

Wayne County Health Department

2021 Annual Report

Health Commissioner & The Board

Two-thousand twenty-one was dominated by year two of the SARS CoV2 pandemic, especially our nursing services team. While the year started to see cases decline and more people got vaccinated, the year saw the SARS CoV-2 produce two variants, delta and omicron that caused cases to rise again during the last quarter of the year. Consequently, our clinical team was tasked with providing vaccines as well as continuing to track cases and provide technical assistance to schools, businesses and institutions to keep Wayne County residents safe. Our vaccine campaign could not have been as successful if it weren't for the many volunteers and local fire departments who helped assist in our vaccine campaign. We started out doing large scale vaccines at a few locations but as the spring and summer wore on we did a lot of outreach clinics in community centers, libraries, churches and some schools. We also saw a retirement of a long time employee Susan Varnes, Director of Patient Care Services in 2021. We are appreciative of her dedication and 28 years of service to the agency.

Our Environmental Health Unit, although not as busy with the pandemic in 2021, continued to support our clinical team with the vaccine campaign and other items as needed. Once at home test kits became widely available to health departments, our Environmental Team served as the main point of contact to distribute them to community. In addition to their normal duties, the Environmental Team also performed residential Hazardous Household Waste collection and residential tire collection. These programs have been well received by the community.

Our Administration Team performed key functions as they managed the grant monies received to aid us in our response to the pandemic very well. The Wayne County Health Department also did some reorganization to increase agency efficiency, evaluated our salary scale and reassigned staff to better serve the community and to more accurately reflect what our staff does.

In late 2020, we completed our Community Health Assessment where mental health, cancer and child abuse were identified by the community as the biggest threats to Public Health. The companion document, the Community Health Improvement Plan was completed in 2021. This is the second iteration of this plan. In addition to public health threats previously identified, other strategies were developed to address several other issues including access to care, obesity, diabetes, childhood trauma. This plan was created in concert with many community providers including representatives of the hospital systems and social service agencies. In terms of access to care, the Wayne County Health Department started the Wayne County Access to Care and Health Equity Workgroup to tackle some of the issues surrounding health access and equity.

Looking forward to 2022, we are hopeful the pandemic will come to a close. As that happens and continue to look forward, we will make improvements internally as well as work on things externally to promote a healthier and safer Wayne county. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Thank you,



Nicholas V Cascarelli Ed.D.



Left to Right (Back): Marjorie Shamp, Brent Brown, Jerry Herman, Melissa Craemer Smith

Left to Right (Front): Anne Wiseman, Ella Kick, Susan Buchwalter

Not Pictured: Dennis Tafoya, Robert Lindsay, Robert Troutman, Jordan Smith- Alternate

