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Ashland County Health Department
2018 Annual Report

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Ashland County Health Commissioner



A Year of Looking forward...

2018 was a year of purpose for the Ashland County Health Department. It is a year that we defined our future course within the Ashland County community, and set sail. In June, the Ashland County Board of Health and the City of Ashland, based on their historic collaboration since 1947, forged a new path of operations. It is a path where

the health department functions as a single entity, pursue accreditation without duplicity of effort, yet maintain the high level of public health services that all residents within Ashland County have come to expect. It was with this step forward that a contract for services was signed and the Ashland County Health Department now supports the delivery of public health services to ALL residents within Ashland County. The Ashland County Health Department is dedicated to address some of the greatest public health challenges that impact our residents and neighborhoods, by promoting active living, healthy local food, chronic disease, alcohol and drug abuse, and infant/youth mortality. It will take the entire community to positively impact these areas and we value the support and collaboration from all our partners who continue to stand with the ACHD to improve our community health and well-being.

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Friends for a Healthier Ashland County

The Ashland County Health Department is mandated by Ohio law to provide certain services to our community, without the financial supports to do so. These activities include preventing the potential for rabies by investigating dog bite cases, limiting the transmission of communicable diseases through investigation and treatment of individuals, providing vaccine for under-served children, etc.

In the 2018 Strategic Plan, the Ashland County Health Department identified the need to develop strategies for financial sustainability. In order to maintain the more than 40 programs offered by the Ashland County Health Department, we have seen the clear need to secure funds through both grant opportunities as well as local support (levy millage).

The ACHD applies for an increasing number of grants each year and although we are awarded some, many times these funds are designated for specific activities rather than for the general operation of the health department. These grants have become increasingly competitive and are the most unreliable, as they can end without notice.

Through the Friends for a Healthier Ashland County, efforts have gone forth to garner support for a local levy. The .3 mill replacement and .15 additional levy first proposed in November 2018 will cost a property owner \$15.75/\$100,000.00 valuation/year. \$15.75, the cost of one lunch and beverage at your favorite lunch spot. If this renewal levy is not successful, the Board of Health may find it necessary to make decisions to reduce services or staff., a price to our community's health that will hurt us all.

2018 Board of Health

Ronald Puglisi — President
Stanley E. Kopp, Sr. — President Pro Tempore
Dr. Rebecca Cawse, DVM
Jeff Hardman
Dr. David Tomchak, MD

Leadership Team

Health Commissioner

Sarah Goodwill Humphrey, MPH, CPH, RS

Environmental Health Director

Pat Donaldson, BS, RS

Nursing Director

Shirley Bixby, RN, BSN

2018 Staff

AJ Sturgis, RS — Environmental Health
Tom Cassell, RS — Food Protection
Jennifer Frazier, RS — Food Protection
Jennifer Helbert — EH/Finance Clerk
Lauren Jeffery — Vital Statistics

Jill Hartson — Emergency Preparedness

Laurie McFarlin, RN — Clinic
Jenna Gerwig, RN, BSN — Clinic
Michele Funk, RN, BSN — CMH Program
Jenna Boliantz, RN, BSN — CMH Program
Andrea Ellison — Nursing Clerk
Jean Neel, RN — Clinic

District Advisory Council

2018 Officers:

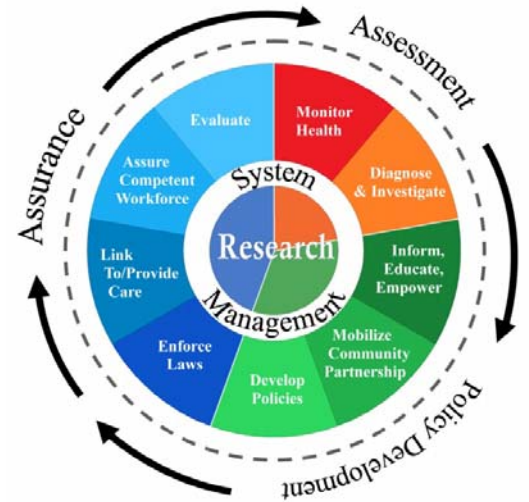
Britt Troth—Chairperson
Tom Kruse—Secretary

The Ashland County Health Department serves the townships, villages and contract cities of the county. The mayor of each of the villages, the president of the Ashland County Board of Commissioners and the chairperson of each township's board of trustees are the designated members of the District Advisory Council. They are required by law to meet annually in March, and their statutory powers and duties include selecting board of health members, considering special reports from the board of health and make recommendations to improve public health.

