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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Darke County General Health District is to develop and maintain an efficient and effective system, which will provide for the highest quality of public health services, and to promote and protect the Darke County Community's physical, mental, social, and environmental well being.

The Darke County General Health District will administer its responsibilities by:

- Assessing the health and environmental status, resources, and needs of the community.
- Develop the necessary programs to monitor and control the environmental factors that could negatively impact on the health and quality of life in the community.
- Develop the necessary programs to provide health promotion and educational services that motivate groups and individuals to improve and maintain optimal health and environmental status.
- Provide preventive health and environmental services as necessary.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the departments programs and of the community's efforts to effectively control the health and environmental problems and to maintain optimal health and environmental well being.

DARKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is responsible for appointing the Health Commissioner. They approve the hiring of Health Department employees, and meet monthly to discuss topics that are occurring within the Health District. They help make important decisions such as the adoption of regulations and policies and approval of expenditures. At least one member must be a physician. The current members include:

James Henby (Chairman 3/2014) (Resigned 10/2015)	Term Expires March 2018
James Schaar, Vice-Chairman (replaced Jim) (11/2015)	Term Expires March 2018
Krista Fourman	Term Expires March 2017
Wayne Deschambeau, Chairman (10/2015)	Term Expires March 2016
Dr. Margaret Hensel (Vice-Chairman 3/2014)	Term Expires March 2015
Curtis Yount	Term Expires March 2019
Dr. Timothy Kathman (11/2015)	Term Expires March 2020

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Darke County General Health District is a combined health district representing Greenville City and the Darke County Community. There are five individuals appointed to the Board of Health. The Mayor of Greenville City appoints 2 members of the Board of Health to represent Greenville City. The District Advisory Council appoints 2 members of the Board of Health to represent Darke County and they elect a five member advisory council of regulated parties that selects an additional member from their group. The District Advisory Council includes the Township Trustees and the Mayors of the Villages within Darke County. The District Advisory Council includes Trustees from the following townships: Adams, Allen, Brown, Butler, Franklin,

Greenville, Harrison, Jackson, Liberty, Mississinawa, Monroe, Neave, Patterson, Richland, Twin, Van Buren, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, and York. The District Advisory Council includes Mayors from the following villages: Ansonia, Arcanum, Bradford, Burkettsville, Castine, Gettysburg, Gordon, Hollansburg, Ithaca, New Madison, New Weston, North Star, Osgood, Palestine, Pittsburg, Rossburg, Union City, Versailles, Wayne Lakes, and Yorkshire. The Council membership also includes a County Commissioner.

2015 DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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2014-2015 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

The Public Health Infrastructure is responsible for protecting Darke County's health and safety, providing credible information for better health decisions, and promoting good health through a network of partnerships. It is made up of the work force, information and data systems, and the state and local public health organizations across the country.

In the last 100 years, public health has increased life expectancy by 30 years through vaccinations, control of infectious disease, improved sanitation and many other activities. Today, this infrastructure lacks the capacity to respond quickly to public health threats. Whether it is the spread of the West Nile virus into new areas of the United States, an outbreak of Ebola migrating within our borders from Africa, or a bioterrorism attack involving anthrax at an airport; the public health system has struggled to keep pace with these increasing demands.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (PHEP) for Bioterrorism (previously the PHIG) completed its thirteenth fiscal year in June of 2015. The grant provides funding for a wide range of public health initiatives, which are used to combat threats to public health. The grant provides the Darke County Health Department with funds to prepare for public health emergencies, which includes acts of bioterrorism. Emphasis is put on improving communication between the Darke County Health Department and key players in our West Central Ohio (eight

counties) Region to develop, exercise, and implement Darke County's response plans and protocols. The program emphasizes the coordination of activities, a clear outline of responsibilities, and sharing of assets among hospitals, emergency management services, health care providers, state, local, and regional public health agencies, federal partners and others to prepare for and provide an effective response to public health emergencies. The funding also allows state and local health departments to hire and train personnel, as well as obtain equipment and other resources. The grant is categorized into target areas to improve capacity in planning. These areas include: epidemiology, laboratory, education & training, public risk communication & information dissemination, and expansion of current infrastructure, including the Health Alert Network. Some of the programs instituted allow for the following:

1. Integration of local, state, and regional public health and hospital preparedness and response capacity.
2. Initiating planning activities at the local level with a particular emphasis on creating local and regional plans that will link the efforts of hospitals, local health, physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel and others.
3. Adding state capacity to provide critical centralized support services including laboratory analysis and development and maintenance of a statewide information technology system that will support the transmission of critical data at all times.
4. Establishing regional coordination of public health and hospital planning and response activities.
5. Creating the State Pandemic Flu Response Plan and implementing the vaccination clinics in compliance with the National Pandemic Vaccination Program.
6. Established a core group of hospital and public health personnel vaccinated against smallpox who are now ready to respond to a smallpox outbreak.
7. Creating the Regional & Local Ebola Plan to better protect our citizens of this potential concern.

For additional information on preparedness or grant information, feel free to visit the Center for Disease Control's website at <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>.

Dr. T.L. Holman, DVM, RS, Health Commissioner, heads the department of Emergency Preparedness for the Darke County General Health District. He is responsible for overseeing the grant and supervising the activities associated with the program.

