Director of Public Health, who coordinates the day to day operations and administrative duties and Linda Rigsby, LPN, who helps with our Immunization and Communicable Disease Investigation Program. Tabby Tong, BA, is the local registrar and financial clerk.

The year 2017 brought many changes to the Public Health Division. In January, Dr. David Kessler joined our team as medical director. Levy failure and moving forced the clinic to be closed until June. Upon reopening, the clinic hours were reduced from 5 days a week to 3 days a week. Clinic size was also reduced from 3 exam rooms to 2 exam rooms. Despite these challenges, the Public Health Division was able to maintain our dedication and services to the community by investigating 287 cases of reportable disease including 2 outbreaks. The Public Health Division also provided the community with approximately 1,200 vaccines, 150 TB tests, and 80 car seats. In addition, the Public Health Division began providing Narcan and training for law enforcement officers in our community. We also became a Baby Box Distributor to combat infant mortality.

Other services provided by the Public Health Division include HIV testing monthly, the Dental Sealant Program, and school based/community based immunization clinics including the Vaccine for Children Program. We provide public health nurse services to children with special needs through the Children with Medical Handicaps program (BCMh). We also assisted the Nationwide Children's Genetics Clinic to see 22 patients locally. The Public Health Division continues to host the Hope Clinic every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for families without health insurance. If you have questions regarding any of our services or need more information regarding health matters, our staff is dedicated to connecting you with the answers or resources you need.

## Accreditation

According to the Ohio Revised Code, each local health district in Ohio must apply for accreditation by July 1st, 2018, and become accredited by July 1st, 2020. Failure to become accredited can result in loss of state and federal funds along with the potential of being absorbed by an accredited health district.

A few of the requirements from the accreditation process are the completion of the following: Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, Department Strategic Plan, Quality Improvement Plan, and Performance Management Plan. We are also required to submit over 200 documents to show that the health district is meeting the standards and measures set forth by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Nichole Smith, BSN, is our Accreditation Coordinator and is spearheading our accreditation efforts. The accreditation process is a very labor intensive and expensive process that will require a total team effort to become accredited.

## Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Division is a team of professionals who work to protect you and your families from external hazards that negatively affect human health. This division includes: Ryan Williams, RS, Director of Environmental Health, who oversees the day to day operations, administrative duties, and environmental inspections and Nichole Smith, SIT, who is responsible for inspecting all food service operations, retail food establishments, mobiles, and temporary licenses.

The Environmental Health Division facilitates numerous programs that are required by the state that are essential to the public health of the county. These state-mandated programs include the inspection of food service operations and retail food establishments, residential sewage and septic systems, small flow commercial sewage systems, private water systems and wells, parks and camps, manufactured home parks, farmer's markets, schools, pools and spas, tattoo and body piercing establishments, animal bites and vector control, solid waste facilities, construction and demolition debris facilities, and public health nuisances. Every housing, sewage, and solid waste complaint is investigated to safeguard the community and environment.

The Environmental Health Division not only issues permits and conducts inspections, it is your local resource for advice, information, and services pertaining to all things environmental. From water pollution to subdivision planning, you can be assured our staff is here to serve and protect our county. We strive every day to make Pike County a healthier and safer place to live.

The Environmental Health Division continues to work on the household sewage repair grant and just received a second grant totaling an additional \$240,000.00. The Division also applied for a scrap tire grant totaling \$30,000.00 from the Ohio EPA to remove scrap tires from the county. These are strictly pass through funds that cannot be used for salaries or other expenses.

## Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Program is funded through a grant administered through the Ohio Department of Health, to ensure the county is prepared and can effectively respond in the event of bioterrorism, communicable disease, chemical emergencies, mass fatality events, or any other public health emergency including natural disasters.

Laura Jones, Emergency Response Coordinator, is responsible for managing the program. In the event of a serious or catastrophic event, the Pike County General Health District's emergency response plan has instructions to execute functions not typically planned for by other agencies. Disciplines include but are not limited to: disease surveillance and investigation, mass prophylaxis for those that are potentially exposed, isolation and quarantine, as well as mass fatality management.

This program works in partnership with other public health departments, local governments, schools, community-based organizations, professional associations, and a range of healthcare providers and facilities including hospitals, primary care clinics, long term care facilities, and emergency medical service providers.

## Grants

The Pike County General Health District manages the following grants: Dental Sealant, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Scrap Tire, Mosquito Control, Traffic Safety, and Sewage Treatment System Repair.

## Communicable Diseases

Campylobacter.....	3
Chlamydia.....	52
Coccidioidomycosis.....	0
Cryptosporidiosis.....	2
Giardiasis.....	1
Gonorrhea.....	11
Hepatitis A.....	3
Hepatitis B.....	12
Hepatitis C.....	134
Herpes Congenital.....	3
Influenza.....	27
Haemophilus influenza.....	5
Legionellosis.....	0
Lyme Disease.....	7
Meningitis - Aseptic/Viral.....	1
Mumps.....	0
Mycobacterial Disease Other than TB.....	0
Pertussis.....	2
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.....	9
Salmonellosis.....	2
Group A Streptococcal Disease.....	2
Streptococcus pneumoniae.....	4
Tuberculosis.....	0
Shigellosis.....	1
Babesiosis.....	0
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis.....	4
Varicella.....	3
West Nile.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>287</b>

## Health Clinic Services

TB Testing.....	156
Genetic Clinic.....	22
Immunizations.....	1194
BCMh Units.....	681
Head Checks.....	9
Car Seats.....	79
HIV Testing.....	3
Pregnancy Tests.....	10
Birth Certificates Issued.....	965
Death Certificates Issued.....	735
Baby Boxes Issued.....	3

## Environmental Health

### Inspections

Animal Bite Reports.....	67
Food Protection.....	522
Lot Splits.....	19
Nuisance Complaints.....	207
Pools, Parks, Camps.....	59
Sewage Certifications.....	77
Sewage Permits.....	47
Site Evaluations.....	59
Private Water Systems.....	4
Schools.....	16
Tires Removed.....	15,000