

Board of Health

2013 Annual Report



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Paulette Tiller
Pauletta Krieger

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Sheri Johnson
Kelly Donley
April Burke

2013 Fairfield County Health Department Funds

Funds	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
General Fund	763,481.49	466,087.45	297,394.04
Parks/ Pools	27,413.24	8263.30	19,149.94
Solid Waste (CFLP)	26,729.40	31,156.80	(4,427.4)*
Food Service	188,481.18	178,544.36	9936.82
C & DD	176,020.05	153,181.02	22,839.03 *
Water	68,639.84	46,012.55	22,627.29
Plumbing	97,569.27	56,942.23	40,627.04
Sewage	74,307.03	80,932.68	(6,625.65)
Immunizations	104,617.69	111,938.51	(7,320.82)
IAP Grant	36,096.50	36,096.50	0.00 *
PHEP/ CRI	120,918.70	117,473.07	3,445.63 *
CFHS	26,500.00	29,761.17	(3,261.17)
Help Me Grow	42,522.14	36,350.10	6172.04
WIC	369,157.07	317,780.58	51,376.49 *
Vital Statistics	212,013.11	196,633.97	15,379.14
Injury Prevention	58,817.75	43,454.93	15,362.82 *
BCMH	16,842.90	15,575.17	1267.73
Totals	2,410,127.36	1,926,184.39	483,942.97
* indicates grant funds or funds reserved for specific programs			



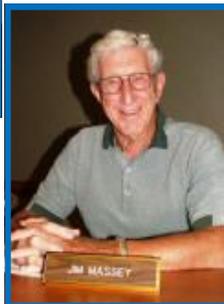
Paulette Tiller & Pauletta Krieger
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Dr. Aebi, Health Commissioner
and Medical Director



Larry Hanna, R.S., Acting Administrator &
Kathie Whitlock, Administrative Assistant



2013 Board of Health Members

Dave Petty, President - top left

Darryl Koop, MD - top right

Jim Massey - center

Charlie Engen - bottom left

Tina Childers - bottom right

From the Administrator...

2013 will be a memorable year for the Fairfield Department of Health. We not only relocated to a new facility but we were also able to pay off our debt. Both of these were not only outstanding events for the Health Department but were also a tremendous benefit to the community.

Thanks to the Fairfield County Commissioners, the Health Department relocated from the Clarence E. Miller building to the Sheridan Drive location last fall. We were hoping to be in the new building by midsummer, but the former occupants did not vacate as soon as expected and remodeling the building took longer than predicted. I don't think a day went by last year without a staff member asking when the new building would be ready. When it was ready, it seemed the old saying "All good things come to those who wait" was true. While almost any office space would have been an improvement over the Miller Building, the remodeled Colonnade building is a much better fit and a much better environment for our staff and clients. The County Commissioners did an excellent job locating and then remodeling a new building for us and our staff worked diligently to reassemble their offices. It only took three days after the move started for the department to be open for business.

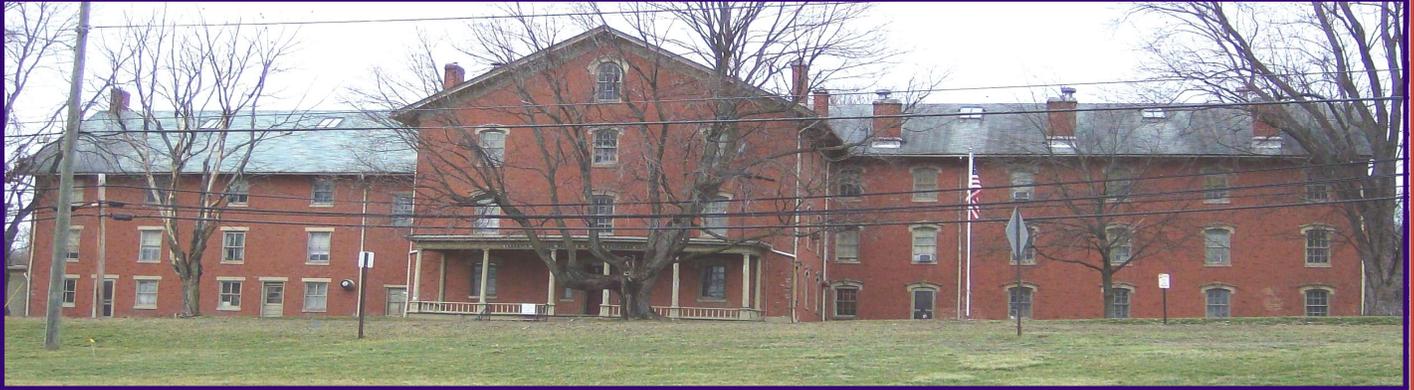
Besides moving in to our new building, the act of paying off our debt for 2013, was another memorable event in 2013. It took two years to pay the monies back, but last fall, all debt was paid in full! Hopefully this has restored a measure of accountability or maybe a better word is trust with our District Advisory Council (DAC). Today the Fairfield Department of Health is on solid financial footing and on much improved terms with our DAC and the public.