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

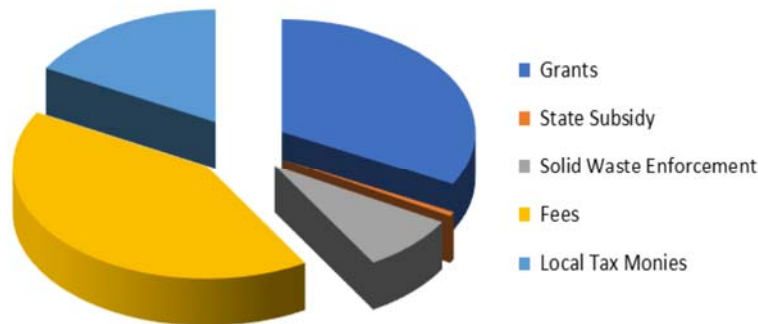
REVENUES

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| General Fund | \$ 488,732.08 | 13.8% |
| Local Tax Monies | \$ 601,815.15 | 17.0% |
| State Subsidy | \$ 21,523.95 | 0.6% |
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| Special Funds | | |
| Mobile Home Parks/ Campgrounds | \$ 12,820.76 | 0.4% |
| Private Water Systems | \$ 89,461.50 | 2.5% |
| Solid Waste | \$ 300.00 | 0.0% |
| Swimming Pools/Spas | \$ 18,262.50 | 0.5% |
| Solid Waste Assistance | \$ 98,750.00 | 2.8% |
| C&DD | \$ 188,398.21 | 5.3% |
| Tattoos | \$ 4,080.00 | 0.1% |
| Sewage | \$ 529,044.71 | 14.9% |
| Food Safety | \$ 294,691.96 | 8.3% |
| HB110 | \$ 32,953.75 | 0.9% |
| WIC Grant | \$ 357,091.45 | 10.1% |
| IAP Grant | \$ 7,677.00 | 0.2% |
| PHEP Grant | \$ 94,908.32 | 2.7% |
| COVID19 | \$ 77,267.80 | 2.2% |
| Contact Tracing | \$ 262,320.08 | 7.4% |
| Coronavirus Response Supplement | \$ 179,879.16 | 5.1% |
| Vaccine Needs Assessment | \$ 20,000.00 | 0.6% |
| Enhanced Operations | \$ 62,089.38 | 1.8% |
| Vaccine Equity | \$ 100,017.00 | 2.8% |
| Total Revenue | \$ 3,542,084.76 | 100.0% |

EXPENDITURES

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | \$ 1,142,401.86 | 36.2% |
| Special Funds | \$ 2,011,857.03 | 63.8% |
| Total | | |
| Expenditures* | \$ 3,154,258.89 | 100.0% |

(*of this amount, government entities were reimbursed \$264,836.13 or 8.4%)



Staff Milestones:

5 years Wendy Anderson
 10 years Donna Merriman
 10 years Vaughn Anderson
 20 years Beth Knopp
 25 years Kim D'Intino
 35 years Janet Rittenhouse

Chrystal Marcum, Director of Finance and Human Resources worked diligently to create the following new positions in 2021 (to be filled in 2022):

Plumber 2
 Fiscal Officer
 Medical Billing Coordinator
 Environmental Health Coordinator
 WIC Coordinator
 Patient Appointment Scheduler
 Outreach Specialist
 Senior Clerical Specialist
 Secretary
 WIC Eligibility Specialist

NURSING and our Covid Pandemic Response

The Wayne County Health Department continued with the COVID-19 pandemic response in 2021. The start of the year began with vaccinating our elderly population utilizing a drive through clinic. It took the cooperation of most of the staff in the nursing and environmental health departments. There were many issues that needed to be addressed including site location, monitoring post vaccine, shelter for staff, transport of vaccine, how to perform registration, get consents, and give education. The community was very generous. Private volunteers, fire fighters, EMTs, OARDC, and others made the clinic a success. Not only were there many vaccines that were given, the drive through made it easier for that population to drive through rather than coming into a building in the winter.

To accommodate more individuals requesting COVID vaccines, the clinic was moved to Wooster Church of the Nazarene. The church showed tremendous kindness and concern for the residents of Wayne County and Wayne County Health Department's commitment to vaccinate against COVID-19 by providing their facility to hold our weekly vaccine clinics. Businesses rallied and often provided lunch for all those working at the clinics. Our vaccination clinics were successful again, not only due to our staff and the facility, but also due to the unselfishness of the volunteers and community partners.

As need and interest for vaccines decreased, we again moved our vaccine clinics. With the helpfulness of the American Red Cross, we were able to continue clinics at their facility until the numbers reduced to the point of being able to have clinics in the Wayne County Health Department facility. Moving back to the Health Department coincided with the approval by the FDA and CDC for COVID vaccines for children 5-11 years, which we started and continue to provide. As a result, Wayne County Health Department, with the assistance of all others, were able to provide over 12,146 COVID-19 vaccinations!

Other COVID-19 activities continued in addition to the vaccine clinics. Nurses continued to provide education, contract tracing, and answer the tremendous volume of



calls from concerned citizens. Also, other COVID vaccine outreach clinics continued in businesses, libraries, churches, and in the homes of those housebound.

While most nursing programs were suspended during part of 2021, two were not. Nursing continued to assist families in the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program. Other communicable diseases continued to need to be investigated to provide reduced spread and education. Near summer, things started to somewhat resemble a return to a more normal feeling.

