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Wayne County Health Department

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Health Commissioner

The Wayne County Health Department experienced a lot of change in 2022. While Covid-19 consumed a lot of our time, it was not to the same extent that it has consumed our time in the previous two years. By the end of 2022, we returned to “mostly normal”. We rebranded our Nursing Services unit to Community Health Services in 2022. This is to better align with our focus on population health in addition to those services we have served the community with for years. Patty Reining is the new Director of the unit and in her short time we expanded clinic times, made our Project Dawn more robust and have distributed more naloxone in 2022 in the community than any other year since we brought the program to Wayne County in 2017. Our Environmental Health Unit had seen several of our programs surveyed by either the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and in each instance were approved by the delegating authority for us to continue to serve Wayne County in various capacities.

Our Environmental Health Unit has also collaborated with the Wayne County Farm Bureau and the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District this past year to sponsor and implement a tire collection for our farming community to dispose of old tires from agricultural equipment. Not only does this help our farmers but improve the public’s health. Our Administrative Unit also saw a lot of new faces. Theresa Schlauch took over the helm as our Director of Finance and Human Resources. We expanded our hours we issue birth and death records to be in line with agency operating hours. We also have started to get more training for our employees so that we can continue to be educated and up to date on the latest public health interventions. As we are coming more out of the pandemic in 2023, we are looking forward to serving Wayne County in more ways for our residents to be healthy and safe. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.



Nicholas Cascarelli, Ed.D.

Health Commissioner

Board of Health

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Robert Troutman



Women Infant & Children (WIC)

There were a lot of changes and excitement for the WIC team in 2022!!

The WIC clinic saw so many changes during Covid-19.

The Covid pandemic had determined how we were able to serve the WIC participants in our clinic.

We are excited to announce toward the end of 2022 that the WIC team has gone back to seeing our participants in person. Screening for length/height and weight has allowed the WIC clinic staff to screen for adequate growth in our children participants.

Increase Dollars for Fruits & Vegetables

In 2022 the USDA authorized an increase in fruit and vegetable dollars we provide to our participants in order to assist in the promotion of healthy eating.

Baby Formula Concerns

The infant formula industry difficulties in 2022 caused some concerns for families who choose to feed with formula. There was initially a recall of powdered infant formula made at the Michigan plant which then caused a shortage that led to many parents worried about how they would feed their babies.



WIC continues to support breastfeeding

WIC provides individualized support, prenatal education, and access to breast pumps to encourage and support a mother's choice whether to breastfeed. WIC's breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program provides support to mothers facing breastfeeding barriers. And this year we are excited to announce

Abbie Baker has moved into the role of Breastfeeding Peer and will work with Carli our Breastfeeding coordinator to support moms. Both Abbie and Carli can provide moms with answers to breastfeeding concerns and questions, such as returning to work after delivery, lack of workplace support for breastfeeding, as well as family and social pressures. Our breastfeeding program is here to help moms reach success with their breastfeeding goals. As always we offer support, encouragement, and care when counseling moms.

If you have Breastfeeding questions, please call us at 330-264-9590 Ext 222.

Wayne County WIC served a caseload of
1149 participants and had a budget of \$385,530.00 in 2022

The Wayne County Health Department WIC program continues to serve participants by appointment only.

The mission of WIC is to assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes, and healthy growth and development for women, infants, and children at nutritional risk by providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare.

FOOD. EDUCATION. SUPPORT. YOU GOT THIS.

WIC is simply here to back you up.

Environmental Health Services

Environmental Health Programs Administered by Wayne County Health Department

Rabies/Vector Control*

Public Health Nuisance Abatement*

Food Service Operations, e.g., restaurants

Retail Food Establishments, e.g., grocery stores

Campgrounds and Resident Camps

Household Sewage Treatment Systems & Small Flow

Semi-Public Sewage Treatment Systems (OEPA)

Public Swimming Pools/Spas

Private Water Systems

Tattoo and Body Art

Schools and Jails*

Solid Waste Facilities

Infectious Waste Facilities

Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Recycling

Plumbing Residential and Commercial

*For the programs asterisked above, there is no statutory authority to charge a state or local fee for program implementation.