The Journey Toward Accreditation

We are engaged in the multi-year process of seeking accreditation which has been mandated by the State of Ohio for all local health departments. The Public Health accreditation program was established to provide a measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized standards within the 10 essential services of public health (with the addition of two other: Governance and Administration). Through the diligent work of the Ashland County Health Department staff, as well as technical assistance received through grant opportunities, foundation documents such as the Strategic Plan, Workforce Development Plan, Performance Management System, Quality Improvement Plan as well as Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan are being developed and implemented. Upon accreditation application, the staff will then be taxed to prepare and organize several hundred documents to demonstrate our competency within those 12 identified areas. After thorough review of the submitted documents, a 2 day site visit will occur to give the accreditation body the opportunity to understand daily operations at the Ashland County Health Department. Based on these long series of evaluations, the PHAB board will then make a decision on if the Ashland County Health Department will be accredited for 5 years, be put on an Action Plan to reach Accreditation or will be denied Accreditation. Due to the dedication of the current staff, Leadership Team, Board of Health, Community Partners, and caring residents, we are optimistic that we will be able to attain the required accreditation status, meeting the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) requirement that all Ohioans be served by a local health district which is accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board by 2020.

10 Essential Public Health Services



Community Outreach

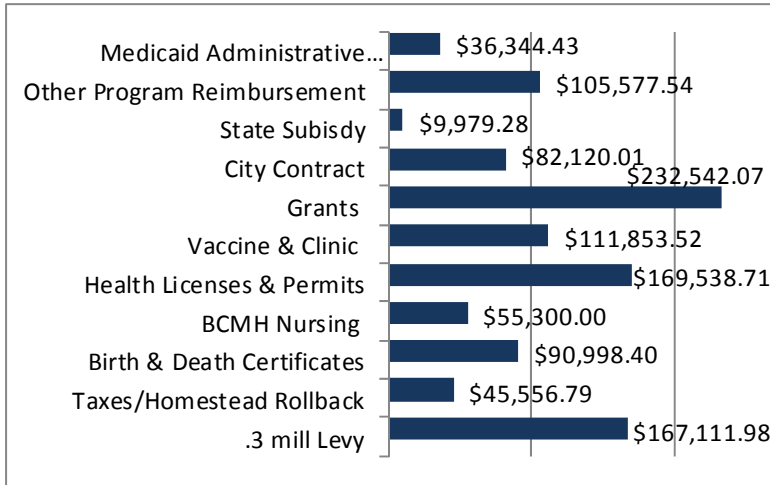
The ACHD participates in various community events and provides unique services to maintain health and wellness in Ashland County, particular to our most vulnerable residents. In 2018, the Ashland County Health Department provided 70 carseats and booster seats to families in need of safety seats in the vehicles. In 2016 in the United States, 723 children ages 12 years and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes. But fatalities represent only the tip of the iceberg. There were more than 128,000 children in this age range who were injured in car crashes. Of all the children who died in a crash in 2016, 35% were not restrained. Through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program, Ashland County Health Department is working to reduce the number of children killed or injured in car accidents by helping to provide proper safety seats as well as teaching families the correct way to install and secure their child.

