

# Portsmouth City Health Department

**605 Washington Street**

**Portsmouth Ohio 45662**



## **2017 Annual Report**

**Chris Smith, RS, MA**  
**Health Commissioner**

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# Introduction

## **Board of Health**

Mayor James Kalb, President  
Timothy Angel, PhD, President Pro tem  
Elie Saab, MD, Vice President  
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Jennifer LeMaster  
Angela Hodge, DNP, RN

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David Byers, MD

## **City Council**

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JoAnn Aeh, Ward 2  
Kevin E. Johnson, Ward 3  
Jim Kalb, Ward 4  
Gene Meadows, Ward 5  
Tom Lowe, Ward 6

## **Health Department Administrative Staff**

Chris Smith, RS, MA, Health Commissioner  
Belinda Leslie, BSBA, PHR, HR/Accreditation Officer  
Celeste Tucker, BSBA, Chief Fiscal Officer

## **Division Directors**

Andrew Gedeon, RS, Environmental Director/Deputy Health Commissioner  
Christine Thomas, RN, BSN, Nursing Director  
Cindy Charles, Air Division Director  
Marissa Wicker, BA, Prevention and Promotion Director

## A message from the Health Commissioner Chris Smith, RS, MA

The Portsmouth City Health Department is the steward of public health for the citizens of the City of Portsmouth. In this report we give an overview of the major activities of the Health Department. You are encouraged to visit our web site or follow us on Facebook to stay informed about public health issues and all of the services we provide.

As in the previous year, the Health Department ended the year in a fiscally sound position. We also continued to grow and change in 2017. Four (4) staff retired and five (5) new employees were hired.

We are closer to becoming Accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board. On November 14, 2017, the Health Department was the first agency in the South East District to submit documentation for review by PHAB. A technical review was conducted and documents corrected and resubmitted. The documents will be forwarded to the site visitors to review prior to the actual visit. Once the Standards review is complete, we will have sixty (60) day to make corrections and resubmit. We expect to have our site visit and receive accreditation by December 31, 2018.

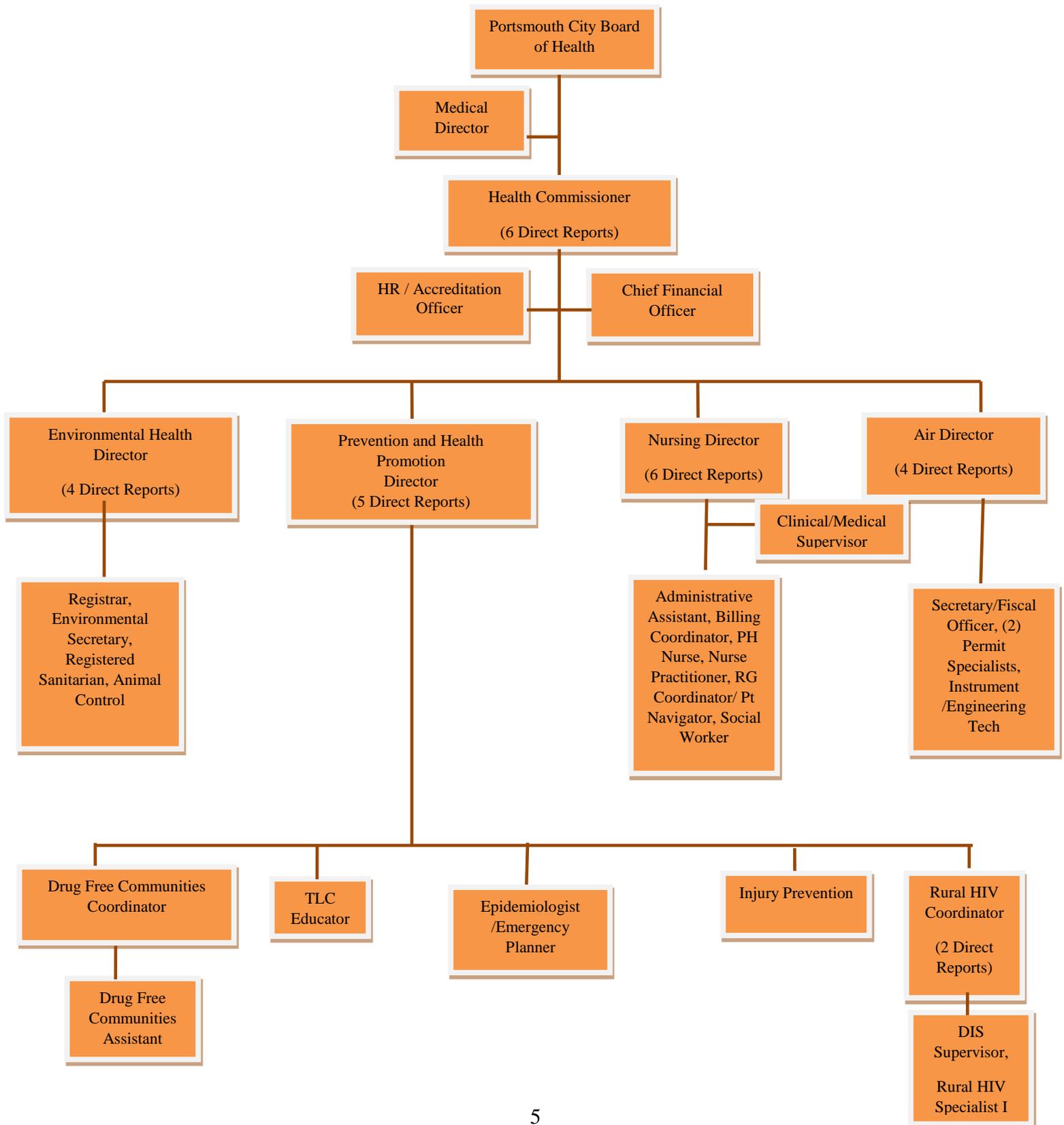
In 2017 the Health Department applied for and received two (2) sizable grants to combat the Opioid epidemic in Portsmouth and Scioto County. We were one (1) of eight (8) sub grantees awarded in the United States for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The program is funded for three years for a total funding amount of \$750,000. This funding will support a navigation program for individuals with Substance Use Disorders, and the expansion of counseling services to our current Vivitrol program clients. It will also provide other services to assist individuals in treatment options for substance abuse and provide assistance in obtaining many other support services they may need.

