From the Health Commissioner

I am very proud to present our Annual Report that highlights some of the outstanding Public Health work our agency accomplished in 2015. The last year brought many challenges and successes for us at WCHD and we have strived to continuously improve our programs and services. Working with the Wood County Health Partners, we completed a new Community Health Assessment that gave us a snapshot of our county health data in comparison to other counties, the state, and the nation. We have had great improvements in many health categories, but there is still work to be done in others. With our community partners, we are completing and implementing a Community Health Improvement Plan to help address the most pressing health issues that were identified. You can find both of these reports on our website and they form the foundation for our work in improving health measures. We welcome any feedback and are always looking for any Wood County residents who would like to participate in this continual process.

The world of Public Health is always changing and we are ever ready to respond to keep Wood County as one of the healthiest counties in Ohio. This report is only a snapshot of all that we do to facilitate opportunities for Wood County residents to lead healthy lives. Please give us a call for more information about our services or visit our website at woodcountyhealth.org to learn more about our many programs. I wish you the best of health!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Batey RN, MPH
Wood County Health Commissioner

Mission

We will take the initiative to facilitate opportunities for Wood County residents to lead healthy lives.

Vision

Our vision is to provide the highest level of service and leadership to be the healthiest county in Ohio.
2015 Community Health Assessment

The community health assessment is done every 3 years and is one of the core functions of public health. From the beginning, community leaders were actively engaged in the planning process and helped define the content, scope, and sequence of the study. Data was collected through health surveys mailed to a random sample of Wood County adult residents. A random sample of students were selected and surveyed in Wood County schools. The goal was to identify key strengths, weaknesses, and health concerns for residents of Wood County. “The assessment gave us an excellent opportunity to partner with Wood County government leaders, agencies, organizations, businesses, schools and local residents to develop the final document,” said Health Commissioner Ben Batey. “Feedback from the public was used to clarify and validate the key findings of the assessment,” said Batey.

The survey results showed some positive improvements in areas such as more adults who have never smoked, less youth who are smoking and fewer obese adults. The surveys along with other assessment tools led to the creation of health improvement priorities and a strategic plan for addressing them. The Health District and its partners identified the following priorities to work on: decrease obesity, increase mental health services, decrease violence and bullying among youth and children, and increase healthcare access and utilization.

See pages 3-5 for more information about both the health assessment results and the important priorities.

Board of Health

The Board of Health, in addition to appointing the Health Commissioner, assumes the responsibility of overseeing the Wood County General Health District’s activities to provide for the protection and promotion of health for those living in and visiting Wood County. The Wood County Board of Health meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Wood County Health District.

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HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

- 94% Have health insurance

Since 2012, the number of uninsured adults has decreased from 15% to 6%

What types of insurance coverage do Wood County adults have?

- 95%
- 74%
- 90%
- 65%

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

- Half of adults visit a health care provider for routine checkups
- Travel outside Wood County for health care services
- 68%

HEART HEALTH

- 1 in 4 have high blood pressure
- 1 in 4 will die from heart disease or a stroke

OBESITY

- 58% engage in some type of physical activity or exercise for at least 30 minutes on 3 or more days per week
- 64% are obese or overweight

CANCER

- 12% have been diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives

Leading Cancers
- Skin (35%)
- Breast (14%)
- Prostate (19%)
- Cervical (14%)
MENTAL HEALTH

16% Have seriously considered attempting suicide

1 in 4 feel sad or hopeless almost every day

23% have purposefully hurt themselves

Males have attempted suicide 6%

Females have attempted suicide 9%

OBESITY

1 in 3 are obese or overweight

13% eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day

73% Participate in at least 180 hours of physical activity

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

27% Have had sexual intercourse

1 in 4 have sexted

6% had 4 or more sexual partners

7% engaged in intercourse without a reliable method of protection

VIOLENCE & UNINTENTIONAL INJURY

38% Are bullied

31% are VERBALLY bullied
20% are INDIRECTLY bullied
9% are CYBER bullied
7% are PHYSICALLY bullied
2% are SEXUALLY bullied

22% Are bullied on school property
### Priority Health Issues for Wood County

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A Day in the Life of a Sanitarian

In July, The Wood County Health District, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Northwest District Office, Wood County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) worked together to address potential environmental and public health hazards after an underground fuel oil tank was overtaken by water resulting in fuel leaking onto the ground in a residential neighborhood in Lake Township.

