



*Our mission is to lead and innovate by working with our community to achieve the goals of public health: prevention, promotion, and protection.*



### **Clinic Renovation**

Public Health’s Clinic renovation on the third floor of the Reibold building is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2017. Over the past month new windows have been installed, exterior walls have been insulated, and the fire system’s main line and sprinkler head retrofit are completed. Rough-in work on electrical, plumbing, and HVAC are in finishing stages awaiting inspections. The interior wall framing is nearing completion and the furniture ordering is in the final approval stage.



### **Addiction Services Renovation Completed**

Construction work has been completed on the new Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) center. The new space provides for dedicated treatment rooms and offices for this new program which utilizes the COR-12 approach to comprehensive addiction treatment.



### **Quality Improvement Project: Personnel Policy Awareness**

A QI Project Team has been formed to implement the new Personnel Policy Awareness project. This project will assure all staff review and acknowledge all new personnel policies.

The team used the Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) model to guide the improvement efforts. They developed a process for distributing new and updated personnel policies via email and having staff acknowledge receipt of the policies using Survey Monkey. Additionally, all new and updated policies are now shared at Administrative Staff meetings prior to Board of Health approval. Administrative Staff then shares this information with direct reports at monthly staff meetings. Results of the initial test and feedback from staff were used to make adjustments to the process.

The procedure has now been adopted by and will be implemented and monitored by Human Resources.

### **Team Members**

Kay Andolsek (Team Leader)	Supervisor, Human Resources
Shauna Boggs	Registered Sanitarian
Randy Brown	Website Administrator
Tracy Clare (Quality Liaison)	ER Preparedness Training Specialist
Chris Clinefelter	Workforce Development Coordinator
Jeff Cooper (Sponsor)	Health Commissioner
Angy El-Khatib	Health Education Specialist
Julie Goode (Quality Liaison)	Quality Improvement Coordinator
Lois Jernigan	Human Resources Coordinator
Karla Miles	Lic. Chemical Dependency Counselor



### **STD Awareness Month**

April was STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise public awareness about the negative impact of STDs (sexually transmitted diseases), as well as the importance of individuals discussing sexual health with their health care provider and sexual partners.

In 2016, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County reported 74 cases of syphilis, 1,417 cases of gonorrhea and 3,502 cases of chlamydia.

Throughout the month of April, STD staff spread the word on the prevention of STDs by highlighting the impact of STDs, testing at community events, promoting individual involvement and sponsoring activities to raise awareness of STDs.

STD nursing staff took part in the Levin Family Foundation Celebrating Life & Health Fair on April 1 at Sinclair Community College and provided general education regarding STDs to the public along with testing for syphilis. A total of 35 individuals were tested who otherwise would not have known their status.



### **STD Advisory Committee**

For those women in the STD clinic who are pregnant, The Office of Health Promotion will work with the STD Clinic to facilitate referrals to our Healthy Mommy-Healthy Baby program. In addition, the STD staff will review the STD Clinic's approach to pregnant women in regards to testing performed and interactions with providers of obstetric care for their patients. A case worker's services will be provided as needed to arrange services and support when necessary for pregnant women. Messages for patients and others will include STDs as a risk factor for pre-term birth and poorer infant outcomes using a new pamphlet in development as well as during STD counseling with patients.



### Immunization Advocacy Day 2017

On March 22 Public Health’s Donna Youtz, Beth Carnes and Linda Betts participated in Immunization Advocacy Day in Columbus. Staff met with senate leader Fred Strahorn and representatives from Senator Bill Beagle’s office. The focus of the day was the importance of herd immunity, and vaccine exemptions. They were encouraged to support legislation requiring that parents be educated about the consequences of refusing vaccines before exempting their children from vaccines. We also discussed what herd immunity is and let them know that we are a resource if they have comments or questions about vaccines.



