

2018 Annual Report

Pike County General Health District

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Pike County*

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8:00am until 4:00pm*

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Dear Citizens of Pike County,

On behalf of the Pike County General Health District Board of Health, it is my pleasure to present the 2018 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.

Our main goals in 2018 were to continue to be transparent, 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 we 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.

According to the Ohio Revised Code, the health district is currently funded through inside millage from the townships and villages since we are not supported by a health tax levy. This will continue until a health levy can be passed. Our last building payment from the county commissioners will be in 2021, so it is crucial to get a health levy passed by the fall of 2021 to prevent a substantial increase in inside millage. 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 financial burden from the townships and villages.

Please take a few moments to review the 2018 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

2018 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 1 mill tax levy. A one mill health tax levy would generate approximately \$457,857.00 and completely remove the financial burden from the municipalities. (\$228,929.00 — 1/2 mill)

Fund:	Revenue:	Expenses:
General Health	\$465,420.33	\$400,619.38
PHEP	\$62,909.77	\$62,938.14
Hospital Disaster	\$20,000.00	\$32,829.51
Safe Community	\$21,857.97	\$22,603.47
Environmental	\$315,330.17	\$242,222.01
WPCLF	\$110,720.04	\$179,917.63
TOTAL	\$996,238.28	\$941,130.14

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, en-sure 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.

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: Leslie Aquino, RN, BSN, Director of Public Health, who coordinates the day to day operations and administrative duties. Linda Rigsby, LPN and Autumn Osborn, LPN, who help with our Immunization and Communicable Disease Investigation Program. Mona Minor, RN, BSN, continues to manage our BCMH program.

In 2018, the Public Health Division saw some staffing changes as Mona Minor stepped down as Director of Nursing. Leslie Aquino joined the team as Director of Nursing in October. In November, our Public Health Division grew and gained an additional nurse, Autumn Osborn, LPN. Our clinic remains open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8am-4pm. To increase immunization rates for our community, we held several satellite clinics to schools, inpatient treatment facilities, businesses, and residential locations throughout the county. Immunizations administered ranged from flu, meningitis, and Hep A/B to TB tests. In 2018, we administered over 2000 immunizations with 570 of those being flu shots. We gave out 63 car seats through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program and 12 baby boxes through the Baby Box Program.

The Public Health Division continues to offer an array of services to the community. Although we no longer participate in the Dental Sealant Program, we still have our Vaccines for Children Program so no child is ever refused vaccines due to the inability to pay or a lack of insurance — no insurance, no problem. We continue to provide public health nurse services to children with special needs through the Children with Medical Handicaps program. Through a partnership with Portsmouth City, we offer monthly HIV testing which takes place the fourth Tuesday of every month. During the summer, we were able to partner with Ohio University to do free health screenings and with Ohio State University to provide free mammograms for those who were uninsured or underinsured. We also hosted a blood drive for the 4th of July that we hope to continue doing annually. 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 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. The PCGHD applied for accreditation June 1, 2018, along with the eight required work plans.

We are currently in the stage of collecting over 220 documents to submit to the Public Health Accreditation Board by November 29, 2019, while implementing the work plans. Nichole Smith, BSH, is our Accreditation Coordinator. The accreditation process is a very time demanding, 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, Nichole Smith, SIT, who is responsible for inspecting all food service operations, retail food establishments, mobiles, and temporary licenses, and Kayla Hartley, SIT, who oversees our Solid Waste Nuisance Abatement Program.

This division facilitates numerous programs 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 system repair grant and received an additional \$200,000.00 for 2019. This division also applied for a scrap tire grant and mosquito control grant for 2019. 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.

Ginny Dickerson, 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.

Vital Statistics

The health district maintains birth records for those who were born in Ohio from 1908 to present and death records for those who died in Pike County from 1919 to present.

Tabatha Tong, BA, is the registrar and is responsible for recording and managing birth/death records for those who have been born in or passed away in Pike County.

Grants

The health district manages the following grants: Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness, Mosquito Control, Safe Communities, and Sewage Treatment System Repair.

Communicable Diseases Investigated

Babesiosis.....	1
Campylobacter.....	5
Chlamydia.....	68
Coccidioidomycosis.....	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.....	2
Cryptosporidiosis.....	2
E. coli.....	1
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis.....	5
Giardiasis.....	1
Gonorrhea.....	23
Group A Streptococcal Disease.....	1
Haemophilus influenza.....	2
Hepatitis A.....	43
Hepatitis B.....	26
Hepatitis C.....	133
Influenza.....	31
LaCrosse Virus.....	0
Legionellosis.....	0
Lyme Disease.....	0
Meningitis - Aseptic/Viral.....	1
Mumps.....	1
Mycobacterial Disease Other than TB.....	0
Pertussis.....	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.....	26
Salmonellosis.....	2
Shigellosis.....	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae.....	8
Tuberculosis.....	1
Varicella.....	2
West Nile.....	0

Clinic Services

TB Testing.....	266
Genetic Clinic.....	1
Immunizations.....	2051
BCMh Units.....	679
Pregnancy Tests.....	23
Head Checks.....	22
Project Period.....	200+
HIV Testing.....	12
Car Seats.....	63
Birth Certificates Issued.....	1135
Death Certificates Issued.....	973
Baby Boxes Issued.....	12

Environmental Health Inspections

Animal Bite Reports.....	61
Food Protection.....	502
Lot Splits/Subdivisions.....	21
Nuisance Complaints.....	199
Pools.....	48
Parks & Camps.....	19
Tattoo.....	2
Sewage Certifications.....	65
Sewage Permits.....	49
Site Evaluations.....	108
Schools.....	16
Private Water.....	2
Water Samples.....	8
Solid Waste Hauler.....	31
Septage Hauler.....	11