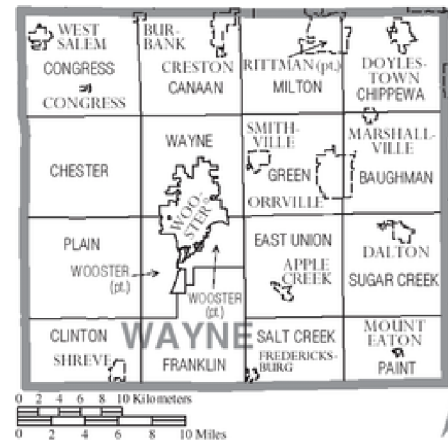
The Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) Environmental Health Unit (EH Unit) oversees approximately 12 programs to administer and enforce. Several of these programs are required to be surveyed for compliance by either the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Health or Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In 2022 the WCHD EH Unit underwent survey for 5 programs with no major issues being identified. This reflects on the level of competent service we provide to our residents in administering the program correctly.

Inspection / Service by Township

The programs WCHD EH Unit administers not only range by types of programs and but also services offered in all political subdivisions throughout the Wayne County. Program services and activities include but not limited to inspections, consultations, investigations, administrative work and educational events.

In 2022 a total of 12,893 services and activities were completed in all political subdivisions throughout Wayne County.



Inspection/Service Breakdown By Township

TOWNSHIP	# Activities
Apple Creek	136
Baughman	343
Burbank	6
Canaan	429
Chester	419
Chippewa	1024
Clinton	208
Congress	527
Congress Village	20
Creston	81
Dalton	197
Doylestown	218
East Union	870
Franklin	520
Fredericksburg	39
Green	351
Marshallville	83
Milton	493
Mt. Eaton	19
Orrville	725
Paint	460
Plain	314
Rittman	249
Salt Creek	426
Shreve	112
Smithville	117
Sugar creek	592
Wayne	547
West Salem	65
Wooster City	2837
Wooster TWP	466
TOTALS	12893

Activities include but not limited to:
Inspections, investigations, consultations and education.

Environmental Health Services

Tire Recycling: Keeping the Rubber out of Landfills and Cleaning up Tire Nuisances!

The WCHD EH Unit helps manage and/or participates in several tire recycling programs and projects for Wayne County residents. Two of the three following programs are largely made possible in collaboration with the Wayne County Sheriff's office and The Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste. The Residential Tire Drop-off Program is for local residents to make an appointment with the WCHD to properly dispose of residential tires, while the OEPA Open Dump Tire Recycling Program is for tires that are illegally dumped in areas like ditches, creeks or ponds.

In 2022 we collected 25.01 tons, or approximately 2000, residentially generated tires and 40.88 tons, or approximately 3500 tires of open dumped tires.



The most recent tire program was implemented for our farmers to have a means of properly disposing their oversized agriculture tires. The Agricultural Tire Round-up Event was administered in collaboration with the Wayne County Farm Bureau and Wayne County Soils and Water Conservation District. All of our tire collection efforts have four key goals; to keep tires out of landfills, to have them properly disposed of or recycled, to reduce public health nuisance's by eliminating potential mosquito breeding areas and to provide a convenient local process to properly dispose of tires.

Program Highlight: Food Safety

The purpose of our food safety program is to prevent food borne illnesses by inspecting and educating businesses about food safety practices.

Our inspections are very comprehensive. They involve plan review, new owner inspections, complaint inspections and routine inspections of

Food Service Operations (restaurants),

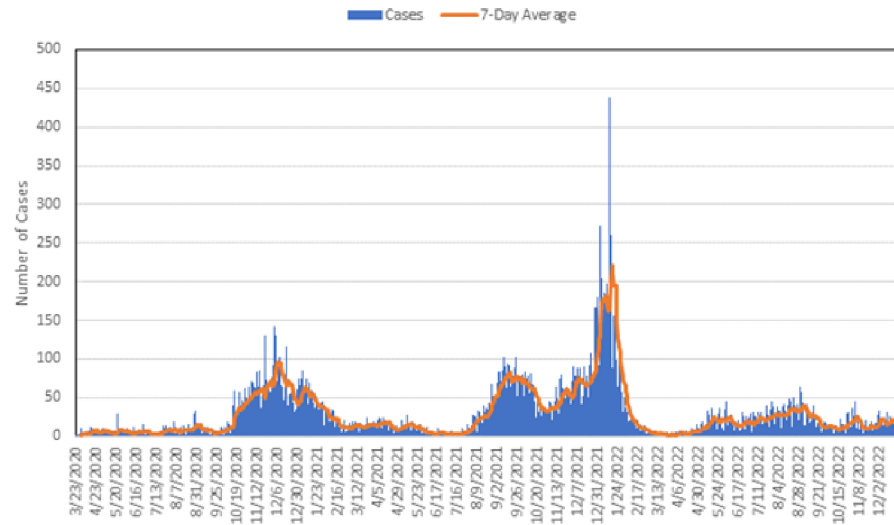
Retail Food Establishments (grocery stores), Mobile Units, Temporary Food Service Operations, and Vending Machine locations at least once or twice per licensing year (depending on type of facility), or as needed to ensure compliance. WCHD EH Unit completed approximately 1555 inspections in the food safety program in 2022.