While relocating and paying off our outstanding debt were the highpoints, the new buzzword of 2013 was Accreditation. Included in Ohio's 2013 Budget Bill, as a prerequisite for receiving state subsidy and grant monies, was a requirement that all health departments in Ohio apply for and become Nationally Accredited by June of 2020. Accreditation consists of the adoption of a set of standards by which health departments are then measured by and recognition is given to those that meet the standards. Most health departments in Ohio depend on large grant monies for much of their funding so failure to become accredited by 2020 would put those monies in jeopardy. In Ohio, there are three health departments that have already achieved Accreditation. The Fairfield Department of Health has been working on Accreditation for most of the last year. One positive step this department has taken in its accreditation efforts was to contract with an adjoining Accredited health department for consultation services.

The Board of Health and Department Staff are proud of what we have accomplished in 2013 and look forward to serving and improving the health of our community in 2014.

Larry Hanna, R.S.

History of the Clarence E. Miller Building



The Clarence E. Miller (CEM) building was at one time the County Infirmary. The first buildings were erected in 1828. In 1840, a two story brick building was placed on the site. The dimensions of the new "poor-house" were then sufficient to accommodate the county poor, as well as provide a residence for the superintendent and an addition was built in the early 1860s. From time-to-time thereafter, out-buildings were erected, the main building enlarged, and various accessories provided. At some point over the years, the CEM building was used as the County Home. February 21, 1985 the County Commissioner announced that they would be moving the remaining 16 residents of the County Home to other facilities. It was decided the CEM building would become the new Health and Human Services complex. All county offices that related to health and human services would be moved to the CEM building.

On May 10, 1985, the Fairfield County Health Department was informed that they would be housed in the CEM building at 1587 Granville Pike in Lancaster. The actual move to the new location took place on December 5, 1985. The building had been remodeled to house offices and an elevator was installed. Several county offices were housed in the CEM building over the years; including: Lancaster City Health Department; Metropolitan Housing, Children Services, Ohio Cooperative Extension; Board of Education; Teenage Pregnancy Program and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. As agencies moved out of the CEM building, the County Health Department moved into the vacated space and eventually took over the entire building. Over the years, the condition of the building began to deteriorate and eventually, it was too costly to keep up with all of the necessary repairs. The County Commissioners decided to move the health department to 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100 in Lancaster in November of 2013.

Environmental Division

Part of protecting our county's health is working to make sure that the water we drink, the food we eat, and the places we live won't endanger our health now or the health of future generations. Restaurants and retail food establishments are inspected to prevent the occurrence of food-borne illnesses. Residential and commercial sewage treatment systems are inspected to protect public water supplies. Private water systems are inspected to ensure residents have safe drinking water. Other programs include public swimming pools, school inspections, animal bite investigations, public health nuisances, campgrounds, solid waste investigations, tattoo and body piercing facility inspections, and the plumbing program.



Front row: Deb Kilbarger, Cindy Sharpe, Jen Valentine, Kerri McReynolds, Kelly Donley. Back row: Steve Deeter, Larry Hanna, Sean Stephenson, Dennis Oliver. Not pictured: Gerald Tulga

Camps/ Manufactured Home Parks

Sanitarians also inspect campgrounds and day camps for health and safety.

Campgrounds licensed	10
Resident Day Camps licensed	6

Sewage Program

Registered sanitarians inspect residential and commercial sewage systems to be sure that the waste these systems generate does not pollute our streams or the water supply that we count on for drinking water. Sanitarians also review property lots and the plans developed prior to building so that the septic systems installed on these lots protect the environment.