2018 Program Activities

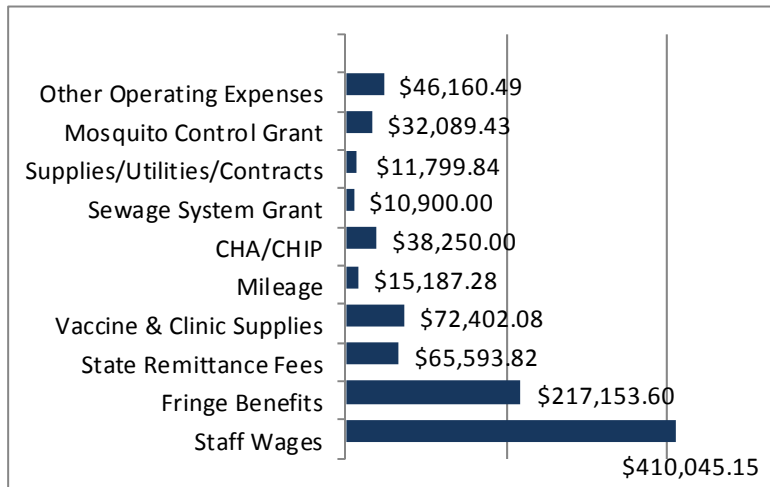
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		Animal Bites Reported	123	PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION	
<u>Sewage Program</u>		Camp/Campground Inspections	8	Lead Consultations	6
Site Reviews	29	Pools/Spa Inspections	55	Safe Sleep Cribs	3
Permits Issued	66	School Inspections	4	Individuals certified in ServSafe	33
Permit-to-alter Issued	3	Tattoo Facility Inspections	4	Educational Events	7
Household Sewage Inspections	248	Manufactured Home Parks	16	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	
Consultations	1489	<u>Food Protection Program</u>		Immunizations Given	1712
<u>Water Program</u>		Licenses Issued	406	Head Lice Consultations	21
Permit to Install/Seal	51	Inspections	954	TB Tests Conducted	222
Permit-to-Alter	2	Consultations	1624	Narcan Doses Dispensed	56
Total Inspections	102	Plan Reviews	43	Flu Vaccines Given	584
Consultations	512	VITAL STATISTICS		Chronic Disease Mngmt	15
Water Samples Collected	158	Total Birth Cert. Issued	1897	BCMh	
Disease Outbreak Investigations	6	Total Death Cert. Issued	2009	Avg Monthly Caseload Count	207

Maintaining Financial Stability

2018 Total Revenue—\$1,106,922.73



2018 Total Expenses—\$919,581.69



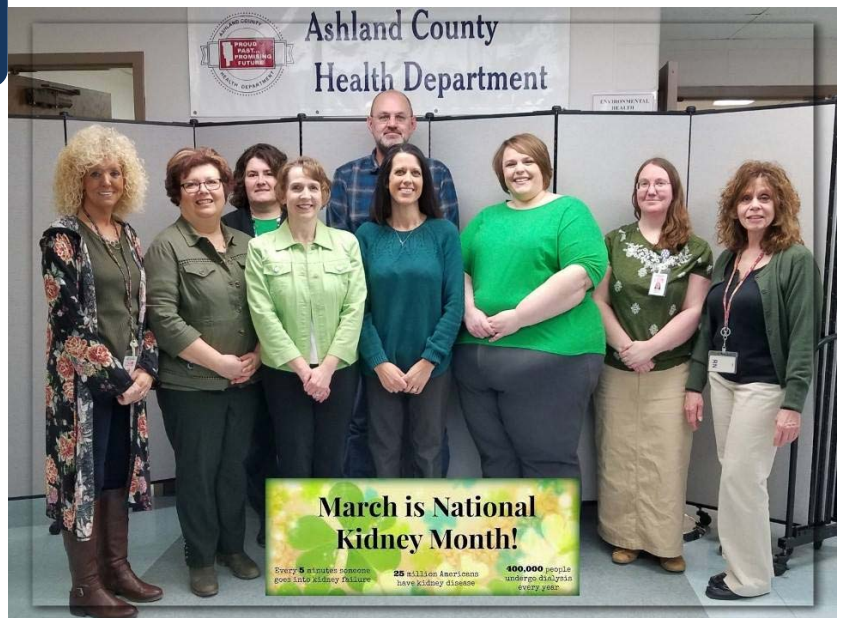
As part of our Strategic Plan, we strive for financial stability through well managed programs, seek new funding opportunities, as well as look for ways to improve effectiveness and efficiency through Quality Improvement. These charts show Ashland County Health Department's revenues and expenses for 2018. A detailed copy of the annual financial statement is available by contacting the ACHD at 419-282-4231.