Community Health Services

COVID-19

With the announcement of the end of the CoVid public health emergencies on May 11, 2023, we here at the health department continue to be dedicated to be a resource for the public. As our numbers continue to decline here locally, we continue to vaccinate the public. Several clinics were held in various locations to administer the CoVid vaccine. Over the past year 2115 total doses of vaccines were administered, which was a significant drop from years past. Reported cases and hospitalizations continue to decline as well.



Project Dawn

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs (OENDP) coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. The project is named in memory of Leslie Dawn Cooper, who struggled with substance use disorder for many years before dying from a witnessed opioid overdose on Oct. 3, 2009. Programs across Ohio host several events to commemorate Ohio's inaugural Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month (September).



In addition to our regular program by which individual citizens may receive kits, the WCHD participated in 3 events locally distributing Project Dawn kits. The events held at Trinity Church and the Salvation Army were successful in distributing more than 41 kits to the public. We also partnered with One-Eighty to distribute an additional 31 kits, and an event at Shellin Park, we were able to distribute another 50 kits to the public.

In December we teamed up with the College of Wooster and provided education to staff and security on the use of Narcan, and was able to supply the college with over 80 Project Dawn kits to be placed around the campus. In all of 2022, 242 kits were distributed in Wayne County.

Medical Director



Dr. Eric Smith serves as the Wayne County Health Department Medical Director. He has served as the Medical Director for three years.

He works with our Community Health Unit on the clinical operations. He issues the standing orders and our clinical protocols that our clinical team abides by to serve the community.

When the optimal care of a person or clinical situation is not clear from our state and local protocols, the Medical Director helps the clinical team develop an appropriate plan for individual and community health.

Dr. Eric A. Smith, MD
Medical Director

Community Health Services

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

The Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH) is a health care program in the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need.

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CMH's mission is to assure, through the development and support of high quality, coordinated systems, that children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family centered, community based and culturally sensitive.

Funding for services comes from the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, state general revenue funds, county tax funds, third-party reimbursements and donations.

Major components of the program

- Conducting quality assurance activities to establish standards of care and to determine unmet needs of children with handicaps and their families;
- funding services for the diagnosis and treatment of medically eligible conditions;
- collaborating with public health nurses and local health departments to assist in increasing access to care;
- supporting service coordination for children with selected diagnoses; and assisting families to access and utilize appropriate sources of payment for services for their child.

CMH has three programs to help children with special health care needs. All services must be given by CMH approved providers. The diagnostic, treatment and service coordination programs can be explained by one of our 2 public health nurses for better understanding. Cheryl Fields and Mark Ritchey are available by phone, and can conduct an in-person visit to assist. The Health Department services all of Wayne county, and this past year we served approximately 284 children through the CMH program.



Please visit our website or call us for more information.

New Staff

The Community Health Unit welcomed a number of new staff members in 2022. With the filling of open nursing positions, it has provided us with the opportunity for evaluating what we do and how we do it. The ever changing climate in health care is playing a role in the strategy of how the community health division is structured.

Administration

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Wayne County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program is funded through a grant provided by the Ohio Department of Health. The PHEP program is currently in its twentieth year and is managed by the department's Emergency Response Coordinator. The intent of the program is to strengthen Public Health's ability to respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.

For 2022 the new PHEP Coordinator continued emergency preparedness operations from the previous coordinator. October of 2022 the Health Department conducted a successful drill at one of our dispensing locations, which consisted of alerting staff and setting up the location for operational use.

Towards the end of the year there was a Radiological Tabletop Exercise which involved emergency personnel's feedback to prepare for a Radiological response.

The PHEP program also continually tests emergency communication systems on a monthly and bi-monthly basis to ensure that our information sharing capabilities operational between local and state.