The Health Department was also awarded the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) for its second 5-year cycle for a total funding amount of \$650,000. The DFC Program has two goals: Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth; and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

The Health Department plans to continue working with the Scioto County Health Coalition and will increase our participation in 2018. Scioto County still ranks 86 out of 88 Counties in Ohio in health Outcomes. Our primary goal is to improve the health of our citizens through addressing physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco use. The Portsmouth City Health Department remains dedicated to improving the health of the citizens of the city of Portsmouth and Scioto County.

*Chris Smith, RS, MA*

**Portsmouth City Health Department Organizational Chart**



## Community Involvement

### **Scioto County Health Coalition**

Chris Smith, *Board Member*  
Andy Gedeon, *Member*  
Lisa Roberts, *Member*  
Marissa Wicker, *Behavioral Health Sub-Committee, Member; Tobacco Cessation Sub-Committee member*  
Belinda Leslie, *Access to Care Sub-Committee Chair*

### **Southern Ohio Port Authority**

Chris Smith, *Board Member*

### **Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC)**

Chris Smith, *Board Member, South East District Representative*

### **Women Infant Children (WIC)**

Christine Thomas, *Advisory Board*

### **AIDS Healthcare Foundation for Bloodborne Pathogen Prevention Program**

Bobbi Bratchett, *National Board Member*

### **Teens Link to Care Community Advisory Board**

Marissa Wicker, *Member*

### **Scioto County Family and Children First Counsel**

Christine Thomas, RN, BSN, *Voting Member*

### **Scioto County Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Chris Smith, *Member*  
Andy Gedeon, *Member*

### **Scioto County Childhood Fatality Review**

Chris Smith, *Board-Member*

### **The Rural AIDS Alliance Group**

Bobbi Bratchett, *Facilitator*

### **Scioto County Drug Action Team Alliance**

Lisa Roberts, *Co-Chair*  
Rebecca Miller, *Youth Prevention Sub-Committee, Chair*  
Marissa Wicker, *Co-Chair; Chair of the Harm Reduction Committee*  
Chris Smith, *Steering Committee Chair*

### **State Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group**

Marissa Wicker, *Harm Reduction Sub-Committee Member*

### **Ohio Department of Health, Bioterrorism Advisory Board, B-Team**

Chris Smith, *Member*

## **Highlights of Progress**

1. On November 14, 2017 the Portsmouth City Health Department was the first Health Department in the South East Region to submit documentation for review by the Public Health Board for accreditation.
2. One (1) of eight (8) sub grantees in the United States for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP) to be awarded \$750,000 through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
3. Awarded the Drug Free Communities grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) for its second 5-year cycle for a total funding amount of \$650,000.
4. 27 City properties with vacant, dilapidated structures were donated to the Scioto County Land Bank saving the City over \$270,000 in demolition costs.
5. 77 structures were condemned as being unsafe or unfit for habitation through a joint effort with the Engineering Department, Police Department and Fire Department.
6. In the Single Audit ending December 31, 2016, there were no Health Department based findings included. This is down from seven (7) in 2015 and one (1) in 2016.

## Financial Report Summary FY 2017

**Celeste Tucker, BSBA  
Chief Fiscal Officer**

### YTD Fund Report for Year 2017 - Portsmouth City Health Department

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Year End Balance
241	Air Division	\$141,501.42	\$ 536,164.00	\$ 503,228.13	\$ 174,437.29
250	Health Department General Fund Subsidy	\$ 11,148.44	\$ 798,363.00	\$ 645,225.35	\$ 164,286.09
252	OPRC Safety	\$ 13,095.96	\$ 56,623.00	\$ 68,698.75	\$ 1,020.21
253	STD Control	\$ 9,471.79	\$ 79,716.14	\$ 77,698.12	\$ 11,489.81
254	Drug Free Communities	\$ 1,938.46	\$ 95,583.91	\$ 113,671.00	\$(16,148.63)
256	Injury Prevention	\$ 32,880.32	\$ 127,904.77	\$ 130,825.75	\$ 29,959.34
257	Reproductive Health & Wellness	\$ 2,610.62	\$ 191,589.49	\$ 164,013.89	\$ 30,186.22
258	Rural Health Opioid Program	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,523.85	\$ 50,124.85	\$(36,601.00)
264	Ryan White Part C EIS	\$ 26,478.94	\$ 29,903.90	\$ 55,407.01	\$ 975.83
267	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$ 9,059.48	\$ 133,334.89	\$ 117,038.68	\$ 25,355.69
268	HIV Prevention (FEDERAL)	\$117,906.92	\$ 806,888.66	\$ 737,092.62	\$ 187,702.96
269	HIV Prevention (STATE)	\$ 18,209.75	\$ 112,511.00	\$ 112,511.00	\$ 18,209.75
270	Land Reutilization Program	\$ 4,343.19	\$ 23,478.00	\$ 5,319.82	\$ 22,501.37
620	Primary Care/Imm	\$ 36,404.24	\$ 123,520.44	\$ 156,351.97	\$ 3,572.71
620	Teens Linked to Care	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 40,428.81	\$ 32,625.17	\$ (7,196.36)
620	Medicaid Administrative Claiming	\$ 39,139.31	\$ 86,820.06	\$ 76,059.83	\$ 49,899.54
<b>Health Department Totals</b>		<b>\$ 449,188.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,256,353.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,045,891.94</b>	<b>\$ 659,650.82</b>