The Health District and ODH examined the location of the spill, nearby wells and the direction of ground water flow to identify wells to sample. A small amount of fuel oil appeared to have made it off the property onto the neighboring properties directly on each side of it.

Health District sanitarians went door-to-door to make sure residents in the area knew about the incident. They gave informational packets to residents and offered them the option to have their wells tested. The fuel tank was pumped of remaining oil and water and was filled with cement.

Twelve wells were identified to sample to determine if the fuel made it into them. The Ohio Department of Health offered to cover the cost of the sampling.
Key Environmental Health Activities

- Hosted training for home septic contractors.
- Conducted well testing for various reasons.
- Held training for swimming pool operators.
- Emergency planning efforts for Hazardous Algal Bloom water concerns.
- Administrative hearings for Food Service Operations and a home septic installer.
- Salmonella outbreak investigation at a local nursing facility.
- Hosted the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture for training for our staff in food and sewage programs.
- Hosted three summer public health interns who worked on scanning documents for sewage operation and maintenance program and accreditation.

Clean Plate Awards

The 2015 Clean Plate Award were presented to 43 licensed food service operations out of more than 800 food service operations in Wood County.

These restaurants and other food service operations have been dedicated to upholding excellent sanitation and food safety knowledge and going above and beyond the minimum requirements within their facility.

The recipients received a certificate of excellence and recognition of excellent performance in food safety from the Wood County Health District. The winners of the Clean Plate Award also received a Clean Plate Award decal to display.

This was the fifth year that the Wood County Board of Health handed out the awards.
The Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center continues to strive toward our mission of improving the health of residents in Wood County. A Notice of Award for continuation of funding for an additional three year project period has been received from Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) for the health center. The new project period is from February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2019. We thank everyone for allowing us to inspire our community members to lead healthy lives.

2015 Highlights

- Pharmacy OPEN and filling prescriptions
- Provided many Community presentations about insurance options and health center services.
- Received a Reproductive Health and Wellness Grant from the Ohio Department of Health
- Started a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program. SBIRT is an approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment to people with substance use disorders and those at risk of developing these disorders
- Two Certified Application Counselors assisting individuals with Medicaid and Marketplace Applications
- Began offering higher level Women’s Health Services
- Addition of a self-referral room enabling patients to make an appointment for follow-up to specialists prior to leaving Health Center
- Became an Ohio Benefit Bank Site with an Ohio Benefit Bank Counselor on staff to connect patients to programs and resources. (Food & Nutrition, Healthcare Assistance, Taxes, Student Aid, Child Care, HEAP, Voter registration, Ohio Works First Cash, Golden Buckeye, Senior Community, Big Brothers/Big Sisters)
- Added Anthem and United Health Care Insurance Plans

Some of the Health and Wellness Center providers and staff members.
Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH)

The Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH) provides assistance to children with special health care needs and their families who meet the medical and financial eligibility criteria. Assistance is provided to children under the age of 21 who have special health care needs and are residents of the State of Ohio. Many of these children have medical conditions that require ongoing treatments. Some examples of these conditions are diabetes, heart defects, chronic lung disease, cancer and hearing loss.

CMH may be able to cover services that are not covered by insurance and/or Medicaid. Although CMH covers a wide range of services, it is important to know CMH does not cover all the services a child with special health care needs may require, nor are all services available for every diagnosis. Services must be related to the child’s CMH-eligible condition.

If you live in Wood County, we have CMH public health nurses at Wood County Health District who can help you apply for your child if they have a qualifying health condition. If you live outside of Wood County, contact your local health department to apply. For more information on how to enroll go to: http://1.usa.gov/1TIBrpp or call 419-352-8402 and ask to speak to a CMH nurse.

The Importance of Immunizations

Ohio was ranked 49th in the nation for childhood immunization rates according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) National Immunization Survey. In 2013, only 63.4% of Ohio’s children aged 19-35 months had completed the recommended vaccine series. Even though they can be prevented through vaccines, devastating diseases like whooping cough, measles and mumps were widespread in Ohio in 2014.