Dennis Wein, RN, BSN, MPH is the Emergency Response Coordinator, Project Director, and is responsible for carrying out the activities associated with the PHEP Grant. He also is the local Epidemiologist, which makes him responsible for investigating and reporting mandated communicable diseases to the state of Ohio. Additionally, he is the advisor for the Darke County Unit of the Medical Reserve Corps.

Summary of the 2014-2015 Grant Year

Meetings attended by the Emergency Response Coordinator and members of the Bioterrorism Preparedness Team of the Darke County Health Department:

Darke County LEPC meetings (quarterly)
Regional Epidemiology meetings (quarterly)
Medical Reserve Corps Member/Coordinator meetings (local - monthly) (regional – quarterly)
School Nurse Meetings (monthly during academic year)
Regional Infectious Disease Surveillance Meetings (quarterly)
Regional Emergency Response Coordinator meetings (quarterly)

Regional Metropolitan Response System meetings (quarterly)
Regional Ebola Planning Meetings (monthly)
Ohio Department of Health *Investigation of Foodborne Disease Outbreaks* Training
Public Health OSU Summer Institute - Epidemiology Certification Completed
Incident Action Planning During Public Health Emergencies
Red Cross Instructor Training Certification
FEMA Course *Developing & Maintaining Local EOPs*

Training provided to the health department staff by the Bioterrorism Team:

Bioterrorism Tabletop Drills & Exercises for the Health Department Staff: Regional Drill,
Local POD Training, April Tap Clinic

Incident Command Training: ICS-100, ICS-200, NIMS-700

Monthly Staff In-Service (topics): BBP, TB In-Service, CPR, First Aid, HIPAA Law, MARCS Radio In-Service, COOP & Workforce Development Plans, Planet Lead, & Healthy Homes.

PIO In-service: Role of the Public Information Officer

Education provided for the county/community by the Emergency Response Coordinator/Infectious Disease Coordinator:

Health Department Staff are 100% National Information Management System (NIMS)
Compliant

Communication/IT Exercise with all Darke County Schools

Emergency Preparedness Trainings via the MRC setting for Darke County School Nurses.

Communicable Disease Trainings provided for several Child Care Centers in Darke County

Pharmaceutical Cache: The Darke County Unified Pharmacy Plans are continually in place and updated. All area pharmacists have signed the Memorandum of Understanding. While waiting for the Strategic National Stockpile to arrive, this plan ensures that hospital pharmacies as well as other retail pharmacies in the county will have the drugs and supplies they need to adequately meet the increased demand brought about by a terrorist incident.

Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS): This system can be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year (24/7/365) to report communicable diseases to the state. Our local Epidemiologist- Dennis Wein, RN, BSN, MPH & Infectious Disease Nurse- Kari Shuttleworth, RN, enters all required disease data and monitors for new cases on a daily basis via this statewide system.

National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS): This enteric disease reporting system is supported by the CDC and assists in investigations of disease outbreaks.

Communications & Information Technology/Ohio Public Health Communication System (OPHCS) Alerts: This system addresses state efforts to provide information technology that will allow public health partners to exchange information and data quickly and securely. This system ensures effective communications between state and local public health agencies, hospitals, and emergency management. The health department provides 24/7/365 connectivity and communication between key players/stakeholders through cell phones, pagers, T1 continuous Internet connections, and telephone systems. OPHCS underwent a major update during the summer months of 2015, and now allows the DCGHD to issue bi-monthly OPHCS Alerts to a select roster of LHD employees. The health department has in-house **MARCS** radios, which operate @ 800-mtz capabilities.

OPHAN: This statewide electronic system tracks POD sites within every Ohio county and has a GIS function to calculate various points of interest about population demographics.

The Darke County Health Department disseminates information to the public quickly through the Health Departments website at www.darkecountyhealth.org as well as Facebook and Twitter.

Other: The Emergency Response Coordinator has also been actively part of the following community groups during 2015: Darke County Tri-Council, Area Agency on Aging PSA-2, Darke County Red Cross Functional Needs Assessment Committee, the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Committee, the Darke County COAD, and the newly formed Darke County Healthcare Coalition (hosted by the DCGHD).

Conclusion: A high level of dedication and cooperation between state/local public health, and hospital staff, along with many other partners made it possible to meet this level of productivity in the twelfth fiscal grant period. In the upcoming grant year, we face the challenge of integrating public health with community awareness and individual responsibility in addition to maintaining our current relationships with hospitals, local health departments, pharmacists, and mass clinic sights. We plan to continue preparing to protect the citizens of Darke County during any public health emergency, including those resulting from an act of terrorism. We will build on the work we have begun in the previous years as well as implement new activities that bring us closer to a better-prepared Darke County, Ohio.

Accreditation

During the past few years a new project for many health departments across the nation has become the goal of **Accreditation**. When each local and state health department achieves the coveted level of accreditation that was established by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), they will have spent many months, possibly years, working towards the many required standards & measures that must be met and documented along the path to this high level of achievement. During 2014, the Darke County General Health District began the Accreditation Process by appointing an Accreditation Coordinator. In January of 2015 year, Tim Ellis, RN, served as accreditation coordinator. From February through the end of April, Dennis Wein, RN, reassumed this position until Kari Shuttleworth, RN, commenced her work in this area and remained in this position through the end of the year. A seven member Accreditation Team was initially formed and continues to hold monthly meetings. Accreditation work will continue throughout the next year by many employees to address the expectations of the 12 Domains that are required to be completed for the Accreditation Qualification.