Financial Facts in 2018

- In addition to the \$9,979.28 state subsidy payment that we received from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the ACHD received \$109K for capacity building as a result of entering into a service contract with Ashland City.
- A \$15,000.00 grant was received to assist in the completion of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHA & CHIP will be completed through a partnership with UH Samaritan, Ashland County Mental Health & Recovery Board, City of Ashland, and Ashland County with an entire cost of \$63,500.
- According to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, Ohio ranks 46th of the 50 states in per capita spending on public health at \$14.59 per capita. According to Ohio Revised Code, health departments must be supported by local funds of no less than \$3.00 per capita. Ashland County strives to meet this minimum requirement annually.

Ohio's Hepatitis A Outbreak

The number of cases of Hepatitis A that are linked to common risk factors has been increasing in Ohio since early 2018. Ohio has declared a Statewide Outbreak, with a case count of 2,005 as of 3/26/19. Of the 2,005 cases, 62% have required hospitalization and 7 cases have resulted in death. Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection that is transmitted when someone ingests the virus from food, water, or objects that are contaminated with stool from an infected person. In 2018, there were 0 reported cases of Hepatitis A on Ashland Co however, the ACHD has held Hepatitis A vaccine clinics at the Ashland Co Sheriff's Office & Jail, The Kroc Center, as well as during regular clinic hours at the health department.



Office of Vital Statistics

Leading Causes of Death Ashland County 2018

1. HEART DISEASE
2. CANCER
3. COPD/PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
4. DIABETES
5. DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
6. CERBROVASCULAR DISEASE (STROKE)
7. PNEUMONIA/INFLUENZA
8. UNINTENTIONAL ACCIDENTS/INJURY
9. KIDNEY DISEASE

368 Ashland County Births in 2018

299 Delivered by Physician 69 Delivered by Midwives

190 Males

178 Females

Our office receives, records and maintains all birth and death certificates for Ashland County from December 1908 to the present. Our office can issue Certified Birth Certificates for all births occurring in the State of Ohio. Any births outside of Ohio must be requested directly from that state. Our office issues Death Certificates for Allen County deaths only. Certificates for deaths occurring outside of Allen County must be obtained from the county where the death occurred.

We accept cash, money order or cashier's check (no personal checks). We also offer the use of a debit/credit card machine with an additional usage fee applied to the cardholder. When possible, Vital Statistics staff issues copies while customers wait – approximately 10 minutes. As long as you were born in Ohio, you can obtain a copy of your certified birth certificate at any local health department. Death certificates can only be obtained in the county in which the death occurred. Certified copies are \$25 each. Hours: M-F 8-a-12p, 1-4p

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

In December of 2018, the Ashland County Health Department welcomed Jill Hartson to the team to serve as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Coordinator. Jill has spent her beginning months reviewing and revising emergency response plans and building the health department's capability to assist our community when a public health emergency strikes such as a disease outbreak, bioterrorism event, or any such incident that compromises the health and well-being of Ashland County. The Ashland County Health Department participated in a Mass Fatality Tabletop Exercise, a Complex Coordinated Attack Exercise, as well as a Disease Outbreak Functional Exercise with area partners such as the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Ashland City Police Department, UH Samaritan, Ashland County EMA & Coroner, as well as others. The Ashland County MRC Volunteers also participated in these exercises as well as provided invaluable support during community awareness events at the Loudonville Street Fair, Ashland County Fair, Amish Health & Safety Days, and Mohican Area Health & Wellness Fair.