**\*250 GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY – Of the \$164,286.09 end of year total, \$110,000 will be paid out in January 2018 for salary increases with another \$30,000.00 to be paid for the related costs of OPERS and Medicare.**

**\*254 DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES – The monthly drawdown will be received in January 2018 correcting the negative fund balance.**

**\*258 RURAL HEALTH OPIOID PROGRAM – The monthly drawdown will be received in January 2018 correcting the negative fund balance.**

**\*620 TEENS LINKED TO CARE – The Portsmouth City Health Department will receive reimbursement funds in January 2018 from the CDC Foundation correcting the negative fund balance.**

# Environmental Health Division

**Andy Gedeon, RS**  
**Director of Environmental Health**

**Helen Trapp**, Receptionist/Billing Clerk/Deputy Registrar  
**Louis Berger**, RS, Registered Sanitarian  
**Melissa Spence**, Registrar/Payroll Clerk  
**Wendy Payton**, Animal Control Officer/Code Enforcement Officer

## Introduction

The Environmental Health Division is responsible for safeguarding the health and welfare of the public. This includes but is not limited to food service and retail food establishment inspections, swimming pool inspections, school inspections, other state mandated inspections, animal control, solid waste/housing/nuisance complaint abatement, the issuance of birth and death certificates and burial permits.

## Summary

The following is a summary of the major programs that the Environmental Health Division conducts for the City of Portsmouth; the list is not all inclusive.

### Food Service

Each year in the United States, there are approximately 81 million cases of food borne illness or food poisonings causing over 9,000 deaths and costing the U.S. economy over 10 billion dollars a year.

Food Service and Food Establishment Operations	135
Temporary Food Service Operations	11
Mobile Units	3
Vending Units	7

**Total Number of Inspections Conducted** **216**

## Swimming Pools and Spas

Potential health hazards exist when people swim in public swimming pools. The usual types of diseases associated with swimming pools may be classified as upper respiratory infections, eye, ear, nose, throat and skin irritations, and gastro intestinal disorders. Personal safety considerations are as equally important as disease prevention. Injuries are the most common problems at pools and spas. Swimming Pools are inspected on a monthly basis.

Public Swimming Pools	4
Special Use Pools	1
Spas	1

<b>Total Number of Inspections Conducted</b>	<b>72</b>
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## Manufactured Home Parks

The Manufactured Homes Commission now oversees the manufactured home park program that was previously directed by the Ohio Department of Health. Local health departments still have the authority to enforce minimum standards for manufactured home parks. These standards include design, construction, alteration, extension and maintenance of the parks to make them safe, sanitary and fit for human habitation. The manufactured home parks are inspected on an annual basis as well as any nuisance complaints against the park.

Number of manufactured Home Parks	3
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<b>Total Number of Inspections Conducted</b>	<b>3</b>
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### Schools

Schools are inspected to ensure that the health and safety of the students is upheld. Consideration is given to school grounds and surroundings. The school buildings are inspected for overall safety including classrooms, heating and ventilation, lighting systems, housekeeping and maintenance. The schools are inspected twice a year.

Number of schools inspected 8

**Total Number of Inspections Conducted 16**

### Land Reutilization Program

In cooperation with city and county departments, the Portsmouth City Health Department's Land Reutilization program has taken great strides in returning tax delinquent properties to the tax districts. Only vacant parcels and vacant houses that are at least three (3) years certified tax delinquent are placed into the land reutilization program.

Total Number of Properties Sold 17

**Total Amount From Property Sales \$23,450**

### Animal Control/Nuisance Control

The Health Department's Animal Control Officer enforces the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth as it relates to animals running at large, registration of dogs, animal bites, immunization requirements, excreta removal, solid waste complaints and other animal complaint issues.

- Total Number of Animal Bites in 2017 71
- Total Number of Dog Bites in 2016 54
- Total Number of Cat bites in 2016 6
- Total Number of Bats Tested in 2016 0
- Total Number of Undetermined Bites in 2016 2

**Total number of bites 133**

The Portsmouth City Health Department employs a licensed Pest Control Operator who is responsible for responding to rat, mosquito and other pest control complaints. The Operator may treat the public sewers and private property where evidence of rat/pest infestation exists. The Operator also conducts mosquito abatement by means of larvicide and fogging/spraying.

- Total Number of Rat Complaints 42
- Total Number of Abated/Completed Rat Complaints 42
- Total Number of Mosquito Complaints 6

<b>Total number Complaints</b>	<b>48</b>
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**Rat and Mosquito Complaints By Ward**

WARD	TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	PERCENTAGE OF COMPLAINTS
1	4	14%
2	0	0%
3	9	32%
4	3	11%
5	9	32%
6	3	11%

**Vital Statistics**

The Office of Vital Statistics maintains birth and death records for the City of Portsmouth, with records going back as far as 1909.

Birth records are important for use in entrance to school, military service, obtaining passports, retirement pensions and social security pensions. Death records are needed for settlement of insurance claims, settlements of estates, pensions and tracing of ancestors.

Birth certificates are open records and may be purchased at the Portsmouth City Health Department as long as the person was born in the state of Ohio.