According to the CDC, there were 1,465 cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, in Ohio during 2014, which is up from 905 cases reported in 2012.

Before the pertussis vaccine was available, there were hundreds of thousands of cases of whooping cough each year, but as a result of vaccination, by 1976, there were only 1,010 reported cases of whooping cough in the United

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2015 Community Nursing Statistics

Children with Medical Handicaps Program

- 317 children helped
- 282 families contacted

Immunizations

- 1,321 adults and children immunized
- 2,167 immunizations given

Personal Care

- 93 clients served
- 3,232 Home Health Aide visits
- 474 Medication Set-up Visits
- 130 Nurse case management visits
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

5,099 visits

1,433 average monthly caseload of participants.

Did you know?

WIC helps pregnant women see physicians earlier and increases the number of women receiving timely prenatal care

WIC participation improves the length of pregnancy and birth weight

WIC participation reduces late fetal deaths

WIC improves the diets of women and children

WIC participation results in increased head circumference (reflecting brain growth) of infants whose mothers receive WIC during pregnancy

WIC children are better immunized and are more likely to have a regular source of health care

Children in WIC do better on vocabulary scores

What is WIC?

WIC helps income-eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. WIC improves pregnancy outcomes by providing or referring to support services necessary for full-term pregnancies; WIC helps reduce infant mortality by reducing the incidence of low birth weight (infants under 5 ½ pounds are at greater risk of breathing problems, brain injuries and physical abnormalities). WIC provides infants and children with a healthy start in life by improving poor or inadequate diets.

WIC provides:

- nutrition education
- breastfeeding education and support
- supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula
- referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs (examples: Head Start, Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.)

WIC clients receive a WIC electronic benefits card (EBC). Stores in Wood County that accept this card include: Great Scot in North Baltimore, Kroger in Bowling Green and Perrysburg, Meijer in Bowling Green and Rossford, Wal-Mart in Bowling Green and Perrysburg.

WIC has recently relocated to 639 Dunbridge Rd. in Bowling Green. The new location provides necessary room for employees and comfort and privacy for customers. The new space also adds features such as a welcoming waiting area and a dedicated education room.

Call 419-354-9661 to set up an appointment to meet with our staff. WIC has walk-in times from 8:45 am to 11:30 am and 1pm to 4pm.
Vital Statistics
(Births and Deaths)

346
Births

1,351
Deaths

2,241
Copies of birth certificates issued

6,408
Copies of death certificates issued

409
Burial permits issued

Infectious Disease Program

Community outbreaks and diseases are followed up on by our communicable disease nurse and epidemiologist to protect the citizens of Wood County. There are over 80 diseases that are required to be reported to the Wood County Health District per the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-3. These diseases are reportable due to the potential for epidemic spread and/or are diseases of significant public health concern.

Infectious Disease Reports

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Most Commonly Reported Infectious Diseases in Wood County in 2015

- Chlamydia (470)
- Hepatitis C (113)
- Gonorrhea (40)
- Salmonella (35)
- Influenza (Hospitalizations) (27)

THE FLU.

Ain't nobody got time for that!

Get your flu shot here!

419-354-9049

Registrar Yvette Marie
What is Public Health?

Public health is credited with adding 25-30 years to the life expectancy of people in the United States in this century, according to the CDC, yet if asked, “What is Public health?” the average person may say something like “healthcare for low-income families.”

Public health professionals focus on protecting the health of entire populations. The goal is to prevent disease and injury through population-based prevention programs. The Wood County Health District promotes healthy lifestyles through educational programs, developing policies, administering services, conducting research, monitoring community health status to identify community health problems and health hazards in Wood County and working with community partners to help solve community health problems. We also focus on controlling infectious disease, enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety, reducing environmental hazards, violence, substance abuse and injury.

A large part of public health is promoting healthcare equity, quality and accessibility. The Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center, part of the Wood County Health District, works toward that effort by offering comprehensive medical services for all, from prenatal care, to infants through seniors, including behavioral health, reproductive health, clinical pharmacy and dispensing pharmacy services. The health center is contracted with many different insurance companies and is accepting new patients with or without insurance. A sliding fee scale, based on income, is available for all patients. No one is refused services for inability to pay.