Ashland County Annual Communicable Disease Report				
Reportable Condition	Count 2018	Count 2017	Count 2016	Disease Class
Babesiosis	0	0	1	B
Campylobacteriosis	25	21	17	B
Chlamydia infection	121	147	119	B
Coccidioidomycosis	1	0	1	B
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae	5	0	0	B
Cryptosporidiosis	11	7	18	B
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	2	0	0	B
Cyclosporiasis	1	0	0	B
E. coli - (shiga toxin producing) - all serotypes	9	9	4	B
Ehrlichiosis	1	1	0	B
Giardiasis	7	8	7	B
Gonococcal infection	19	29	13	B
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	1	2	1	B
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	B
Hepatitis B- acute/chronic	2	9	9	B
Hepatitis B - Perinatal Infection	13	0	1	B
Hepatitis C - acute/chronic	31	36	38	B
Influenza-associated hospitalization	54	39	21	B
Lacrosse Virus Disease	1	2	0	B
Legionnaires' Disease	4	0	0	B
Lyme Disease	5	9	8	B
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	3	1	0	B
Meningitis - bacterial(not n meningitidis)	0	1	0	B
Mumps	2	0	0	B
Mycobacterial disease - other than TB	0	0	2	B
Pertussis	7	5	20	B
Q Fever	1	0	0	B
Salmonellosis	19	10	7	B
Shigellosis	0	0	1	B
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	3	2	2	B
Strep pneumoniae - resistant, non, unk	6	3	5	B
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis	2	0	0	B
Tetanus	1	0	0	B
Varicella	4	3	1	B
West Nile Virus	0	1	0	B
Vibriosis	1	0	0	B
Yersiniosis	0	5	1	B
Total Reports for Year	362	350	297	
A = Diseases of MAJOR concern (report immediately)				
B = Diseases of significant concern (report by end of next business day)				
Results as of 03/05/2019 using ODRS "Created Date" and includes all Confirmed, Suspect, and Probable cases. Information is accurate on day of report and subject to change as cases are added/updated.				

2018 Grants

- During April –June 2018, the Ashland County Health Department secured \$10,000 in funding to support awareness efforts for Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention. PSAs were ran on local radio outlets, two billboards were placed on SR 60 and on SR 42 to encourage lead testing of children, for children with elevated blood lead levels we purchased cleaning supplies for their families to help eliminate lead dust and debris. A ultra heap vacuum was also purchased to lend out to the public when renovating their home or working in areas that may need to be cleaned of potential lead particles.
- 2018 was the second year that the ACHD secured a \$30,000 grant for mosquito control activities. With this grant , the ACHD worked with the Ashland County Recycling Center to offer vouchers to recycle used tires. 3,421 tires were collected through this program. 6,616 mosquitoes were collected for testing of West Nile Virus (WNV). These mosquitoes were grouped together by when and where they were collected. In 2018, 4 of these groups were positive for WNV. As a result, the ACHD was able to cover the cost of adulticide spraying in the City of Ashland, purchase spray for the Village of Loudonville, and purchase 900 larval dunks and briquettes to give to residents for standing water breeding areas.
- The ACHD applied for and received Technical Assistance grants for the pursuit of accreditation requirements. A consultant from OSU came to the ACHD to hold workshops to develop the Strategic Plan. The technical assistance also covered off-site training workshops to develop the Workforce Development Plan, and Quality Improvement Plan. 3-5 staff members attended each training. These three plans are required to be complete before the ACHD can apply for the accreditation process.
- \$70,457 was received to support the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program of the ACHD.



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VISION

Healthy People, Healthy Environment, Healthy Community

MISSION

We strive to promote optimal health for individuals and families of the Ashland community through public health education, prevention of disease and injury, and response to public health challenges.

VALUES

WE CARE

We- We are the Ashland County-City Health Department, committed to improving Health and Wellness in our community.

Equity - We recognize the disparity in health equity in our community and we strive to eliminate barriers to optimal health.

Collaboration - We engage community partners to maximize and sustain public health services in our community.

Accountability - We are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by the public.

Respect - We respect the diversity of those we serve and value the contributions made by all staff.

Excellence - We are committed to developing a public health staff that exceeds core competencies. We provide meaningful services that focus on continuous quality improvement. We provide access to education and resources that empower individuals to make healthy lifestyle decisions.

Ashland County Health Department

**For Your Health,
For Our Community**



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Child Fatality Review Board (CFRB)

The purpose of the CFRB is to reduce the number of preventable childhood deaths (newborn to 17 years of age). The CFR Board's required members include the County Coroner, County Sheriff, the Executive Director of Child Protective Services, the Executive Director of the Ashland County Mental Health Board, a public health official and a physician. The CFRB reviewed 6 deaths for 2018.

Request for Community Input

The Ashland County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement can be found on our website at <http://www.ashlandhealth.com>. Community input is very important in the pursuit of excellence in public health and your feedback through the "Contact Us" form on the website is appreciated!