- Total Number of Birth Records Recorded 1,219
- Total Number of Death Records Recorded 709
- Total Number of Stillbirths Recorded 8
- Total Number of Burial Permits Issued 499
- Total Number of Birth Records Issued 2,987
- Total Number of Death Records Issued 1,735

<b>Total number of records issued</b>	<b>7,447</b>
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# Air Division

**Cindy Charles,**  
**Director Air Division**

**Anne Chamberlin,** Permit Specialist

**Carla Shultz,** Administrative Secretary/Fiscal Officer

**Matt Freeman,** Permit Specialist

**Quentin Williams,** Engineering Tech

The Air Division, or the Portsmouth Local Air Agency (PLAA), works as a contractual representative of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The PLAA monitors the compliance status of the businesses and industries with air pollution sources in the five-county region (Adams, Scioto, Lawrence, Brown, and Highland counties). Additionally, the PLAA prepares permits, conducts facility inspections and reviews quarterly deviation and excess emission reports, observes source stack tests, reviews and issues or denies permissions to open burn, monitors asbestos removal activities, initiates enforcement actions and responds to air quality complaints.

The PLAA also maintains continuous and intermittent monitors measuring pollutants on a daily basis throughout three counties of its five-county area in Southern Ohio. The PLAA performs anti-tampering (vehicle emission control devices) inspections and observes and validates stack (source) testing that occurs in the five-county area.

During 2017, PLAA staff completed the following:

- Conducted 10 Title V and 5 Synthetic Minor facility inspections
- Observed 5 stack tests
- Reviewed 112 asbestos notifications
- Conducted 43 asbestos inspections
- Issued 26 Notice of Violation letters
- 0 Compliance and Enforcement Plans sent to OEPA
- Processed 6 Permits to Install, 5 Permits to Install Operate, 5 Title V, and 7 Permits by Rule
- Issued 49 Permissions to Open Burn
- Investigated a total of 94 complaints (39 high priority facility, 2 non-high priority, 42 open burning, 5 fugitive dust, 4 asbestos and 2 other)
- Conducted 3 Anti-tampering inspections

Any questions or comments concerning the information in this report may be directed to Cindy Charles at (740)353-5156 ext. 8934 or by mail at 605 Washington Street, Third Floor, Air Division, Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662.

# Nursing Division

**Christine Thomas, RN, BSN**  
**Director of Nursing**

**Criston Evans, LPN** Clinical Counselor  
**Jessica Mullins**, Receptionist/Billing Assistant  
**Mandy Whisman, LPN** Car Seat Program Technician  
**Rebecca Murphy**, Billing Coordinator/Administrative Assistant  
**Stephanie Brammer**, Patient Navigator  
**Tiffany Wolfe, RN FNP** Family Nurse Practitioner

## **Clinic Operations**

The Nursing Division operates a Clinic that is open to clients Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Clinic is now staffed with a full-time Nurse Practitioner, as well as Nurses, and a Receptionist. Appointments are available, and walk-in patients are accepted. The clinic offers evening hours, until 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month for patients who cannot come during regular business hours.

There is a strong emphasis on providing care to low income and indigent clients, although clients of all socio-economic groups are accepted. The Clinic accepts a large variety of medical insurance plans. Clients who are uninsured are offered services on a sliding fee scale, based on annual income. Clients who are not enrolled in an insurance program are offered assistance by the Certified Application Counselor (CAC) on staff, with enrollment into a Medicaid managed care program or a market-place insurance program offered through the Affordable Care Act.

In 2017, the CAC **assisted one hundred nine (109) clients in applying for insurance** through the Affordable Care Act. Fifty-nine (59) of these applications were approved for coverage. Fifty-one (51) applications were declined due to client failure to submit the requested verification.

The Clinic offers several different types of programs for clients. These include:

## **Reproductive Health and Wellness (Family Planning) Program (RHWP)**

This program focuses on health promotion, disease prevention, contraception and family planning for adolescents and adults both male and female who meet the RHWP eligibility requirements. The following services are offered through this program:

- General women and men's health screening and care to promote good health and prevent disease
- Cancer screening
- Pap Smears
- Pregnancy screening, initial prenatal care, and referral
- Contraceptive counseling, education, and care
- Screening, education on prevention, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases

- Adolescent services, including encouragement of family involvement and education on sexual coercion
- HPV and other forms of vaccination
- Laboratory testing
- Education on breast self-exam and testicular self-exam
- Nutritional counseling and education
- Partner violence screening and support
- Human trafficking screening and support
- Smoking cessation education and support

This program focuses on assisting patients in developing a reproductive life plan. Through education and provision of contraceptives that meet their personal needs, the program helps patients to have children when they are ready, healthy, and free of disease. In addition to the medical care provided to our patients, there is a strong emphasis on education related to prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, on benefits and risks of various types of birth control, and on screening and preventative care, to optimize general health.

The Portsmouth City Health Department receives funding for the Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic from the Ohio Department of Health.

This year **eight hundred twenty-eight (828) Reproductive Health and Wellness visits were completed** in the Clinic. This is down from eight hundred thirty-nine (839) visits in 2016.

### **Primary Care Clinic**

The City Health Department Clinic provides primary care medical services to patients age three (3) and up who do not have another primary care provider.

In 2017 **three hundred and thirty-six (336) Primary Care visits were completed**. This is down from three hundred and eighty-one (381) visits in 2016.

### **Ryan White Clinic**

The Clinic offers primary care to patients infected with HIV/AIDS who are enrolled in the Ryan White Part C program. Patients from the local community and regional tri-state area are seen in the Clinic. Dr. David Byers, who specializes in infectious disease treatment, continues as our Medical Director. Ryan White patients are seen by the Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Byers, the Clinic staff and the Ryan White Medical Case Manager work collaboratively as a team to manage the patient's medical and psychosocial needs and provide support to ensure that they stay engaged in care and have support to address the complex issues associated with HIV/AIDS.

In 2017 **twenty-one (21) visits were scheduled in the Ryan White Primary Care Clinic**. This is down from ninety (90) visits in 2016.