While public health professionals have made significant contributions to improving population health over the last century through public health efforts such as: recognizing tobacco as a health hazard; reducing deaths from heart attack and stroke; immunizations to help eradicate smallpox and dramatically decrease the number of cases of polio, measles and other diseases; healthier mothers and babies; motor vehicle safety; fluoridation of water to prevent cavities; and family planning, there is still much work to be done. For example, the U.S. has had the highest obesity rates across all age groups for decades. U.S adolescents have the highest rate of pregnancies and are more likely to acquire sexually transmitted diseases. In Wood County, chlamydia was the most commonly reported infectious disease in 2015. Drug-related mortality is another public health issue. We lose more years of life to alcohol and other drugs than people in peer countries. The President’s 2014 National Drug Control Strategy noted that drug-induced overdose deaths now surpass homicides and car crash deaths. We have a lot of challenges to overcome and it will take change at both the local and national levels to ensure our communities make a positive impact on our health, but we are committed to protecting and improving health in Wood County.
Social Media Growth

Did you know that:

- 70% of the U.S. population has at least one social networking profile?
- The number of worldwide social media users is expected to reach 2.5 billion by 2018?

WCHD Facebook Summary

At the beginning of 2015, we had 179 likes on our Facebook page. After outreach efforts, we were able to increase our page likes to **2,606 likes** by the end of 2015!

Over 166,000 impressions were made with the 309 posts to Facebook. Of the people who like our Facebook page, 83% are women and 16% are men.

If you haven't liked our Facebook page yet, please consider it! www.facebook.com/WCHDOhio

WCHD Twitter Summary

With 125 Tweets, we had 69,963 Tweet Impressions. We ended the year with 484 Twitter followers, 59% of whom are female and 41% are male.

Health Center Facebook Page Summary

Likes: We started off the year on 1/1/15 with 30 likes and ended the year with 330 likes on 12/31/15. Those numbers have continued to grow. With 40 posts, we had 10,701 impressions. Women make up 88% of our Facebook fans and 12% are men.
Harmful Algal Blooms

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) can cause taste and odor problems in drinking waters, pollute beaches with scums, reduce oxygen levels for fish and other animals, cause processing problems for public water supplies, and may generate toxic chemicals.

The term "algal" can be misleading because the organisms that typically make up HABs are actually cyanobacteria. The most dominant cyanobacteria in Lake Erie is microcystis, which produces a hepatotoxin called microcystin.

Increased monitoring of public drinking water should occur whenever microcystin levels reach 1 part per billion (ppb). Potential risk to human health from recreational contact, like swimming in Lake Erie, is considered low at 4 ppb and moderate at 20 ppb.

If drinking water is disrupted in the future due to high levels of microcystin, are you prepared? It is recommended to have at least 3 - 7 gallons of water per person. Have water on hand for pets, too.

States. However, since then, it has slowly increased over the years to more than 28,000 cases each year nationwide.

In 2014, there were 383 cases of measles reported during the Ohio measles outbreak, which was the largest measles outbreak since 1996. There were 482 mumps cases during the mumps outbreak in Central Ohio in 2014, the largest outbreak Ohio has seen since 1979. Timely immunization could have helped to reduce these numbers.

“Protecting our children against vaccine-preventable disease is important. We should not risk lives when vaccines are widely available,” said Wood County Health District Director of Nurses, Amy Jones. “Delaying or avoiding immunization can lead to tragic consequences.”
Partnering for a Bigger Impact

The Wood County Health District partners with many organizations and participates in numerous groups throughout the county such as:

Association of Ohio Health Commissioners
BGSU College of Health and Human Services Leadership Council
Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce
Continuum of Care of Wood County
Department of Homeland Security Communities of Practice
Early Childhood Task Force
Elder Forum through Wood County Committee On Aging
Family and Children First Council
NW Ohio Healthcare Coalition
NW Ohio-Healthcare Emergency Management Coalition
NW Ohio Regional Ebola
NW Ohio Regional Epis
NW Ohio Regional Planners
NW Ohio Public Information Officers Group
NW Ohio PIO Steering Committee
NW Ohio Sewage Consortium
Perrysburg Fire Department Strategic Planning Committee
Prevention Coalition
Project AWARE
Project Connect Committee
Safe Kids Greater Toledo Coalition
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Communications Committee
TMACOG Water Quality Council