Project DAWN was reinstated using a web-based system to train and distribute NARCAN. Childhood immunization clinics re-started including outreach clinics in the Amish community

In conclusion, the response by Wayne County residents has been outstanding! We are here to serve our community, but continue to be grateful for all the assistance we were given and continue to receive! We hope the pandemic becomes more endemic and we can offer more programs to benefit our community.



Children with Medical Handicaps Program

Wayne County Health Department welcomed Denise VanMeter to our Nursing Department in August, 2021. Denise brings with her 7 years of experience as a Registered Nurse. She will be working in our Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program assisting families with children who have qualifying chronic healthcare needs obtain and coordinate comprehensive services and financial assistance from Ohio Department of Health's CMH Program.

Denise can be reached at 330-264-9590 ext. 209 or emailed at dvanmeter@wayne-health.org



Welcome, Denise VanMeter, R.N.

Wayne County Disease Report 2021

| MOST COMMON REPORTED CONDITIONS: | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|
| CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS | 39 | 27 | 38 |
| CHLAMYDIA | 294 | 225 | 256 |
| E. COLI | 13 | 6 | 7 |
| GONOCOCCAL INFECTION | 77 | 63 | 49 |
| HEPATITIS A | 39 | 34 | 6 |
| HEPATITIS B | 53 | 28 | 28 |
| HEPATITIS C | 113 | 74 | 81 |
| INFLUENZA– with associated hospitalization | 126 | 63 | 3 |
| LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE | 13 | 4 | 6 |
| LYME DISEASE | 17 | 25 | 22 |
| PERTUSSUS (WHOOPING COUGH) | 17 | 33 | 14 |
| SALMONELLOSIS | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| COVID | 0 | 6015 | |
| TOTAL OF ALL DISEASES REPORTED PER YEAR: | 886 | 6639 | |
| *This includes diseases with less than 10 cases per year, not listed above | | | |



The goal of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program is to enhance local ability to respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.

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 nineteenth 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.

Hello, my name is Anthony Gallam and I am the current PHEP Coordinator. I have been at the Wayne County Health Department since the end of July 2021. I am new to the PHEP role, but have an extensive background and education in the Emergency Management and Emergency Response roles. I live in Oberlin with my family, wife of 9 years, two daughters 14 and 7, a new baby boy 14 months and our 1-year-old Belgian Malinois dog, "Dash".

Stepping into the role of PHEP Coordinator in the middle of a pandemic was not easy, but I'm a fast learner and believe that I had a great support system to help bring me up to speed not only in my role but also as to how I fit in with the health departments response to Covid.

For 2021 as the new PHEP Coordinator, I hit the ground running. I assisted the Health Department with vaccine clinics along with beginning revisions to the Health Department Emergency Response Manual. I secured two Zoll AEDs for the health department. A video on how to use them went out to the staff as well as individual Q&A. A training is currently in the process for all Health Department staff on how to use them. Two generators that were acquired last year, were put into service. These are property of the Wayne County Health Department and can be used for anything health department related. Even though we are still working through COVID, an After Action Report was completed with various agencies and entities in Wayne County that assisted throughout the pandemic. This was hosted by the Wayne County EMA and was extremely informative.

A goal for this year for the PHEP Program is to host an Active Shooter training at the health department with the help of the county EMA and Wayne County Sheriff's office.

For 2022 the PHEP Program is looking continue to ensure that all department staff is trained to the specified level via NIMS and the federal guidelines required.



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Women, Infants and Children - WIC

The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a **USDA federally funded** program. WIC serves pregnant, breastfeeding, and women who recently had a baby, as well as infants and children up to their fifth birthday who qualify for the program. WIC eligibility is determined based on an assessment of financial and nutritional risk. Did you know those who currently receive Medicaid or SNAP benefits automatically qualify for WIC?

WIC provides access to healthy foods to WIC participants. WIC employs dietitians, nutrition experts, who create a food package tailored to each participant to help provide nutrition support during a crucial period of growth and development. Dietitians can answer questions about healthy foods, how to prepare foods, and provide you with ideas on how to get your child to eat. Nutrition education empowers you, the parent (or caregiver), to promote healthier eating into your family's routine.