### Spring Allergies

In early spring, the Regional Air Pollution Agency (RAPCA) began measuring high levels of tree pollen. These high pollen levels can trigger allergies, and if not properly treated, can lead to other chronic conditions such as asthma. RAPCA recommends working with a doctor who can conduct tests to determine exactly what is triggering your symptoms. The doctor will then develop a management plan, which may include medication and certain environmental controls, such as avoiding the pollen and mold that make you sneeze and wheeze.



### Trotwood Youth Take a STAND

Kick Butts Day is a day for youth to be empowered, to stand out and speak up about Big Tobacco. Three students from the Trotwood High School STAND Team volunteered to make an appearance on *Living Dayton*.



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Additionally, other youth from the STAND Team engaged their peers in activities at the high school. The school SPIRIT Room was utilized for the youth to decorate it with anti-tobacco messages. Students who came by could spin the colorful, “Spin Smart” Tobacco Wheel and answer a tobacco related question.



### **Employee Recognition**

Over 120 Public Health employees and two Board of Health members participated in the Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony at Sinclair Community College on Thursday, April 20. Special thanks to all the employees who helped make this year's event a great one.



### **Children with Medical Handicaps**

The Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH), administered by the Ohio Department of Health, pays for health care services for children with special health care needs who are uninsured, underinsured, or whose insurance does not cover the services they need. Assistance is provided to children under the age of 21 who are residents of Ohio. Common services covered are physician fees, hospitalizations, prescriptions, surgery, laboratory tests, medical equipment, therapy and dental care. Public Health provides the CMH Program within Montgomery County for 2,100 children. Our nurses help families with the CMH application and renewal process, assess family needs, teach about conditions and make referrals to health care providers and community resources.

The Governor's biennial budget bill proposed a transfer of the CMH program from the Ohio Department of Health to the Ohio Department of Medicaid effective January 1, 2018. Based on the complexity of the issue and significant concerns expressed by public health officials, medical professionals and families, the proposal has been removed from the budget bill. The Governor's proposed CMH program transition will be examined outside of the budget process. The timeline for this further examination has not been determined.

Despite this current uncertainty, we have held meetings with our employees potentially affected by this proposed transition to share the information and to answer their questions. If the transition occurs and our CMH program is discontinued, any employee layoffs would be in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code guidelines for civil service employees.



## Media Opportunities:

- Channel 2 / WDTN on **Overdoses in Youth** (4/4/17)
- Channel 22/45 on **Overdoses in Montgomery County** (4/5/17)
- DDN on **Pollen Allergies** (4/10/17)
- WGTZ on **Walk! Downtown Dayton** (4/12/17)
- WYSO on **Minority Health Month** (4/12/17)
- DDN on **Zika Virus** (4/17/17)
- WYSO on **Infant Mortality** (4/19/17)
- DDN on **Lead Program** (4/24/17)
- DDN on **Dog Bites** (4/25/17)



## Outreach Events:

- 4/5/2017 National Walking Day Event
- 4/7/2017 Mind, Body & Spirit Health & Wellness Fair
- 4/8/2017 Minority Health Month Kick-Off Event
- 4/8/2017 Safe on Saturday
- 4/9/2017 Kettering College Spring Into Health 5K
- 4/11/2017 Dayton Correctional Reentry Fair
- 4/22/2017 CSU Hero's 5k Run & Walk
- 4/22/2017 Judah Kingdom Community Outreach
- 4/25/2017 Sinclair Community College Spring Fling
- 4/26/2017 Youth Leadership Summit
- 4/27/2017 Brookville High School Health Event
- 4/27/2017 Car Seat Cruise-In
- 4/28/2017 ACA and Medicaid Event
- 4/28/2017 Spring Reentry Expo
- 4/28/2017 Building Community Health Capacity Forum
- 4/30/2017 Wolverines Track Meet



**Stat of the Month...**

**10,000**

*The number of free condoms distributed in the month of April through a partnership between Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County and the Ohio Department of Health.*

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