Wood County Child Fatality Review Board
Wood County Committee on Aging
Wood County Community Health Improvement Planning Committee 2015
Wood County Community Health Assessment Committee
Wood County Department of Job and Family Services Planning Committee
Wood County Emergency Preparedness Committee
Wood County Health Partners
Wood County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)
Wood County Obesity Task Force
Wood County Opiate Task Force
Wood County Prevention Coalition
Wood County Safe Communities Coalition
Wood County Suicide Prevention Coalition
Wood County Wellness Subcommittee
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A Note about Audits

The Wood County Health District is audited annually by the Auditor of State’s office. Each year’s audit is usually completed by the middle of the following year. For the latest audit (2014), go to: ohioauditor.gov.
In 2015, the Health District continued to work towards accreditation by submitting over 300 documents demonstrating how it fulfills the 10 essential services of public health and more. We had a 2 day site visit by PHAB reviewers to meet with staff, the Board of Health, the Health Commissioner and community partners. By the end of 2016, the Health District should become one of the few accredited health districts in Ohio and among an elite group across the nation. By achieving this status ahead of a state-required 2020 deadline, the Health District is able to focus on maintaining services and improving its efficiency and effectiveness.

What is Public Health Accreditation?

The goal of the accreditation program is to advance the continuous quality improvement of all state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments across the country. The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has developed standards that health departments can put into practice to ensure they are providing the best services possible to keep their communities safe and healthy. These standards are used to assess health departments for accreditation. Preparing for and seeking accreditation will drive health departments to continuously improve the quality of services they deliver, and improve performance in the health department.
Our Programs

2015 Environmental Health Programs

Food Safety Program
All businesses selling food including food services, retail locations, temporary and mobile facilities in Wood County are licensed and inspected routinely by sanitarians. Inspections may also be done when complaints about food safety or cleanliness of facility are made. Reports of possible food-related illnesses are investigated. In addition, sanitarians review plans for new or remodeled facilities. Legal action is taken when necessary against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. Fees are determined by a State-prescribed cost methodology. Both the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture for compliance to standards set forth in the Ohio Revised Code survey the program. Sanitarians educate operators during inspections and at periodically scheduled trainings and meetings.

Public Swimming Pool/Spa and Campground Programs
All public pools/spas (used by 3 or more families) and campgrounds are licensed and routinely inspected by sanitarians. Fees are determined by a State-prescribed cost methodology. Plan review fees are also reviewed and adjusted internally to cover costs. Legal action is taken when necessary against unlicensed or improperly managed locations. The program is surveyed for compliance by the State. Sanitarians educate operators during inspections and at periodically scheduled trainings.

Private Drinking Water and Home Sewage Treatment System Programs
All new drinking wells and home sewage treatment systems (aka septic systems) must be approved and permitted. Plans for such systems must meet specific design requirements and be reviewed by a sanitarian. Onsite inspections are usually part of the process. Other services include realty or property transfer inspections, and licensing of septic tank pumper trucks and drinking water haulers. This program is funded by permit and service fees. Sanitarians educate homeowners and installers during inspections and at periodically scheduled trainings.

Animal Bite / Rabies Prevention Program
All animal bites are required to be reported to the Environmental Health Division. This program includes verification of vaccination status of the biting animals, ordering and monitoring quarantines and/or arranging for testing of biting animals. This required but unfunded program relies on taxpayer dollars.

School Inspection Program
The Ohio Revised Code states that health departments must inspect all schools twice a year. This program has no fees and thus relies on taxpayer dollars.

County Housing and General Nuisances Programs
This is a complaint driven program to enforce the Wood County Housing Code. This program relies on taxpayer dollars.

City of Bowling Green Housing Program
This program is done under contract with the City of BG and involves complaint response as well as annual and 5 year exterior housing surveys. The City Of Bowling Green funds this program.

Bathing Beach Program
Sanitarians conduct annual safety and water quality inspections and enforce local codes. A cost methodology is used to determine the cost of this program and set fees.

Institutions and Jails
Although not a requirement for the Health District, sanitarians inspect local holding facilities to help them meet their annual requirement for a health and safety inspection. The program relies on taxpayer dollars.