A goal for 2023 is to have a thorough Radiological response plan to enhance local ability to respond in the event of a radiological incident. For 2023 the PHEP program we will also look to enhance our ability of picking up medical material from the region and improving distribution strategies.

Community Health Promotions

In 2022 the Community Health Promotions Coordinator's main goals were to increase the agencies social media presence, update the departments website and continue the work of promoting health education. The increase in the agencies social media presence produced a larger audience that helps us be more accessible and transparent, while also providing another outlet to educate our community. This was also the reasoning behind updating the website. The improvement to our website helps us provide up to date information from a computer, tablet or cell phone in order to be more accessible with a user friendly interface to help our citizens find what they need without assistance. The community health promotions program also focuses on directly educating our community. In the summer of 2022 the focus was collaborating with the Farm Bureau to educate the farming population on the risks and prevention of sun cancer.

With this collaboration, we successfully reached 1500 Farm Bureau members.

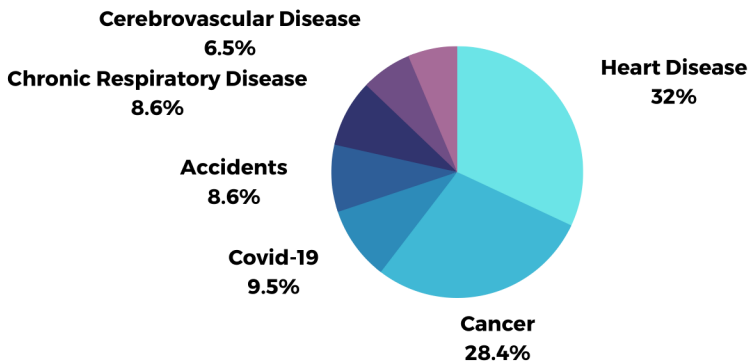
Welcome our New Hires for 2022!!

Melissa Ahrens, Public Health Nurse I
Deanna Ferry, Accounting Specialist
Cheryl Fields, Public Health Nurse II
Patricia Reining, Director of Nursing

Theresa Schlauch, Director of Finance & Human Resources
Christina Spitler, Public Health Nurse II
Kelly Starliper, Environmental Health Specialist in Training
Jordan Tschiegg, Emergency Response Coordinator

Administration

Leading Causes of County Resident Death 2022



Wayne County Births

Wooster Births	1186
Orrville Births	552
County Birthing Center	322
Home Births	84
Wayne Co. Birth Total	2144

Wayne County Residents Births

Baughman	49
Canaan	43
Chester	29
Chippewa	84
Clinton	48
Congress	58
East Union	134
Franklin	77
Green	130
Milton	101
Paint	92
Plain	22
Salt Creek	122
Sugar Creek	104
Wayne	168
Wooster	136
Unknown	18
Wayne Residents Total	1415

Budget Summary

REVENUES

General Fund	\$494,919.18	16.69%
Local Tax Monies	\$620,263.67	20.92%
State Subsidy	\$21,398.65	0.72%
Campgrounds	\$15,704.92	0.53%
Private Water Systems	\$81,998.25	2.77%
Solid Waste	\$400.00	0.01%
Swimming Pools / Spas	\$20,245.00	0.68%
Solid Waste Assistance	\$56,704.25	1.91%
C&DD	\$198,926.69	6.71%
Tattoos / Body Art	\$4,015.00	0.14%
Sewage	\$426,575.22	14.39%
Food Safety	\$324,841.67	10.95%
HB110	\$35,800.00	1.21%
WIC Grant	\$388,296.48	13.09%
GVO Grant	\$4,556.00	0.15%
PHEP Grant	\$109,353.00	3.69%
COVID Enhanced Operations Grant	\$21,577.59	0.73%
Public Health Workforce Grant	\$60,495.45	2.04%
COVID Vaccination Grant	\$79,221.93	2.67%