The WIC clinic staff screens for adequate growth in both height/ length and weight, as well as anemia. WIC's anemia screenings help the dietitians in tailoring nutrition-focused interventions. WIC infants now outnumber non-WIC infants in healthy iron intake.

WIC also refers out to community programs, including for immunizations, tobacco cessation and substance use, prenatal or pediatric care, postpartum depression and mental health, dental care, and social services.

WIC is the nation's leading breastfeeding promotion program. WIC provides individualized support, prenatal education, and access to breast pumps to encourage and strengthen a mother's choice whether to breastfeed. WIC's Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program provides support to mothers facing breastfeeding barriers, such as a rapid return to work after delivery, lack of workplace support for breastfeeding, family and social pressures, and targeted marketing by the infant formula industry. Our breastfeeding program is here to help moms reach success with their breastfeeding goals. The peer program offers support, encouragement, and care when counseling moms. If you have Breastfeeding questions, please call us at 330-264-9590 Ext 222.

The Breastfeeding Department reports the evidence continues to suggest breast milk is not likely to spread the COVID-19 virus to babies. And breast milk provides protection against



Left to Right (Back): Wendy Anderson, WIC Director, Abbie Baker, Elesa Eaken (Front): Ashley Kuehn, Carli Gump, Taylor Ewing

many illnesses and is the best source of nutrition for most babies.

Remember to talk with your doctor if you have Covid concerns.

Wayne County WIC serves an approximate caseload of 1200 participants and has a budget of \$385,530.00. The Wayne County Health Department WIC program is currently serving 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.

The WIC staff is looking forward to the future and is hopeful for 2022.

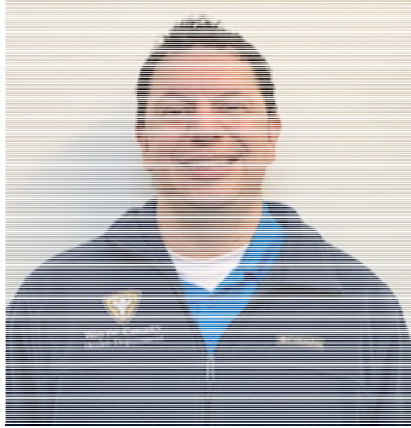
References: <https://thewichub.org/the-state-of-wic>

ADMINISTRATION

The Admin. Team has grown and changed in 2021. We welcomed new Team Members: Anthony Gallam and Holly Leeder.

Holly assists the Registrar, Beth Knopp and the Deputy Registrar, Beth Amstutz-Archer serving the community in our Vital Statistics Department and assists the Environmental Health Office.

Vital Stats has been busy, with increased birth and death certificates continued from the pandemic and changes at the License Bureau. We brought back walk-in hours and continue to greet clients as they come into the building. We also handle ordering for the agency, maintenance requests, simple IT issues, accounts receivable and payable and payroll.



Anthony Gallam
P.H.E.P. Coordinator



Holly Leeder
Clerk 1, Vital Statistics Support

The Director of Finance and Human Resources, Chrystal Marcum and the Assistant Fiscal Officer, Beth Amstutz-Archer have been busy serving the agency through Fiscal and Human Resources support. The County rolled out a new electronic payroll system, Dayforce, which will eventually save us all time, but has been challenging to learn and train.

The Administration Team looks forward to working with the agency and the community in 2022.

Remembering Donna Merriman



Pictured left to right: Beth Knopp, Donna Merriman, Chrystal Marcum, Beth Amstutz-Archer

Donna Merriman was our coworker and friend from 2011 until her passing in December 2021. Donna was part of the Administrative Team serving as a Clerical Specialist, Clerk 1 and Deputy Registrar in our Vital Statistics Department. Donna was known as the "agency mom" with her caring nature and friendly conversation. She loved cats, the color purple, the beach, diamond paintings, comic sans font, and decorating for every holiday. The Admin team will never feel the same; Rest in Peace, Donna!