### **City of Portsmouth Employee Clinic Services and Wellness Program**

The Nursing Division provides free Clinic visits to City of Portsmouth employees. The goal of this program is to decrease City of Portsmouth employee insurance claims. The employee's visit to the Clinic is provided free of charge. However, if the city employee needs to have diagnostic tests performed, these are billed to the insurance company. In 2017, **five hundred and sixty-six (566) visits were utilized by City of Portsmouth employees and their families.** In 2016 five hundred and twenty (520) visits were utilized by employees and their families. This is an increase of forty-six visits. These visits to the Clinic resulted in approximately **\$28,560.00 worth of medical claims savings** to the City of Portsmouth's health insurance company.

### **Vivitrol/Naltrexone Opiate/Alcohol Addiction Treatment Program**

The Clinic assists opiate and alcohol addicted individuals in recovery through Vivitrol treatment. Clients are treated with Vivitrol injections while being medically monitored by Clinic nurses and the Nurse Practitioner. The Clinic now provides drug-addiction counselors to obtain an initial mental health assessment and to provide counseling for each client while they are enrolled in the Vivitrol program. This year the Clinic has added a Patient Navigator to assist these clients in obtaining other services they may need as well as support with treatment. They work with the client to find the treatment that works for them.

**In 2017 four hundred twenty-seven (427) new clients were enrolled in the Vivitrol program.** In 2016, there were a total of one hundred and ninety-three (193) new clients enrolled. **This is an increase of two hundred and thirty-four (234) new clients.** A total of **one thousand one hundred and eighty-eight (1188) Vivitrol visits were completed in 2017.** This up from six hundred and sixty-four (664) Vivitrol visits in 2016.

### **Child Safety "Ohio Buckles Buckeyes" Program**

The Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program is a child passenger safety program through the Ohio Department of Health Violence and Injury Prevention Program. This program is administered by the Portsmouth City Health Department which provides free car seats to parents who cannot afford to purchase one for their child. Funding for this program is provided through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

The Portsmouth City Health Department houses the Occupant Protection Coordinator for Ohio Region 4. She oversees eleven distribution centers for this regional program. Distribution centers for Region 4 are located in Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington counties. The Regional Coordinator is responsible for overseeing all Program Technicians, and for monitoring each regional site to assure that the program is being carried out according to Ohio Department of Health and Department of Public Safety regulations. The Health Department also houses two certified instructors for this program. They provide initial certification and annual re-certification classes on car seat education and proper installation techniques to Program Technicians in each region. Becoming an instructor takes about two years. The Regional Coordinator will become a certified instructor for this program in 2018.

Each distribution center in the region receives sixteen car seats quarterly for distribution. Car seats are distributed at Portsmouth City Health Department through an application basis; the

parent/caregiver completes a car seat application, then applicants are contacted in order of receipt. When applying, parents/caregivers must provide proof the child has a medical card; the household meets WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines, and if the child is currently WIC enrolled. Upon consent of the parent/caregiver, if the child is not enrolled in WIC, a referral is completed and sent to the local WIC office. If the parent/caregiver refuses the WIC referral it does not prevent them from obtaining the seat. If a car seat is not available at the time a parent applies, they are placed on a waiting list and given first priority when a new shipment arrives.

In order to receive a free car seat, parents must view an instructional video on car seat safety and proper installation. Parent/caregiver questions are answered and basic car installation education materials are distributed with each car seat. Once training is completed, the certified instructor observes the parent install the car seat according to the program safety installation guidelines.

The Portsmouth City Health Department Clinic distributed **eighty-five (85) car seats in the 2017 contract year**. This distributed number is **up from fifty-six (56) in 2016**. This is due to delayed shipments of car seats from the Ohio Department of Health in the first and second quarter of the year.

The Clinic staff provides education about the Car Seat Safety Program to the local community through promotion at local health events and through distribution of informational brochures to community organizations. The Public Health Nurse also visits the local WIC clinic yearly to educate the “Moms Club” and provide car seat safety checks as needed.

### **Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) Program**

The Portsmouth City Health Department began Project DAWN as a pilot harm-reduction public health program in 2012. The goal of this program is to reduce deaths caused by overdose of opiates. Naloxone is administered intra-nasally temporarily reverse the effects of opiates in the client’s body. The drug, along with emergency resuscitation breathing is provided to the individual until emergency responders arrive and transport the individual for further medical care. The Project DAWN Program provides clients with a kit which includes Naloxone, intranasal administration devices, emergency resuscitation equipment, a video instruction tutorial, and a quick, step-by-step instruction guide for administration of the medication and rescue breathing. Clients are required to participate in a 30-40-minute training class on how to use the Project DAWN kit.

Classes are offered to the public daily as no appointment is necessary. Since January 2017, **eighty-two (82) clients** have received Project DAWN Naloxone kits through the clinic. **Nine hundred and two (902) kits** have been distributed in the community through the Mobile DAWN program. Mobile DAWN kits are provided to local Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire Departments.

### **Communicable Disease Control**

The Portsmouth City Health Department Public Health is responsible for investigation and follow up on all reportable communicable diseases contracted by Portsmouth city residents. The Public Health Nurse receives notifications of communicable diseases from local health care providers, and from the state of Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). She is responsible for investigating the

case to assure that the individual is aware of the communicable disease; that he/she is receiving appropriate medical treatment; and to determine if other people have been exposed to the communicable disease. After investigation and follow-up with the individual and care providers, she reports on the following in ODRS: medical treatment the individual received; steps taken to notify other parties who were exposed to the communicable disease; what follow-up was done with them, to assure that they are receiving appropriate medical care; and outcomes of treatment.