Community Health Nursing Services

The Community Health Nursing Services Division (CHND) of the Darke County Health Department provides public health services and educational programming for the citizens of Darke County. The Community Health Nursing Division consists of the following employees:

Jennifer Barga RN, MSN, MHA is the Help Me Grow (HMG) Project Director and the Director of the Community Health Nursing Services. She is responsible for all nursing activities.

Dennis Wein, RN, BSN, MPH is the Emergency Response Coordinator and Epidemiologist. Kari Shuttleworth, RN is the Accreditation Coordinator, Infectious Disease Nurse, and Tuberculosis Control Nurse. Nicole Lefeld, RN is the HMG Central Coordinator and a HMG

Service Coordinator. Sue Rismiller, RN is the Immunization Project Nurse and Children with Medical Handicaps Nurse. Kylee Puthoff, RN, BSN is a HMG Home Visitor. Bev Born RN is the lead Nurse for the Children with Medical Handicaps Program. Lisa Rodeheffer, LSW is a HMG Service Coordinator. Michelle Mader is the Nursing Division Secretary who supports all of the above programming. Marilyn Holman is the Administrative Assistant, Jody Hocker, Account Clerk III, Administrative Assistant 1, also provides secretarial support to the nursing division as needed.

The CHNS of the Darke County Health Department meets the communities health needs with various programs. These programs are as follows:

Help Me Grow (HMG) offers two voluntary programs to prenatal women, children, and families:

HMG Early Intervention provides family-centered services for infants and toddlers to age 3 with a developmental delay, disability, or a medical condition likely to result in a delay or disability. The Darke County Health Department in collaboration with the Darke County Board of Developmental Disabilities has implemented “**Help Me Grow Early Intervention.**” The goal of this program is to assure that newborns, infants, and toddlers across Darke County have the best possible start in life. The Early Intervention program is a system of providers who work together to provide early identification and family-centered services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. The Early Intervention program also ensures children receive appropriate medical care and therapies, encourages parents to utilize community resources and services, and assists them with understanding the present and future needs of their children. To schedule an appointment for a home visit or to ask questions about infant or toddler health, the dedicated phone line for “Help Me Grow” is **547-9392**. This is a 24-hour phone number, answered Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. A message may be left on the answering machine after hours.

HMG Home Visiting provides first time expectant or new parents the information and support they need to be prepared for the birth of their child and provides ongoing education and support for families to maximize their child’s health and development to age 3.

Statistics for January to December 2015:

Help Me Grow Home Visits

Home Visiting	304
Early Intervention	620
Prenatal	30

School Health:

All Darke County school nurses and the health department infectious disease nurse meet monthly throughout the academic year at the Health Department to discuss school child health issues. These meetings provide in-services on issues pertinent to children from kindergarten through high school. The health department supports the Darke County School Nurses in their efforts to: implement the mandated health screening programs, manage the school’s medication administration program, prevent the spread of communicable disease by assuring immunization law compliance of all students, provide care for the school district’s ill and injured students, coordination of health service and education efforts with teachers, athletic directors, health educators, food service personnel, and collaboration with the community health care providers.

Immunization Clinic & Stats:

The immunization program continues to serve a large portion of the Darke County population. Clinics are held on Tuesdays from 8-10:30 am and 2-5:00 p.m. The CHNS Division continues to encourage all parents to have their children fully immunized by two years of age. Immunization statistics vary for specific vaccines from year to year due to the rapidly changing immunization combinations, introduction of new vaccines, and immunization practice changes.

Immunization Summary

DtaP	80	Kinrix	82	Yellow Fever	1
Tdap	444	Polio	48	Typhoid	35
MMR I	71	Td	30	Twinrix	25
MMR II	94	Rotavirus	44	MMR adult	25
Menveo	81	Hep B child	29	Hib	181
Hep B adult	68	Hep A child	173	TB tests	470
Hep A adult	36	HPV-4	338	Varicella Adult	20
Varicella Child	188	Pneumovax	20	Zostavax	19
Child Prevnar	187	Flu	1019	Pediarix	141
Adult Prevnar	14				

Total Vaccines- (excluding flu) 3494

Clinic Attendance (Excluding flu clinics) 2058

Total Clinics held

Days-52

Evenings- 53

Communicable Disease Report:

Below are listed the history/stats of reported communicable diseases for Darke County during the year 2015. DCGHD submits all reportable disease to the state level via the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) which is available for reporting 24/7 – 365 days/year.

Communicable Disease Stats

Class A & B Diseases:	Amebiasis	1	Hepatitis C, chronic	61
	Campylobacteriosis	23	Influenza- associated hospitalizations	20
	Chlamydia	117	Meningitis, aseptic/viral	4
	Cryptosporidium	4	Mycobacterial disease-other than tuberculosis	4
	E.coli – Shiga (Not 0157:H7)	1	Pertussis	7
	Gonococcal Infection	18	Salmonellosis	4
	Hepatitis B, acute	6	Streptococcal Group A invasive	1
	Hepatitis B, chronic	15	Streptococcus pneumonia	6
	Hepatitis C, acute	3	Varicella	3
Total Class Cases = 298				

Collaborations:

During 2015, the CHNS Division participated in collaborative efforts throughout the community to promote the health of Darke County residents. Nurses served on the following committees:

Darke County Mental Health Wellness & Recovery	County's School Nurses
Intersystem Diversion Family Team	Darke County Red Cross
Early Childhood Coordinating Committee	FAME (Financial Assistance & Medical Emergencies)
Miami Valley Health Improvement Council	Local Nursing Home meetings
Family and Children First Initiative	CORSP
Domestic Violence Coalition	Darke County COAD
Darke County Tri Council	
Darke County Healthcare Coalition	

Intersystem Diversion Team:

Visits were made by referral for children considered high risk for health problems, abuse, and/or neglect. The Health Department continued to cooperate with the Children's Service Division of the Job and Family Services for consultation and joint visits. Active participation in the Intersystem Diversion Team (IDT) and Family Team Meetings involved attending case conferences for high-risk children and their parents.