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Wooster City Births | 1205 |
| Orrville City Births | 519 |
| County Birthing Center | 381 |
| Homebirths | 62 |
| TOTAL BIRTHS | 2167 |

Certified Birth Certificates and Death Certificates are \$25.00 each

We accept cash, check and card

We can issue for all Ohio births and for deaths that occurred in Wayne County, Ohio.

We issue certificates as you wait!

Vital Statistics hours are
Monday– Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Faces of Vital Statistics:

(Pictured left to right)
Beth Knopp, Registrar;
Beth Amstutz-Archer,
Assistant Fiscal Officer
Deputy Registrar;
Holly Leeder, Clerk 1;
Chrystal Marcum,
Director of Finance
and Human Resources

DEATHS

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| Wooster Deaths | 719 |
| Orrville Deaths | 103 |
| Rittman Deaths | 58 |
| County Deaths | 475 |
| TOTAL DEATHS | 1355 |
| FETAL DEATHS | 11 |
| GRAND TOTAL DEATHS | 1366 |

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Heart (All Types) | 358 |
| Cancer (All Types) | 184 |
| Respiratory | 183 |
| Alzheimer's | 98 |
| Accidents | 81 |
| Covid | 81 |
| Suicides | 13 |

*Listing as an immediate cause. There were 183 deaths where Covid 19 was listed as an immediate, sequentially or underlying cause of death.

**Statistics provided by the Ohio Department of Health and Wayne County Health Department Vital Statistics Staff.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



(Above) Environmental Health Specialist, Bob Hempel inspecting at the Fair, 2021.

(Below) Ken Eng, Environmental Health Specialist, at an inspection.



Keeping the Wayne County Fair Safe, Healthy and Fun!

The Wayne County Jr. Fair is the largest event to occur annually in Wayne County with an estimated 140,000 people from across Ohio attending the weeklong event. In addition, the fair has 100's of actual fair participants in the form of food and commercial vendors, entertainers, campers, 4H youths and parents and ride/game operators. The Wayne County Health Department's (WCHD) relationship with The Wayne County Fair Board is vital in keeping the health and wellbeing of all attendees and participants a priority.

The services the WCHD provides during the fair include a variety of inspections, consultations and educational information. An average of 90 hours is spent each year by sanitarians in working with all food vendors to help prevent food related disease outbreaks. In addition, sanitarians inspect all the campgrounds to ensure all waste water is not discharged to our creeks and ditches and enforce other sanitary conditions. Other services include but are not limited to backflow prevention inspections by the plumbing Inspector and licensing inspections for temporary food and body art facilities.

Over 100 hours each year is spent by all Environmental Health Unit staff to help keep the fair safe, healthy and fun. All of this is only possible through communication, mutual respect and common goals of serving our community and having a great fair each year.

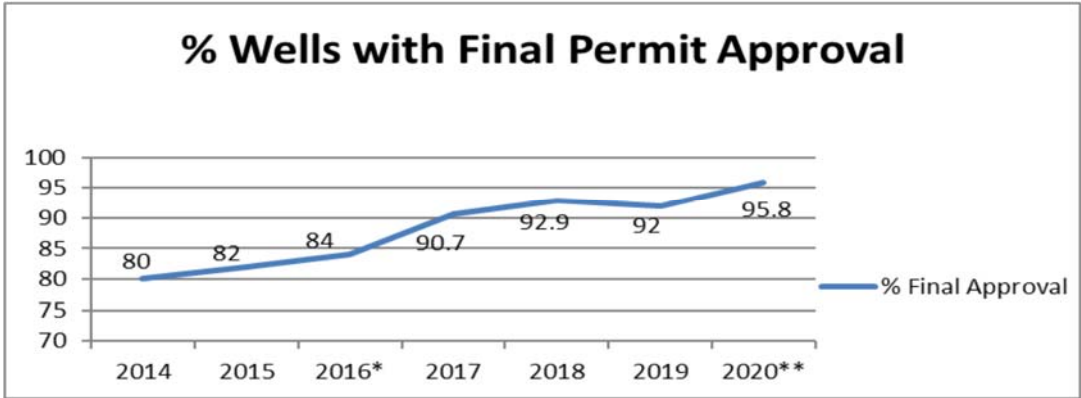
Protecting Drinking Water for Wayne County Residents

An analysis of well permit and sewage permit data was conducted by comparing the number of septic and well permits each year. The Environmental Health Unit observed a large difference in the number of sewage permits versus number of well permits. It would be logical to have a close number of septic and well permits since most dwellings and buildings with a septic system needs to have a source of water. Illegal or improper connections to a private water well could potentially contaminate the ground water supply making people ill.