Total Revenue	\$2,965,292.95	100%
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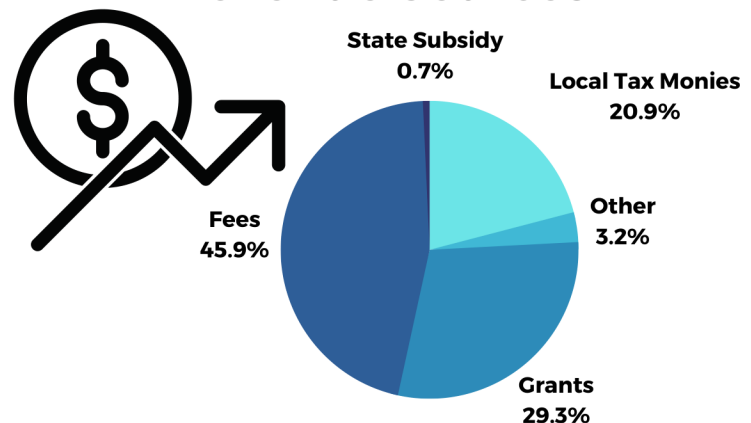
EXPENDITURES

General Fund	\$1,196,159.52	42.98%
Special Funds	\$1,587,080.17	57.02%

Total Expenditures*	\$2,783,239.69	100%
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(*of this amount, government entities were reimbursed \$277,495.86 or 7.1%)

Revenue Sources



We are happy to announce new hours for Vital Statistics!

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Birth Certificates for any individual born in the State of Ohio

Death Certificates for anyone who passed away in Wayne County

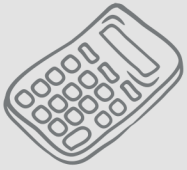
Certificates are available in just minutes.

Certified Birth and Death Certificates are \$25 each. We accept cash, check and credit card.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to give us a call!

Your local staff can be contacted at 330-264-9590 or stop in.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM



Back Row- Left to Right

Carrie Meyer, Clerical Specialist

Rebecca Norris, Community Health Promotions Coordinator

Theresa Schlauch, BA, SPHR, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Jordan Tschiegg, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

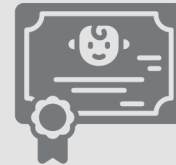


Front Row-Left to Right

Deanna Ferry, Accounting Specialist

Nikki Phillips, Clerical Specialist

Ashley Kuehn, Senior Clerical Specialist



COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

Left to Right

Patty Reining, Director of Nursing

Carli Gump, PHN 2 Immunizations

Christina Spitler, PHN 1

Melissa Ahrens, PHN 1

Beth Westfall, Patient App. Scheduler

Cheryl Fields PHN 2



Not Pictured

Kim D'Intino, Medical Billing Coordinator

Mark Ritchey, PHN 2 CMH

Trevor Jones, Epidemiologist



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM



Top Row- Left to Right

Janet Rittenhouse, Supervisor of EH

Kelly Starliper, EHSIT

Karen Voorhes, Clerical Specialist

Michele Kuehn, Senior Clerical Specialist

Ken Eng, REHS

Jason Murvine, REHS

Bottom Row- Left to Right

Colleen Dundon, REHS

Trevor Jones, REHS

Vaughn Anderson, Director Of EH

Bob Hempel, REHS



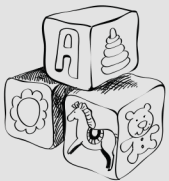
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Chuck Basler, Plumbing Inspector 2

Steve Rich, REHS



WIC TEAM



Left to Right

Abbie Baker, Breastfeeding Peer Helper

Carli Gump, Breastfeeding Coordinator

Wendy Anderson, Director of WIC

Taylor Ewing, Dietitian

Pam Armstrong, WIC Coordinator

Elesa Eaken, Dietitian





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Wayne County Health Department

Mission

The Wayne County Health Department safeguards the health of its residents by:

- *Promoting healthy lifestyles through education
- *Preventing and monitoring disease
- *Protecting and preparing against environmental and public health risks

Vision

The Wayne County Health Department will serve as a model for its ability to advocate and maintain a healthier and safer community.

Values

Innovation

We embrace change while venturing into the future with information, research and technology

Respect

Our endeavor is to openly communicate, show compassion, and treat everyone with dignity, to ensure that all individuals are valued and informed.

Teamwork

Our team is strong because we care, we share, and we actively listen. Because we help, respect and support each other, we are effective and dependable.

Accountability

We use responsible and professional judgement in assessing and addressing all community health needs, in a timely and effective manner.

Education

As a visible and trusted source of health-related information, guidance and assistance, we provide and maintain a trained, qualified workforce.

Ethics

We conduct ourselves with honesty, equality and integrity as we serve the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE VITAL STATISTICS COMMUNITY HEALTH

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