Children with Medical Handicaps:

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) is funded from the combined resources of federal, state, and county governments. Services are available to residents of Ohio, under the age of 21, who are under the care of, or referred to, a CMH provider physician. CMH will cover all costs to the family during the testing (diagnostic program) of a child for a medical condition through CMH providers regardless of family income. Once diagnosed, CMH will pay for all medical expenses (treatment program) not covered by insurance or Medicaid if the family qualifies.

Total active clients	248
Total unduplicated contacts	242
New Referrals	81

Programs:	Treatment	154
	Diagnostic	76
	Service Coordination	18

Preceptorships:

As needed, Nursing Students from Edison State Community College, Wright State University, Indiana University and Ball State University utilize the Darke County Health Department as a clinical site for maternal child health nursing and community health assessments.

AIDS Case Management:

The CHNS Division in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health HIV CARE Services Section and the Miami Valley Ryan White Consortium # 4 provide services to those requesting testing for HIV as well as those who are HIV positive and require case management. This consortium provides education within the community on AIDS prevention and understanding about the disease process. There were 22 clients served in Darke County during the year 2015. This represents 2.3% of the 944 clients enrolled in the AIDS Resource Center Ohio, which encompasses 6 counties surrounding Montgomery County. Services continue to be available for Darke County residents who can travel to the Dayton office.

Financial Assistance for Medical Emergencies (F.A.M.E.):

F.A.M.E. is a local non-profit organization funded by Darke County United Way and community donations, to assist persons who need emergency medical assistance or do not qualify for any other funding source. All requests are approved by the Nursing Staff on a rotating basis. F.A.M.E. responsibilities are shared jointly with Family Health Social Services.

**FAME
Darke County Health Department - 2015**

Month	Unfunded	Funded	Average/Patient	Total Patients	New FAME	Repeat Patients	Encounters	Denied
January	\$467.99	\$1,126.09	\$122.63	13	7	6	10	2
February	\$70.00	\$839.14	\$64.94	14	7	7	19	3
March	\$0.00	\$969.68	\$484.84	2	1	1	10	4
April	\$75.00	\$1,127.22	\$133.58	9	5	4	18	5
May	\$0.00	\$695.55	\$86.95	8	6	2	8	3
June	\$75.00	\$574.82	\$81.23	8	5	3	9	3
July	\$375.00	\$1,162.74	\$128.15	12	8	4	12	4
August	\$120.00	\$1,205.41	\$110.46	12	10	2	12	6
September	\$39.09	\$842.89	\$126.00	7	4	3	4	4
October	\$16.99	\$621.86	\$91.27	7	4	3	5	3
November	\$0	\$531.72	\$66.47	8	4	4	7	6
December	\$0	\$1,037.41	\$129.68	8	5	3	11	6
Total	\$1,239.07	\$10,734.53	\$99.40	108	66	42	125	49

Lead Program:

Lead poisoning is the most common and preventable environmental disease affecting one out of every six preschool children. The State of Ohio mandates testing of the at risk population and requires the property be made safe. (Substitute House Bill 248)

2015 VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Registrar: Terrence L. Holman, DVM

Deputy Registrar: Connie Shiverdecker

The Darke County Health Department Division of Vital Statistics records birth and death certificates for individuals who were either born or died in Darke County. The Birth and Death

Records begin December 20, 1908 to the present date. The vital statistic office collects and reports statistics for the county. This information is used to determine trends in causes of death, health assessment, receiving funding in various forms, and genealogical purposes.

The Vital Statistics division and the Ohio Department of Health have implemented the Integrated Perinatal Health Information System and Electronic Death Registration System that allows birth and death certificates to be filed electronically.

Anyone wishing to deliver their baby at home must contact the vital statistics department and complete the proper forms to register their child.

The division also maintains Certificates of Service for people who have died in another state but are buried in Darke County.

The Darke County Health Department is now approved to issue birth certificates for individuals born in the state of Ohio. In the past, the customer had to go to the county in which the birth occurred.