Sewage Treatment System Permits	144
Lot Splits	22
Haulers/ Pumpers Registered	26
STS Installers Registered	22
STS Service Providers Registered	7
STS Designers Registered	5
Soil Scientists Registered	5
Semi-Public STS System Inspections	168

Private Water Systems

The Private Water Systems program is a state mandated program which includes wells, springs, cisterns, and ponds that are used as a potable water supply. Sanitarians collect a water sample from each well permitted to ensure a safe potable water supply. All well drillers are registered by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and are inspected annually for renewal of licenses.

Private Water System Permits Issued	154
Private Water Systems Sampled	228

Public Swimming Pools/ Spas

The Fairfield Department of Health inspects public swimming pools, spas, and special use pools to prevent injury, minimize the potential for disease transmission, and provide a safe and healthy aquatic recreational environment.

Licensed Pools/ Spas	48
Inspections Performed	146

Food Protection Program

The Food Protection Program works to ensure the safety of food prepared, served and sold in Fairfield County through education, monitoring and enforcement.

	Licenses	Inspections
Food Service and Retail Food	438	996
Mobile Food	78	78
Temporary Food Licenses	137	129
Vending Food Licenses	55	36

Environmental Division

Solid Waste Program

In Fairfield County, nuisances like tire dumps, garbage piles, or other potential areas that could harbor rodents or disease-carrying insects are addressed through the Solid Waste Program. This program is funded by landfill user fees through the Solid Waste District, and provides a major benefit for all residents through the clean up of potential health hazards.

Public Health Nuisance Inspections 292

Rabies Program

FDH investigates animal bites to make sure that those who have been bitten do not acquire rabies. FDH also conducts an annual Rabies Immunization Clinic, offering low cost rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats.

Animal Bite reports received 233
 Rabies Clinic vaccinations - dogs/ cats 258 / 45

Schools/ Correctional Facilities

Schools and correctional facilities are inspected to ensure that they meet minimum health and safety standards.

School Inspections 93
 Correctional Facilities inspected 4

Plumbing Program

The Plumbing Program at the Fairfield Department of Health promotes sound public health practices through education and oversight of commercial and residential plumbing systems.

Residential/ Commercial Contractors Registered 60
 Residential Permits Issued 188
 Commercial Permits Issued 23
 Inspections 563

Vital Statistics

The Vital Statistics division houses the birth and death certificates for Fairfield County. Beginning in December 1908 to present, this comprises over one hundred years of history for the people in Fairfield County. A birth certificate is used to prove citizenship. Without one, an individual could not obtain a social security number, a driver's license, enroll in school, or be entitled to any benefits from the U.S. government. This is why the primary function of the Vital Statistics division is to insure Fairfield County has a complete and accurate system of registration for birth and death records.

Contact the Vital Statistics office at (740) 652-2836 for assistance in obtaining a vital record. Additional information is available on the Department's website; www.myfdh.org

Birth Certificate copies issued 2,749
 Birth Certificates filed 1,063
 Death Certificate copies issued 3,985
 Death Certificates filed 1,114



Jane McGuire and Cindy Sharpe

Public Health Nursing

Bureau for Children With Medical Handicaps (BCMh):

The part-time BCMh nurse, Pat Garrett, RN, BSN, coordinates and manages diagnostic and treatment services for Fairfield County children with suspected or identified special health care needs who are on the BCMh program.

BCMh Home Visits: 71

BCMh Coordination activities: 573

2013 Total number of children on BCMh : 337

Infectious Disease Investigation and Control Program:

The Ohio Revised Code requires that all health care providers and laboratories report various infectious diseases to their local health departments in an effort to protect the community from disease outbreaks. Health Department staff ensure proper investigation, education and follow up on all mandated reportable diseases. In 2013, the health department received 589 reports from healthcare providers. The various mandated reportable infectious disease cases include, but are not limited to, sexually transmitted diseases, food borne illnesses, vaccine preventable diseases, vector borne illnesses and blood borne illnesses. The staff work closely with county residents, schools, hospitals, physicians, community businesses and agencies to prevent the spread of these diseases by providing preventive education, monitoring the spread of the diseases and assuring treatment is obtained and completed.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program:

The Perinatal Hepatitis B Program is designed to help prevent exposure of the newborn to maternal Hepatitis B virus during delivery. The transmission of perinatal Hepatitis B infection can be prevented in about 95% of cases. The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention program is a joint effort between the Fairfield Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Health. The nursing division provides the local case management of this program.