The top five reportable Communicable Diseases in the city of Portsmouth during 2016 were:

Hepatitis C	140
Chlamydia	48
Hepatitis B (including Delta), acute, chronic	25
Gonococcal Infection	10
Shigella (Outbreak Associated)	5

### **Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program**

The Health Department provides services to handicapped children through the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program. The Public Health Nurse acts as the Case Manager for this program. In her role as Case Manager, she coordinates diagnostic and treatment services for children with identified special health care needs. In 2017 **the BCMH program provided forty-three (43) hours and fifteen (15) minutes of service for thirty-five (35) children.** The total number of clients within the city limits is fifty. Some families are unreachable, have moved, mail has been returned or declined services.

### **DNA Testing**

The Nursing Division maintains a contract with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Service, Child Support Division in Scioto County to obtain DNA specimens to determine parentage. People who have received a court order to have testing done come to the Nursing Division Clinic. Our nurses collect the DNA specimens and send these to DNA Diagnostic Center (DDC) for DNA analysis.

In 2017 the Nursing Division **collected two hundred sixty-seven (267) DNA specimens.** In 2016 three hundred sixty-three (263) DNA specimens were collected.

### **Immunizations**

The City Health Department Clinic provides vaccines to children. Ohio Department of Health Guidelines are followed for childhood immunization. The Health Department Clinic is part of the Ohio Department of Health's "Vaccines for Children" program. This program provides free vaccines to our agency, to immunize children from birth through age eighteen.

In addition to childhood vaccines, the Clinic also provides vaccines for adults who are seen in the Health Department Clinic, and through outreach programs in the Portsmouth area.

In 2017 the Health Department Nursing Division **administered one thousand one hundred two (1102) vaccines**. The following is a breakdown of vaccines given:

- Influenza 421 vaccines given
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis 124 vaccines given
- Gardasil (HPV) 83 vaccines given
- Varicella 45 vaccines given
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella 43 vaccines given
- Hepatitis A 18 vaccines given
- Hepatitis B 48 vaccines given
- Menactra (Meningococcal) 222 vaccines given
- Polio 55 vaccines given
- Pneumonia 20 vaccines given
- Rotavirus 2 vaccines given
- Haemophilus Influenza (HIB) 21 vaccines given

**This is up from seven hundred twenty -four in 2016.**

### **Ryan White Part C Program**

The Health Department operates the Ryan White Part C regional program, which services HIV positive patients in seven (7) counties in Kentucky, three (3) counties in West Virginia and fourteen (14) counties in southeastern Ohio. This program is federally funded by the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA). The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive primary health care to HIV positive patients living in these counties.

The Rural AIDS Coordinator is responsible for operational oversight of this program. She supervises the Medical Case Manager, and monitors contracted providers, to assure that program requirements are being met.

The Rural AIDS Coordinator participates in quarterly Ohio Community Planning Group meetings. She also leads The Rural AIDS Advisory Group (TRAAG). This group provides an opportunity for infected and affected clients throughout the region to learn more about the disease; to learn and provide input on how grant moneys are utilized; and to provide opportunities for Ryan White professionals and clients to network with one another.

# Prevention and Promotion

**Marissa Wicker, BS**  
**Director of Prevention and Promotion**

**Bobbi Bratchett**, Rural AIDS Coordinator  
**Beth Stine**, Disease Intervention Specialist  
**Josh Shepherd**, Counselor  
**Lisa Meyers**, HIV Intervention Specialist  
**Lisa Roberts**, RN, Drug Free Communities Coordinator  
**Rebecca Miller**, Drug Free Communities Assistant

While the Prevention and Promotion division was not formally organized until January 1, 2017, new programs were being developed in 2016. For this reason, we have chosen to report Injury Prevention and the newly added programs under the new division for 2016.

## **Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program Grant**

The Portsmouth City Health Department administers the DFC grant program which is funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The DFC Program supports community coalitions through training, coordination and implementation of evidence-based programs and environmental strategies effective in substance abuse prevention. In terms of substance use, the DFC program is the “demand reduction” component of the ONDCP that compliments the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) designation that focuses on “supply reduction”.

The Portsmouth City Health Department manages a large coalition that acts as a community *convener* and *catalyst* in reducing substance abuse. Agencies, individuals, and volunteers who have a similar interest in reducing substance use/abuse in Scioto County meet, network, and collaborate in a more efficient manner in order to maximize collective efforts to reduce the incidence and burden of substance use in Scioto County. The Scioto County Drug Action Team Alliance envisions a community where youth and adults are making healthy, educated and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use, and those choices are supported by the community through sustainable policies and programs.

The reasons for substance use and abuse are complex. As a result, the coalition uses multiple prevention strategies in Scioto County. The DFC manages and supports a network of youth-led prevention groups and activities at Scioto County High Schools through the help of DFC School Liaisons. Teens are surveyed every two years to capture data and measure progress. In the 2015 Surveys, following two years of targeted strategies, Scioto County teens had significant reductions in alcohol, marijuana, and the non-medical use of prescription drugs.

## **Injury Prevention**

The Office of Injury Prevention’s current objective is to reduce prescription drug overdose rates through campaigns and programs such as Project DAWN: Deaths Avoided with Naloxone and

Prescription for Prevention: Stop the Epidemic. The Office of Injury Prevention works closely with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services to fulfill their objective and to put into place evidence-based harm reduction strategies. Recommendations are also given by the CDC on effectively responding to the drug epidemic and the Injury Prevention Department interprets those recommendations to proactively model them in our community.

The CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services all recommend expanding access to and training for administering Naloxone to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Injury prevention staff works closely with local law enforcement agencies and first responders in developing policies and implementing Naloxone use in their standard practices. In 2016, five local fire departments became trained and are now responding to all overdose emergency calls and administering Naloxone. Staff also works directly with community members through outreach events for Naloxone training and education.