BIRTH AND DEATH STATISTICS

BIRTHS	272	MALE	151	FEMALE	121
DEATHS	553	MALE	245	FEMALE	308
STILLBIRTHS	9	SETS OF TWINS	4	HOME BIRTHS	16

CAUSE OF DEATHS

Infectious & Parasitic Disease	11	Disease of the Genitourinary System	9
Disease of Immunity Disorder	19	Auto Accident	6
Neoplasm	93	Suicide	8
Disease of the Circulatory System	174	Disease of the Respiratory System	43
Other Causes of Death	71	Disease of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	44
Disease of the Digestive System	20	Other Accidents	10
Mental Disorders	44	Homicide Pending	1

DEATH BY AGE GROUP

Under 1 Year	5	1 - 4 Years	0
5 – 14 Years	2	45 – 64 Years	74
15 – 24 Years	4	65 + Years	452
25 – 44 Years	16		
Number of Burial Permits Issued (Local & Out of County)			509

Number of Affidavits Filed	(Birth) 9 (Death) 25	34
Number of Certificates of Service Filed		13
Number of Stillbirth Certificates Filed		9
Number of Certified Copies – Birth Certificates		1656
Number of Certified Copies – Death Certificates		2002

Environmental Services

The Environmental Division of the Darke County Health Department is responsible for many programs. The department aims to provide services that will protect the environment and improve the environmental factors that affect the health of the citizens of the Darke County Community. In 2015, the Environmental Division continued to be successful in keeping its state mandated programs on the state approved list.

Environmental Staff

Terrence L Holman, DVM, RS, Health Commissioner
 Marilyn T. Holman – Administrative Assistant
 Roberta Mangen, RS, MPH – Registered Sanitarian
 Elizabeth Farver, RS, MS, GISP – Registered Sanitarian & Interim Environmental Director
 Corrie Holthaus, RS- Registered Sanitarian
 Sophie O’Connor, RS – Registered Sanitarian
 Megan Kaiser, SIT- Sanitarian-In-Training
 Laura Schwieterman, SIT – Sanitarian-In-Training – Hired in November
 Joe Nugent, CPI-Certified Plumbing Inspector
 Connie Shiverdecker – Deputy Registrar
 Teresa Plessinger – Environmental Secretary
 Kristin Percy – Environmental O & M Secretary – Hired in January

*Marked below with an asterisk are those programs, which were surveyed and approved by the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and/or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Environmental Programs:

***Private Water Systems:** provides services to protect the health and well being of individuals from consuming unsafe water and to protect the ground water supply. This program includes the permitting of wells drilled either for agriculture or for a residence. The well must meet certain distance requirements and installation requirements in order to protect the ground water and ensure a safe drinking water supply. This program includes the GPS mapping of existing and new well installations.

New Installation Permits Issued- 50 Alteration Permits Issued- 18 Sealing Permits-3

Inspections- 133 Consultations-258

Water Testing: provides water testing services to protect the health and well being of individuals from consuming unsafe water. It may include testing the water to see if it is the source of illness, a cause of concern, or in conjunction with the special service sewage program,

human service daycare program, food service, or the well permit program. When contaminants are found, it includes the investigation of the well, possible upgrade of the water system, and/ or education materials provided to the users of the water system.

Satisfactory Bacteria- 185
Other samples-6

Un-safe Bacteria- 19
Un-safe E-coli-1

***Home Sewage Treatment Systems:** provides services to protect the community and the environment from disease or nuisances resulting from improper or inadequately treated sewage. This program includes the permitting and inspection of all new home sewage treatment systems prior to operation, the investigation of reported malfunctioning septic systems and their subsequent repair or upgrade, the keeping of records regarding the septic systems, the GPS mapping of septic systems, the registration of septic system installers, haulers, and service providers. The program provides educational materials to the public on their systems and how to properly maintain them.

***Sewage Operational & Maintenance Program:** This program includes the operational permitting and inspection of existing sewage systems. It ensures the systems are working in accordance with their permits and provides information to the homeowner on how to maintain their system. The information gathered helps determine what system types should or should not be installed in Darke County: what works in the county from what does not and how new systems should be installed to prevent future failure. We sent out approximately 1600 new notices to homeowners who are being added to the Operational & Maintenance Program. We now have around 5000 properties on the program.

Special Service Sewage & Well Inspections: provides services to homeowners when selling/purchasing a home or subdividing acreage from a home to ensure the septic systems are functioning and treating the septic waste, and there is adequate room for replacement of the septic system. It also helps to ensure a water supply that meets water quality standards for the residents of the property.

***Site Review:** The Health Department reviews applications for building homes on parcels of land. Lots are reviewed for septic system and well placement. This review helps address potential problems with proposed building sites.

Subdivision & Plat Review: as part of the Review Board, the Health Department reviews those parcels of land to be split that are 20 acres or less. The Health Department along with other agencies addresses potential concerns with proposed building sites before they become a problem. They also review existing home sites that are to be sub-divided from larger parcels of land to ensure that the septic system is approved and there is adequate room for septic system replacement.

Home Sewage Treatment System Statistics:

New Installation permits issued- 24
Replacement system permits issued-37
Alteration permits issued-17
Operational permit inspections-304
Final Installation approvals-64
Other Inspections-49
Site inspections-36
Authorization to obtain a county building permit- 49

Installers registered-36
Scavengers registered- 12
Service Providers registered-10
Consultations- 1,554
Field consultations-146
Special Service Inspections-65
Investigations-39

***Solid Waste Programs:** provides services to protect the public from disease or injury associated with the management of solid waste within the county. Individual programs include: Garbage Trucks, Rumpke Transfer Station, Rumpke Construction and Demolition Debris Facility, Scrap Tire Regulation, Closed landfills, Composting facilities, and Illegal dumping. The Health Department works closely with the Darke County Solid Waste District and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in regard to these solid waste programs.