In 2013, the program followed one infant. The infant report was received in January. The program was able to proceed with following the infant to a successful completion of the Hepatitis B series.



Front row: Pat Garrett, Merrilee Taylor.

Back row: Diana Stover, Jenny Grove, Sheri Johnson, Gwen Shafer.

Help Me Grow:

The Fairfield County Help Me Grow (HMG) program contracts with the Health Department to provide developmental evaluation services to children within Fairfield County. The Public Health Nurse, Pat Garrett, RN, BSN, works closely with HMG to assure that families receive the evaluation services according to the state mandates.

Developmental Evaluations completed in 2013: 273

Child Fatality Review Board:

The purpose for the Child Fatality Review (CFR) Board is to reduce the incidence of preventable child deaths. The Ohio Revised Code 307.621 mandates counties in Ohio to participate in a CFR and to review all deaths of children under 18 years of age from all causes. The CFR Board is required by law to include the County Coroner, Chief of Police or Sheriff, Executive Director of Children Services, a Public Health Official, Executive Director of the ADAMH Board, and a physician. The Fairfield County CFR Board had 8 members attend the annual meeting in 2013. The CFR Board reviewed the 2011 deaths in Fairfield County as per the mandate. In 2012, 22 child death investigations were completed. The top three causes of deaths for Fairfield County were congenital anomalies, chronic health conditions, and prematurity.

Public Health Nursing

Tuberculosis (TB) Case Management:

The Health Department is the appointed TB Unit for the county. As the TB Unit, public health nurses provide TB screenings for county residents who need screened for work, school or as contacts. The Fairfield Department of Health TB unit performed 213 TB tests. These tests included screening and contact testing. Also in 2013, the Health Department had 6 reported cases of TB, 1 active, 1 suspect case and 4 latent TB cases. The nurses investigated and provided case management for the reported cases, which included home visits, patient education, contact testing, direct observational therapy and assurance of proper medical treatment and follow up. Annually, referrals are received from the US Department of Immigrations on foreign individuals who are at risk of bringing TB into our community. In 2013, we had two referrals from the US Immigration Department. Dr. Aebi provided medical examinations and testing on these individuals. The examination reports were then submitted to the Immigration Department. We also serve the community by providing Fairfield County Career Center health technologies with TB testing. In 2013, 46 two-step TB tests were performed at the career center.

Child and Family Health Service (CFHS):

Using CFHS funds provided by the Ohio Department of Health, the nursing division was able to contract with Fairfield County Family and Children First Council to implement a community health assessment. This assessment identified a need to improve early prenatal care with Fairfield County women. A focus group lead by the contracting agency has created and developed an educational brochure on prenatal care and local resources available to women who have become pregnant. The goal of the focus group is to support women in obtaining and beginning prenatal care within the first trimester of their pregnancy.

Cribs for Kids:

Funding for the Cribs for Kids program ended in 2013. This program assisted families with obtaining Pack and Play cribs. The purpose of the program was to help prevent SIDS by providing infants with a safe sleeping environment that would otherwise consist of infants sleeping with parents or in an inappropriate location.

Pack and Plays Cribs distributed in 2013: 20

Children's Immunization Clinics:

Available to all Fairfield County children from birth through age 18, the goal of this clinic is to protect children from preventable childhood illness. The clinic obtains the majority of the vaccines for children from the Ohio Department of Health at a reduced cost. This enables the clinic to offer vaccines to all children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. In 2013, 3,595 immunizations were provided.

Adult Immunization Clinic:

Adults who are at high risk for contracting a communicable disease through their workplace can receive immunizations at the Health Department. This not only protects high risk workers from disease but also helps prevent the spread of disease within the community. In 2013, the Health Department provided 377 adult immunizations. Fees are for service and can be arranged by a business or individual.

Flu Clinics:

Each year the Health Department provides seasonal flu immunizations at various sites and for shut-ins throughout the county, helping to ensure that those who might have difficulty obtaining a flu shot can receive one. Seasonal flu immunizations were also offered to all Fairfield County employees and the public at various locations and worksites. In 2013, the Health Department provided 961 seasonal flu shots at 17 off-site flu clinics throughout Fairfield County.