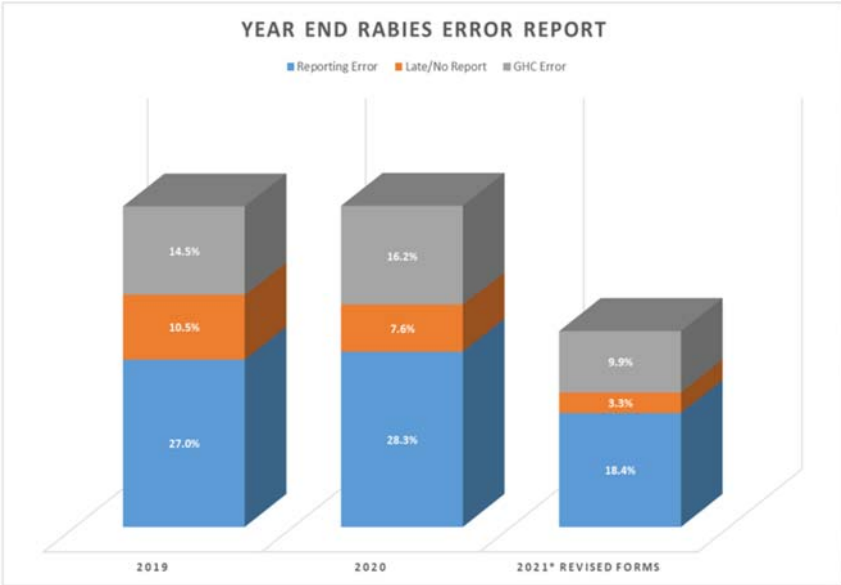
Data was analyzed and compared and it was observed that many homes or other structures with plumbing were being built without ever obtaining a well alteration permit. In order to obtain a building permit a septic permit shall be issued but not a well permit. Most of the data indicated a new dwelling or building were illegally altering an existing private water well by running a new water distribution line which requires a permit. This occurred mainly due to lack of knowledge and understanding by contractors and property owners of the private water rules. It was also observed that going after illegal alteration permits after the fact was taking too much staff time compared to getting the permit before the work was already completed. Continued on page 11

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

An educational campaign with new procedures were incorporated to address this issue. Meetings and letters to private well contractors explaining the requirements and public health importance in obtaining a well permit was initiated. The new procedure also targeted private property owners to remind them to obtain a well permit before connecting to an existing well. The new procedures and educational campaign resulted in an increased compliance and efficiency in obtaining proper well permits to help protect Wayne County’s ground water supply.



Environmental Health Units Steps Up Rabies Surveillance



The Wildlife Services (WS) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works with the Ohio Department of Health to protect people and pets from the threat of rabies in our area.

WS distributes an oral rabies vaccine (ORV) bait to vaccinate raccoons, foxes, and coyotes and help stop further spread of rabies. The zone has increased to almost include portions of Wayne County.

The EH Unit is in charge of investigating all animal bites for rabies vaccination requirements, prevention of the spread of rabies and the protection of both animal and human life. Because of this the EH Unit

analyzed animal bite reports and found many errors and mistakes in the required information and the timely reporting of animal bites.

Staff, with help from surveillance providers, (physicians, veterinarians and law enforcement) provided input on what was needed to correct and improve animal bite reporting in Wayne County. As a result, a new animal bite reporting form was created and distributed to all surveillance providers and was shown to improve all aspects of animal bite reporting by 40%.

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SERVICE DIRECTORS

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Director of W.I.C.

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Director of Nursing

Eric A. Smith, M.D.
Medical Director

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 judgment 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.

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