Injury Prevention staff will also assist service organizations, treatment facilities, or other business that demonstrate interest and need in being trained in administering Naloxone. In 2016, we have trained 7 organizations in the community, with a total of 62 individuals prepared with Naloxone. Between law enforcement agencies, fire departments, service organizations, and community members, 155 documented lives were saved in 2017 through the use of Naloxone.

The Office of Injury Prevention also promotes Ohio Opioid Prescribing Guidelines to medical professionals and provides community education on substance abuse, harm reduction strategies, and proper medication disposal. We monitor drug drop boxes and support drug take back events within the community. In 2016, 570 pounds of medication were collected and disposed of safely.

The Injury Prevention Coordinator, who is responsible for implementing all mentioned programs, also participates in the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) and its subgroup Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group (PDAAG). The focus is to create and implement action plans to address injury priorities, promote policy and systems change and improve state-wide data collection.

### **Teens Linked to Care (TLC)**

Teens Linked to Care is a comprehensive substance use prevention and sexual risk behavior reduction program for rural teens ages 13-19 funded by the CDC Foundation. The goal of the program is to create healthier adolescents by preventing substance use and reducing HIV infection and other STD's. Objectives include increasing youth knowledge and skills, improving youth attitude and norms in support of substance use prevention and HIV/STD prevention, increasing adolescent access to youth-friendly key health services, increasing youth safety at school, and increasing adolescents' connectedness to school and supportive adults. In 2016, the groundwork was laid for program organization and implementation, including the assembly of a Community Advisory Board and the addition of a Health Educator to the TLC staff.

### **Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP)**

The purpose of the Scioto County Collaborative Rural Health Opioid Project (RHOP) is to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses in rural Scioto County, Ohio through the

development of a broad community Consortium that serves to prepare individuals with opioid-use disorder (OUD) to start treatment, implement care coordination practices, to organize patient care activities, and support individuals in recovery by establishing new or by enhancing existing behavioral counseling, peer support, and alternative pain management activities. The overarching goal of the SCCRHOP is to demonstrate improved and measurable health outcomes, including but not limited to, reducing opioid overdose and opioid-related morbidity and mortality in rural Scioto County, Ohio.

RHOP incorporates a range of objectives to respond comprehensively to the opioid crisis in Scioto County. The Consortium serves to provide quality assistance and services for those struggling with OUD and reduce the stigma associated with this disorder. The Consortium also works toward identifying individuals at-risk for overdose and guide them towards recovery by providing outreach and education on locally available treatment options and support services through a program called Recovery Gateway that will be enhanced and expanded through this Project. The Consortium also educates community members on OUD and the community's response to it through outreach and education on OUD, treatment options, methods for preparing individuals with OUD for treatment, referring individuals with OUD to treatment, and how to best support individuals and family members in recovery. The Consortium, in conjunction with Recovery Gateway, also implements care coordination practices to organize patient care activities and will support individuals in recovery by establishing new or enhancing existing behavioral counseling and peer support activities in the service area.

Recovery Gateway utilizes a “hub and spoke” model and functions as a specialty treatment center (hub) responsible for navigating and helping to coordinate the care of individuals with complex opioid addictions and co-occurring substance abuse and mental health conditions across the health and substance abuse treatment systems of care. Clients will complete a needs assessment and then will be assisted in finding the services that they need. The “hub and spoke” model originated during the HIV epidemic and has significant promise in addressing the current opioid epidemic using evidence-based public health interventions.

RHOP features the following two key components:

- 1.) A broad-based community Consortium; and
- 2.) Expansion of Recovery Gateway Navigation Program

### **HIV/STD Prevention Regional Programs**

PCHD operates the HIV and STD prevention and treatment programs in Rural Region 8 of Ohio, which services 58 rural counties in the state. These programs are funded by grants awarded by the Ohio Department of Health. The HIV program focuses on HIV/STD testing and counseling, and prevention services for “at risk” populations. The program provides education and counseling on how to minimize the risk of contracting HIV/STDs.

The STD program provides disease intervention and partner notification services for clients who have been infected with, or potentially exposed to HIV and/or syphilis. Four Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) provide these services throughout Rural Region 8. Each DIS also provides linkage to care services in the 58-county region.

The Rural AIDS Coordinator is responsible for operational oversight of these programs. The Health Department contracts with the following health departments in the rural counties of Ohio to provide HIV Prevention services:

- **Allen County Health Department-** Allen County Health Department is located in Lima, Ohio, and serves Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Harding, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, and Van Wert counties.
- **Clark County Combined Health Department-** Clark County Health Department is located in Springfield, Ohio, and serves Champaign, Clark, and Shelby counties.
- **Greene County Combined Health District-** Greene County Health Department is located in Xenia, Ohio, and serves Clinton, Fayette, and Greene counties.
- **Lorain City Health Department-** Lorain City Health Department is located in Lorain, Ohio, and serves Lorain, Erie, Huron, and Medina counties.
- **Portsmouth City Health Department-** Portsmouth City Health Department is located in Portsmouth, Ohio, and serves Adams, Athens, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Jackson, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Washington counties.

The Rural AIDS Coordinator provides direction and communication to these agencies about grant related requirements and issues through monthly conference calls and through regular e-mail communication to contractors. She also performs site visits to each agency, at least once annually, to assure compliance with grant requirements.

The Health Department also maintains Memorandums of Understanding with thirty (30) agencies throughout the region to provide rapid HIV testing and counseling for clients in their region, in exchange for the provision of free rapid HIV test kits.

In 2017, these regional programs accomplished the following:

- Conducted HIV counseling and testing on four thousand seven hundred ninety-three (4,793) clients. Of these, fifteen (15) clients were HIV positive and received counseling and linkage to care services.
- Provided health education communication about HIV and risk reduction to twelve thousand, eight hundred twenty-seven (12,827) people through public outreach.
- Three hundred sixty-seven thousand three hundred forty (367,340) clients were reached through social media outreach.
- Distributed sixty-eight thousand five hundred (68,500) condoms to the public.

### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

The PHEP Grant has been funded by the Ohio Department of Health since 2002. The goal of the program is to equip and prepare local health departments to better address bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies.

Portsmouth City Health Department works closely with the regional public health coordinator, health departments in the south-central Ohio region, and a regional epidemiologist to write an All-hazards Emergency Response Plan that, among other things, addresses:

- Community preparedness
- Interoperative communication
- Emergency public information and warning
- Epidemiology and surveillance
- Environmental health
- Resource management
- Continuity of operations and recovery from an incident
- Mass dispensing
- Community containment (isolation and quarantine)
- Mental/behavioral health
- Mass fatality management
- Pandemic response
- Functional needs
- Volunteer management

The capabilities within these plans are exercised, and plans are updated annually to help ensure readiness for actual events that would cause public health emergencies.

# Accreditation

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## **Introduction**

Within its 2004 *Futures Initiative*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified accreditation as a key strategy for strengthening public health infrastructure. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2004 convened public health stakeholders to determine whether a voluntary national accreditation program for state and local public health departments should be explored further. The consensus was to proceed, and the *Exploring Accreditation* project was launched in 2005. The Steering Committee concluded that it was both desirable and feasible to move forward with establishing a voluntary national accreditation program that:

- Promotes high performance and continuous quality improvement;
- Recognizes high performers that meet nationally accepted standards of quality and improvement;
- Illustrates health department accountability to the public and policymakers;
- Increases the visibility and public awareness of governmental public health, leading to greater public trust and increased health department credibility, and ultimately a stronger constituency for public health funding and infrastructure; and
- Clarifies the public's expectations of health departments.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) was formed as the non-profit entity to implement and oversee national public health department accreditation, and program development. In February 2009, PHAB released the initial accreditation process and a set of draft standards and measures for public comment for a period of three months. Twelve standards were created, one for each of the ten (10) essential services of Public Health and two (2) for administration and the number of measures within the standards vary from five (5) to (9). The PHAB beta test took place from fall 2009 through the end of 2010. The voluntary National public health department accreditation launched on September 14, 2011.

While nationally accreditation is voluntary, in the state of Ohio it is mandatory that all Health Departments apply for PHAB Accreditation by 2018 and become fully accredited by July1, 2020.

## **The Accreditation Process**

There are seven (7) steps in the Accreditation process:

1. Pre-application

- a. Health department prepares and assesses readiness for application for accreditation, appoints an Accreditation Coordinator to lead the process, completes Online Orientation, and informs PHAB of its intent to apply.
- b. Seven prerequisites must be completed prior to application:
  - Community Health Assessment (CHA)
  - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
  - Strategic Plan
  - Workforce Development Plan
  - Quality Improvement Plan
  - Performance Management Program
  - Emergency Preparedness Plan

## 2. Application

- a. The Health department submits application and fee, and completes applicant training.
- b. Accreditation Coordinators are required to participate in PHAB training before the health department can begin to submit documentation of conformity with the PHAB standards and measures.

## 3. Document selection and submission

- a. Applicant selects documentation for each measure, uploads it to e-PHAB, and submits it to PHAB.
- b. Applicants must submit their documentation to PHAB within 12 months of the date that PHAB provides access (immediately after Coordinator completes training) to the module of the electronic system for submission of documentation.

## 4. Site visit of the health department is conducted by PHAB-trained site visitors and a site visit report is developed.

- a. Site visits will be conducted by a peer team of three to four PHAB-trained site visitors. The visit serves several purposes: verify the accuracy of documentation submitted by the health department, seek answers to questions regarding conformity with the standards and measures, and provide opportunity for discussion and further explanation. Site visits will typically last two to three days.
- b. Following the site visit, the site visit team will develop a site visit report. The report will describe:
  - how conformity with each measure was demonstrated, or detail what was missing;
  - areas of excellence or unique promising practices, and
  - Opportunities for improvement.

## 5. Accreditation decision

- PHAB Accreditation Committee will review the site visit report and determine

- accreditation status of the health department
  - The Accreditation Committee will make accreditation decisions based on the site visit report, including the site visit team’s scores and descriptive information.
  - There are two accreditation status decision categories:
    - “Accredited” (5 years) or
    - “Not Accredited.”
  - If the health department is not accredited, they will have an opportunity to submit an Action Plan.
    - If the Action Plan is approved by the Accreditation Committee, is implemented by the health department, and site visitors positively assess the documentation of implementation, then the health department could be accredited at that time.
    - Failure to submit an Action Plan or to implement the approved Action Plan will result in the health department being determined “Not Accredited.”
6. If accredited, the health department submits annual reports. The submission of annual reports is required of all accredited health departments. Annual reports describe how the health department has addressed areas identified by the Accreditation Committee as priority areas for improvement. Reports will also state that the health department continues to be in conformity with all the standards and measures of the version under which accreditation was received.
7. As accreditation status nears expiration, the health department applies for reaccreditation.

## **Summary**

In 2016 the Health Department completed the Community Health Assessment. Along with the Scioto County Health Coalition, we developed a Community Health Improvement Plan. Using data from the CHA and CHIP, we developed our Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2019. Performance Management and Quality Improvement Plans were put into place and the first annual review of the Workforce Development Plan was conducted.

The Health Department applied for Accreditation on September 9, 2016. The Accreditation Coordinator attended training at the Public Health Accreditation Board headquarters in Alexandria Virginia in November and we were given access to upload documentation on November 14, 2016. Documentation was submitted November 14, 2017 for technical review and we are on track to become accredited by December 31, 2018.