Travel Immunizations:

Each year more and more Fairfield County residents travel outside the United States. By providing immunizations to travelers, your health department helps our residents from becoming ill while traveling, as well as preventing potential disease outbreaks that may come into the county from travelers. The Fairfield Department of Health is a U.S. certified Yellow Fever vaccine provider and the nursing staff have been CDC trained in providing the vaccine as well as providing education to travelers. In 2013, the travel clinic provided 759 travel immunizations, which included yellow fever, typhoid, polio, and Hepatitis A and B vaccines.

Public Health Nursing—WIC

WIC

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program that is a federally funded program. WIC helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, and women who recently had a baby, infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional health risks with a combination of nutritious supplemental foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole grain foods, peanut butter, beans, fruits and vegetables. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support as well as referrals for obtaining specialty health care. In 2013, the Fairfield County WIC program served a total of 23,851 participants during the year.

WIC participants are given the opportunity to work with breastfeeding peer helpers. The peer helper program was established in 2003. The peer helpers are women that received WIC services and breastfed their child or children for at least 6 months. The peer helpers offer support and education to pregnant and breastfeeding women.

In 2013 the peer helper program staff provided breastfeeding and infant feeding education to participants. During the year our one peer helper made over 477 phone calls to pregnant and breastfeeding women in the community offering support and education. The peer helper maintained a breast pump loan program, and loaned 75 breast pumps out during the year, and 13 manual breast pumps. This loans electric breast pumps to eligible mothers so they can continue to breastfeed their babies after returning to work or school.

In the community, the breastfeeding peer program partnered with Fairfield Medical Center to host a “Healthy Baby Fair”. The event was held at Fairfield Medical Center and open to the general public. Dr. Strominger, a local pediatrician, spoke to attendees about the benefits of breastfeeding. Numerous vendors and social service agencies were present to handout information and give away door prizes.



Front row: Erin Connolly, Amy Gabriel, Debbie Smith
Back row: Lucinda Robinson, Mary Smith, Kay Higgins
Not Pictured: Angie Wentz

Our breastfeeding rates in Fairfield County have increased since the peer helper program started in 2003. On average, 56% of the pregnant women on WIC decide to breastfeed, that's an increase from 38% in 2003. Of the women that choose to breastfeed almost half of them continue to breastfeed for 6 months or longer, we attribute this success with the peer helper program.

The local WIC program works closely with the immunization clinic to assure that all infants and children are up-to-date with their required immunizations, and enters immunization information in to the Ohio Impact statewide immunization information system, those who are in need of immunizations can be referred to the health department's immunization program. The local WIC program serves as a voter registration assistance site, applicants can register to vote or make necessary address changes at the WIC clinic.

Administrative Support Staff



Our Administrative staff provide support to our professional staff. This work requires attention to detail, the ability to follow directives, procedures, and to meet deadlines. It is a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.

Pictured Left to Right: Sheri Johnson, April Burke, Kelly Donley

Emergency Preparedness

PHEP

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities address public health readiness for responding to public health emergencies or threats. These threats or emergencies could include biological, environmental, bioterrorism, weather, or outbreaks of infectious disease.

PHEP programming focuses on meeting objectives in fifteen public health target capabilities. Collaboration for planning and response activities occurs at the local, regional, state and federal levels.

During the 2013 year, PHEP program activities included: plan maintenance, staff training and exercise opportunities, disease surveillance activities, public speaking events for emergency preparedness and local and regional planning collaboration.

Response activities included epidemiological surveillance and outbreak investigations.

PHAB Accreditation

Accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) means that a health district meets a nationally adopted set of public health standards. The State of Ohio has required that all health districts in the State achieve Accreditation by 2020 as a prerequisite for receiving state subsidy and grant monies. The Fairfield Department of Health has been working toward Accreditation since early 2013. We are committed to achieving Accreditation and providing the highest standard of care and services for our community.

Accreditation follows the 10 Essential Health Services:

- 1) Monitor the Health of the Community
- 2) Diagnose and Investigate Community Health Problems and Hazards In the Community
- 3) Inform, Educate, and Empower
- 4) Mobilize Community Partnerships
- 5) Policy Development
- 6) Enforce Law and Regulations
- 7) Link People to Health Services
- 8) Assure a Competent Workforce
- 9) Evaluate Quality
- 10) Research for New Insights

In addition to these, Accreditation also includes:

- 11) Maintaining Administrative and Management Capacity
- 12) Maintain Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity



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