<i>Transfer Station</i>	<i>1 Licensed</i>	<i>Construction & Demolition</i>	<i>1 Closed</i>
<i>Closed Landfills</i>	<i>5 Closed</i>	<i>Compost</i>	<i>3 Facilities</i>
<i>Recycling Bin</i>	<i>1 Bin</i>	<i>Solid Waste Haulers</i>	<i>7 Companies</i>
<i>Scrap Tire</i>	<i>1 Facility</i>		
<i>Inspections-171</i>	<i>Investigations-12</i>	<i>Consultations-112</i>	<i>Letters-63</i>

***Recreational Camps:** provides services to persons utilizing recreational facilities so they are at a minimal risk of injury, disease, and vector exposure. Regulated camps are those subject to Chapter 3710-25 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Licenses Issued: Permanent-7 Temporary-20 Inspections- 38 Consultations- 17

***Animal Bites and Rabies Control:** provides services to the residents of the Darke County community concerning animal bites. This program involves the receipt of reports of all individuals in the county bitten by animals, the quarantine of animals that have bitten individuals, the sending of animal heads to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory, and the reporting of positive cases to the individuals involved. This program is important in preventing the possible spread of rabies, which can be a fatal disease.

<u><i>Animal bites:</i></u>	<u><i>Reported</i></u>	<u><i>Submitted for testing</i></u>	<u><i>Positive</i></u>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Dogs</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>

Residential and Commercial Plumbing: provides services to ensure the proper installation of plumbing systems within the county. It includes the inspection and permitting of new plumbing systems and the registration of plumbers that perform work within the county.

<i>Permits Issued: 196</i>	<i>Registered Plumbers: 86</i>
<i>Inspections: 552</i>	<i>Appliance Installer: 5</i>
<i>Consultations: 1647</i>	<i>Plan Reviews: 123</i>
<i>Sewer & Waterline Installer: 3</i>	

Tattoo operations: are licensed and inspected so ensure compliance with Chapter 3701-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code. In 2015, there were five operations in the county.

***Food Protection & Vending:** provides services to protect the health and well being of the public and consumers from foodborne illnesses. These services include the licensing and inspecting of food service operations (FSO's) and retail food establishments (RFE's) to ensure compliance with Chapter 901:3-4 and Chapter 3717-1 of the Ohio Administrative Code, investigations of foodborne illnesses, investigations of complaints against food service operations and food establishments, and education of the public and food operators on safe food handling practices.

Number of facilities:

FSO/RFE-223

Mobile Units-78

Temporary Operations-141

Vending-32

Inspections- 955

Consultations-1015

***Grade A Milk Plastic Products:** the Health Department inspects facilities that make the plastic that is a component in containers for milk products. The facilities are checked quarterly for sanitation. Currently, there is one operation.

***Swimming Pools:** provides services that help ensure safe, clean swimming pool facilities for the general public so they may not experience illness or injury related to the swimming pool environment. All public swimming pools subject to Chapter 3701-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code are licensed and inspected by the Health Department. Inspections are conducted each month of the operation, and parameters such as residual chlorine, pH, alkalinity, water clarity, and safety are examined.

Licenses Issued- 16

Inspections- 87

Consultations- 38

Bathing Beaches: provides services that help ensure the safety of bathing beach facilities for the general public so they may not experience illness or injury related to the bathing beach environment. Inspections include safety and bacteriological testing. In 2015, there were five beaches licensed.

Premise Sanitation:

Nuisance Complaints: provides services that will reduce public health nuisances. The Health Department will investigate signed nuisance complaints provided the following information is included: a description of the complaint, location of the complaint, the name and mailing address of the individual or group the complaint is against, and how it is health related. Incomplete complaints or complaints that are not signed or health related are not investigated.

Healthy Homes: is a program to provide education to help individuals improve the internal environment of their home so that it is a healthy home. When requested, the health department will conduct a healthy home inspection to help an individual identify areas within their home that can be improved. A healthy home inspection will increase the occupant's awareness of any hazards present within the home, provide the occupants with tools and resources to remove those hazards, and promote the family's health by improving the condition of the home. Education on home safety, cleanliness, maintenance, and other issues will provide the occupant with the knowledge to make their home a place that supports wellness.

School Building Inspections: conducted twice a year. School buildings are checked for safety, sanitation, and play ground safety. There are 17 buildings within the county.

Jail Inspection: the county jail is inspected once a year to ensure it meets basic sanitation and safety standards to ensure the health and well being of the occupants.

West Nile: provides services responsible for the tracking of the West Nile Virus among the bird, mosquito, horse, and human population within the county. Numerous phone calls and investigations are conducted. Information is provided to the public on how to reduce their risk to the disease.