Smoke-Free Workplace Enforcement
Under an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health, sanitarians investigate smoking complaints filed using the ODH hotline. The Health District is reimbursed by ODH for a portion of the program cost.

Community Health & Wellness Center
We provide health care services for the entire family. We accept Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. The health center is a Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC.) Many fees are based on household size and income. The Center also provides behavior health/counseling services and has an on-site pharmacy. We can help you apply for insurance and other programs to help pay for care, including prescriptions. The Health Center is governed by the Health Center Board.
2015 Community Nursing Programs

Children with Medical Handicaps Program
A healthcare program for children and youth with special health needs. The PHNs work as a resource for families to assist them in working with the paperwork, the agencies, and the providers. Those eligible for the program are dependent on health care issue and financial situation of family.

Immunization Program
Providing vaccines to insured and non-insured members of the community. Travel vaccines are also available. Anyone in community is eligible for services.

Immunization Action Plan Grant
A grant from Ohio Department of Health to raise and maintain childhood and adolescent immunization rates and reduce coverage disparities by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status in Ohio. It allows a RN to conduct an assessment and feedback of vaccination rates for providers in Wood County. Also provides monies for educational sessions to be held with provider offices to provide techniques to staff to assist in improving vaccination rates. All providers in Wood County are eligible for assist with this program.

Personal Care Program
Providing personal care services to those 60+ in the Wood County community to keep seniors in their homes instead of nursing home. RN can provide medication assistance if no other resource available. Wood County residents are eligible based on age, health status, and financial situation.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program
Nutritional program for income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants and children up to age five who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, and supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula.

Other Programs

Health Promotion
This program provides information about health risks, health behaviors, prevention, and wellness. This can come in the form of press releases, social media posts, radio interviews, or booths at events. Examples include chronic diseases such as heart disease or diabetes, cancer, depression, and opiate addiction.

Healthy Kids (United Way)
This program provides funding for Wood County Obesity Task Force activities such as sponsoring healthy snacks and My Plate information at the Youth Olympics and providing rewards for students who complete the Presidential Active for Life Awards program. The United Way primarily funded this program to support the efforts of the Obesity Task Force.

Emergency Preparedness
This program provides opportunities for planning and preparing for public health emergencies of all types, such as outbreaks and manmade or natural disasters. This can include trainings and supply stockpiling as well. This program also provides infectious disease investigations and epidemiology.

Non-Infectious Disease Epidemiology
This program is for non-infectious disease related epidemiology such as evaluating the Community Health Assessment results, the Community Health Improvement Plan and producing health profiles.

Child and Family Health Services
This program provides two services. The first is funding for Veggie U, a school-based nutrition program. The second is support of the CHA/CHIP process, including consultation fees and staff salaries.

Branding and Outreach
To provide information on public health mission, roles, processes, programs and interventions to improve the public’s health.

Information Technology
To provide the support structure necessary for conducting daily functions as well as maintaining the website during both emergencies and non-emergency times.
Grants Help Health District Do More

Although the Health Levy is an essential supporter for much of what the Health District does and fees help offset program costs, other important sources of revenue are the numerous grants the Health District receives.

Last year a variety of activities were supported by grants including emergency planning, nutrition education, STD testing and immunization education.

Grants in Action: Veggie U

WCHD received a Child and Family Health Services grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Part of that grant helps to sponsor the Veggie U program in Wood County schools. Veggie U is a program for elementary students that teaches how plants grow, as well as the importance of good nutrition. The kids study plant anatomy, planting, soil composting, nutrition, and have hands on activities, such as tasting a wide range of unusual vegetables, construction of a worm farm, seed planting – complete with flats, soils and grow lights. The kids literally get their hands dirty and plant their own mini-crop, tending it and learning from it in daily lessons that are instructive, but seem more like play!

Grants in Action: Delta Dental Foundation

WCHD received $2500 from the Delta Dental Foundation through its Brighter Futures Community Grant Program! The funding helped promote oral health education in several schools in Wood County during National Children’s Dental Health Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control (2013), tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 11 years (25%), and adolescents aged 12 to 19 years (59%). The Ohio Department of Health cites that 51 percent of Ohio children have experienced tooth decay by 3rd grade.

Grants/Contracts

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We accept Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans.

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