Premise Statistics:

Inspections-99

Consultations-487

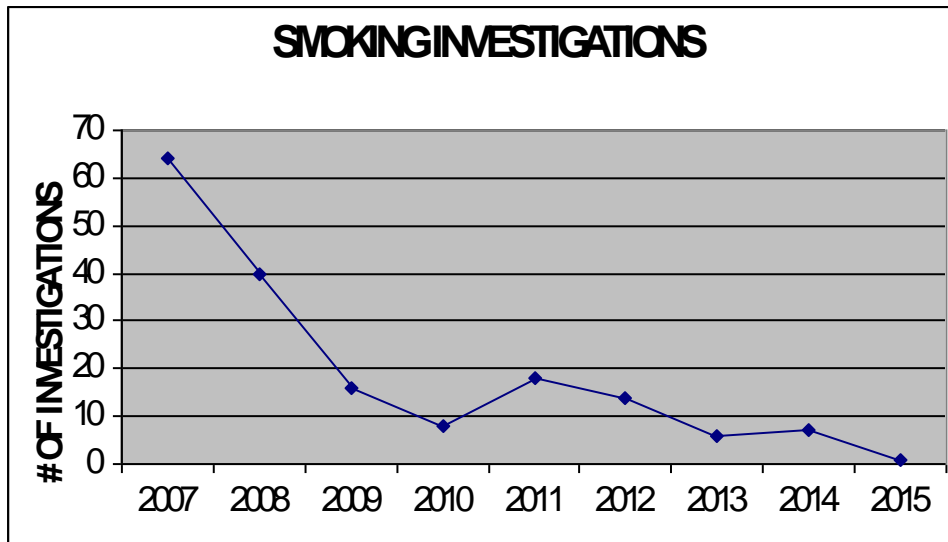
Letters-83

Smoke Free Workplace Program: provides services to prohibit all forms of tobacco smoke in all public places and places of employment and in areas immediately adjacent to the ingress or egress of the public place or place of employment through Chapter 3794 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Investigations- 1

Consultations- 7

Letter sent- 1



As you can see the number of investigations has come down considerably over the years due to public places complying with the law.

Additional Duties Include

- Serving on the C.H.I.P. & C.H.I.S. Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) and the Darke County Metropolitan Housing Authority Continuum of Care
- Issuing orders for the correction of violations of regulations.
- Attending meetings and seminars sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and other entities for updates on new regulations and for acquiring education to maintain the required Sanitarian Registration and emergency response/ preparedness skills.
- Maintaining office records and reports.
- Holding public meetings and publishing news articles to inform the public of specific problems or programs.
- Collaborating with the Ohio Department of Health in the investigation of sources of physician verified lead poisoning in the children of Darke County.
- Collaborating with other governmental agencies

Other important accomplishments in 2015

- Added additional homes to the Sewage Operational & Maintenance Program (O&M).
- Presented our O&M Program for ODH at Midwest Workshop.
- Received ODA & ODH food training.
- Participated in Tornado Mass Exercise and Accreditation meetings.
- Sewage feasibility study by Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for Wayne Lakes.
- Implemented OAC 3701-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code: Sewage Treatment Rules effective January 1, 2015.
- We were awarded a \$300,000 sewage grant for 2016.
- Held Septic Installer, Hauler and Service Provider CEU Training.
- Several staff attended Lean Ohio Boot Camp.
- Completed Ohio EPA Solid Waste Survey.
- Passed the ODA Food Survey.

DARKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH FINANCIAL REPORT

Jody Hocker manages the finances and accounting. She prepares vouchers, payroll, yearly reports, and data entry of all the various financial funds within the Health Department. Jody also provides secretarial support to other divisions as needed. Financial reports for the entire department and for individual programs are included as follows:

2015 DARKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 235,325.47
INCOME -	
Receipts and Other *	446,809.29
Townships & Village (From taxation)	235,414.00
Greenville City	117,707.00
State Subsidy	<u>13,967.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,049,223.26
EXPENSES -	
Salaries	449,992.50
FICA Employee	4,240.00
Health Insurance	60,151.47
Life Insurance	399.00
Medicare	4,910.71
PERS	62,723.53
FICA	262.88
Worker's Compensation	4,316.80
Unemployment	0.00
Ben Admin Fee	1,177.50
Medical Supplies	83,926.97
Office Supplies	8,381.86
Safety Supplies	0.00
Equipment \$300-\$1,000	1,223.69
Gas/Diesel	337.65
Telephone	7,108.56

Other Utilities	815.84
Travel	1,315.47
Training	7,594.33
Membership & Dues	2,241.00
Audit Fees	7,421.00
Contract Services	15,750.45
Insurance Billing Fee	2,371.50
Liability Insurance	4,013.00
Property Insurance	121.36
Machinery & Equipment maintenance	6,937.86
Vehicle Maintenance	898.76
Advertising	446.65
Mileage	8,043.70
Postage	1,426.84
Other Expense	2,245.33
Vehicle	24,210.10
Machine/Equipment	18,843.25
Refund Revenue	189.00
Remit Vitals Statistic Fees	51,390.52
Board Members Reimbursement	1,200.00
Advance Out	<u>9,500.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE
	\$856,129.08

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2015 \$193,094.18

*Receipts - Plumber Registration, Plumbing Permits, Vital Statistics, BCMH, Other.

2015 FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 15,106.61
INCOME -	
Receipts	<u>107,145.54</u>
	TOTAL INCOME
	\$122,252.15

EXPENSES -	
Salaries	66,693.02
Health Insurance	10,795.80
Life Insurance	75.60
Medicare	821.39
PERS	9,475.73
Worker's Compensation	652.67
Supplies	945.55
Equipment \$300-\$1,000	688.00
Gas/Diesel	470.48
Travel	0.00
Training	0.00
Contract Services	763.87
Property Insurance	121.37
Machine/Equip Maintenance	1,877.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,506.70
Advertising	0.00
Mileage	2,777.40

Postage	397.14
Other Expense	1.79
Mach/Equipment	0.00
Refund Revenue	24.00
Remit to State	8,032.00
Lab Fees	460.00
Advance Out	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$106,579.51</u>
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BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 15,672.64
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2015 PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 19,838.60
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INCOME -

Receipts	<u>39,133.00</u>
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TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 58,971.60</u>
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EXPENSES -

Salaries	20,547.20
Health Insurance	3,428.81
Life Insurance	21.00
Medicare	286.02
PERS	2,876.62
Worker's Compensation	142.80
Unemployment	0.00
Supplies	741.88
Travel	0.00
Training	0.00
Contract	112.50
Advertising	0.00
Mileage	1,975.50
Postage	343.00
Other Expense	183.00
Machine/Equipment	0.00
Revenue Refund	0.00
Remit to State - New Wells	4,784.00
Lab Fees	<u>4,690.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$ 40,132.33</u>
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BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 18,839.27
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2015 TRAILER COURT/CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 961.14
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INCOME -

Receipts	<u>5,701.47</u>
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TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 6,662.61</u>
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EXPENSES -

Salaries	2,433.68
Health Insurance	0.00

Life Insurance	0.00
Medicare	32.65
PERS	340.71
Worker's Comp	26.64
Supplies	0.00
Travel	0.00
Contract Service	90.00
Advertising	0.00
Mileage	0.00
Postage	49.00
Other Expense	0.00
Machine/Equipment	0.00
Remit to State	<u>870.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 3,842.68
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 2,819.93

2015 SOLID WASTE FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 96,560.28
INCOME –	
Receipts	<u>2,651.12</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 99,211.40
EXPENSES –	
Salaries	20,235.18
Health Insurance	0.00
Life Insurance	0.00
Medicare	293.38
Public Employees Retirement System	3,032.25
Workman's Compensation	285.12
Unemployment	0.00
Supplies	317.83
Travel	0.00
Training	0.00
Contract	112.50
Advertising	0.00
Mileage	1,392.30
Postage	49.00
Other	198.25
Machine/Equipment	0.00
Remit to State	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$25,915.81
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$73,295.59

2015 SWIMMING POOL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015		\$ 2,861.78
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>8,094.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,955.78
EXPENSES -		
Salaries		2,895.36
Health Insurance		0.00
Life Insurance		0.00
Medicare		41.98
PERS		405.35
Worker's Compensation		77.29
Supplies		59.27
Travel		0.00
Contract		90.00
Mileage		160.20
Other Expense		0.00
Machine/Equipment		0.00
Remit to State		1,020.00
Lab Fees		<u>170.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 4,919.45
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$ 6,036.33

2015 IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM

BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2015		\$ 308.94
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>12,712.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$13,020.94
EXPENSES -		
Salaries		9,574.76
Health Insurance		0.00
Life Insurance		0.00
Medicare		138.71
PERS		1,303.19
Workman's Compensation		168.21
Supplies		767.00
Travel		196.59
Advertising		550.00
Postage		300.00
Hospital Insurance		0.00
Life Insurance		0.00
Other		<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$12,998.46
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$ 22.48

2015 HELP ME GROW

BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015		\$ 24,063.70
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>179,364.91</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 203,428.61
EXPENSES -		
Salaries		127,252.48
Health Insurance		17,934.17
Life Insurance		109.20
Medicare		1,785.52
PERS		18,143.61
Worker’s Compensation		1,335.69
Unemployment		0.00
Supplies		1,920.89
Travel		10.00
Training		978.77
Dues/Membership		1,962.50
Advertising		0.00
Gifts/Donation		367.01
Mileage		4,151.25
Postage		98.00
Other Expense		5,610.00
Parent Stipend		0.00
Infant Visitation		558.68
Advance Out		<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$182,217.77
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$ 21,210.84

2015 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS

BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015		\$ 4,328.73
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>103,824.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$108,152.73
EXPENSES -		
Salaries		\$ 42,448.62
Health Insurance		0.00
Life Insurance		0.00
Medicare Fringe		666.46
PERS		5,775.99
Worker’s Compensation		543.44
Term Sick		5,863.20
Supplies		2,627.13
Telephone		4,308.66
Training		3,645.78
Contract		3,302.00
Mach/Equip Maintenance		2,135.00
Equipment		0.00

Mileage		759.60
Postage		600.00
Other		0.00
Advance		<u>22,000.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 94,675.88
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$ 13,476.85

2015 SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015		\$118,151.34
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>\$109,400.52</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$227,551.86
EXPENSES -		
Salaries		115,958.44
Health Insurance		10,698.59
Life Insurance		63.00
Medicare Fringe		1,641.13
Public Employees Retirement System		15,846.75
Workmen's Comp		925.50
Unemployment		0.00
Supplies		1,338.74
Travel		1,210.00
Training		479.37
Contract		430.50
Mach/Equip Maintenance		2,320.00
Advertising		144.00
Mileage		2,871.90
Postage		2,897.84
Other Expense		178.48
Mach/Equip		1,524.36
Revenue Refund		345.00
Prior Yr Revenue Refund		0.00
Remit to State		<u>1,780.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$160,653.60
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$66,898.26

2015 MEDICAL RESERVE CORP

BALANCE – JANUARY 1, 2015		\$15,616.98
INCOME -		
Receipts		<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$15,616.98
EXPENSES -		
Safety/Supplies		41.81
Travel		00.00
Other Expense		32.59
Training		<u>753.25</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 827.65
BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$ 14,789.33