Health Commissioner Comments

2012 continued to be a year of change for local health departments across the nation as well as the Defiance County General Health District. The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) finalized its national standards for public health and is now set to accredit state and local health departments. There are three base components required to be completed before an application to the accreditation board can be sent for review. The first is completion of a community health assessment. In the fall of 2012, Defiance County completed its fourth community health assessment since 1997. The data is currently being reviewed by health partners in the county and a community health improvement plan will be created based on priorities determined by the group. The community health improvement plan is the second requirement of the three base requirements. The third component is the strategic plan which will be completed by the health district in 2013.

Other notable activities in the health district include the retirement of Dr. Paul Brose as Medical Director. Dr. Brose served as medical director for five years. He was a very visible presence in the health department and will be greatly missed.

Also retiring were Environmental Health Director Lennis Prigge and the Administrative Assistant Darla Gerken. Replacing Mr. Prigge is Oscar Hernandez III. He will be leading the health district through new sewage law and rules as well as other environmental health department changes by the Ohio Department of Health. Mrs. Gerken served at the health department for over 35 years.

2013 will continue to develop changes for public health in Defiance County and Ohio. We look for opportunities to cross county lines to become more efficient and save tax payer dollars. Currently, the six most northwest counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams share the services of an epidemiologist. The six counties, known across the state as the “Six-Pact”, are meeting to discuss other possible cross jurisdictional sharing arrangements.

As always, our goal is to prevent, promote, and protect the health of the public in Defiance County in the most cost effective and efficient way filling needs while not duplicating services in Defiance County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department Updates
Nursing Division

2012 proved to be a year of change in the nursing division.

The Ohio Children’s Trust Fund changed focus to match the Help Me Grow home visiting program. Both programs provide home visits to families in Defiance County that support parents to become their child’s first teacher by learning child development and strengthen the family foundation. Four nurses completed training for the Growing Great Kids curriculum which is used to guide the Help Me Grow and Ohio Children’s Trust Fund home visits.

Child passenger safety remains a priority. A second nurse was trained as a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician in 2012 which allows greater accessibility of the services offered through the car seat program.

Due to the elimination of funds from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), hearing specialty clinics were discontinued. Health department nurses continue to assist families in obtaining financial assistance through the BCMH program to assist with the financial burden that families are faced with due to the elimination of the hearing clinics.

Word was received in 2012 that federal funding for vaccines was eliminated and ODH would no longer be providing vaccines for families with insurance. While this change was effective October 1, 2012, ODH utilized other resources to continue to provide vaccines. While this change is still imminent, the exact timing of this change is not certain. The health department remains committed to ensuring children are being immunized age-appropriately and will continue to immunize as long as funding is available.

Schools United in Disease Surveillance (SUDS) is an electronic disease reporting system created in 2010 by Defiance County Health Department. Used by county school districts for conveying student illnesses, SUDS provides the health department with a better understanding of the diseases circulating in the schools; supplies the health department with improved disease detection; and allows the opportunity for early intervention. School districts participating are Ayersville, Central Local, Defiance, Hicksville and Northeastern.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

The WIC Program is a federally funded program that provides nutritional education and supplemental food to low and moderate income pregnant or breastfeeding women, infants, and children under five years of age, who are at nutritional risk. Approximately $886,594 in federal food funding was brought into the county during 2012 by the WIC Program. WIC has a Peer Helper to help breastfeeding mothers and infants continue to breastfeed with education and support. In 2012, 896 women, 974 infants, and 2,031 children benefited from nutrition, breastfeeding education and information, healthier diets, and referrals through the WIC Program.

Environmental Health Division

In 2012, the Environmental Health Division experienced a wide array of events that have ranged from the July Derecho storm that impacted multiple residents and food service operations to the abatement of ongoing sewage nuisances. The Ohio Department of Health updated the Uniform Food Safety Code to include current definitions and code language that are found in federal regulations. State regulations regarding household sewage are in the process of being reviewed by the public and environmental health officials throughout Ohio.

With the rise of demolished homes, a metal detector was purchased for the sewage and water programs to locate buried septic tanks and wells to protect pristine ground and surface water. A majority of the sewer and water permits issued in Defiance County continue to be replacement systems for failed or undersized systems. We would like to thank Darla Gerken and Lennis Prigge for their many years of dedication and service to the Defiance County community and wish them both the best in their retirement.

PHEP/Emergency Response

The focus of the Emergency Preparedness and Communicable Disease programs at the health department is to provide public education and training on recognizing, preparing and planning for threats to health and safety. Representatives from the health department, EMA, and hospital council have formed an Integrated Disaster Healthcare Planning Team consisting of 25 – 30 agencies. The goal of the team is to ensure that our community is prepared to meet the disaster-related healthcare needs. As Emergency Preparedness is one of the focuses of public health and September is the month designated for increasing awareness, the health department conducted a billboard campaign to remind the public to continue to Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Maintaining a well-trained workforce is one of the focuses of the Defiance County MRC. In March 2012, the Defiance County MRC partnered with the other MRC programs within the six county area to provide a seminar on Understanding Biological Weapons and Behavioral Health Response in a Public Health Emergency. In September 2012, Defiance County MRC provided Critical Incident Stress Management training to 35 MRC volunteers and mental health providers to further meet the needs of the community. The volunteers of the Defiance County MRC continue to serve as a tremendous asset for the community.
## 2012 Statistics

### Nursing Division
- Immunizations: 4,146
- Flu Vaccine: 820
- Tuberculosis Tests: 247
- Blood Pressure Screenings: 362
- Health Screenings: 52
- Pediculosis Screenings: 155
- Car Seats Distributed: 48
- Car Seats Checked: 35

### Know Your Health Numbers
- Blood Pressures: 495
- Health Screenings: 537

### Health Care Training
- CPR Participants: 67

### School Screenings
- Vision: 3,523
- Vision Rescreening: 499
- Scoliosis: 1,514

### Clinics
- Hearing Clinic Participants: 51
- Shots for Tots: 57

### Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps
- Diagnostic: 41
- Treatment: 100
- Service Coordination: 1
- Hemophilia: 3
- Cystic Fibrosis: 2

### Ohio Children’s’ Trust Fund Visits
- 14

### Communicable Disease

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### Environmental Health

#### Licensing
- Food (Total): 335
- Food Service Operations: 157
- Retail Food Establishments: 66
- Mobile: 23
- Vending: 36
- Temporary: 63
- Mobile Home Parks: 16
- Campgrounds: 4
- Swimming Pools: 18
- Tattoo Parlors: 1

#### Inspections
- Food Service: 568
- Mobile Home Parks: 21
- Campgrounds: 7
- Swimming Pools: 29
- Tattoo Parlor: 1
- Realty: 29

#### Permits
- Private Water—New: 51
- Private Water—Alteration: 15
- Private Water—Sealing: 3
- Sewage Permits—New: 25
- Sewage Permits—Alteration: 1

#### Other
- Water Samples: 168
- Animal Bites: 93
- Smoking Complaints: 11
- Sewage Complaints: 14
- Food Complaints: 42
- Other Complaints: 42

### Vital Statistics

#### Births
- Defiance Regional Medical Center: 582
- Community Memorial Hospital: 116
- Home Births: 4
- Births Registered: 702
- Certificates Issued: 2,077

#### Deaths
- Deaths Registered: 461
- Fetal Deaths Registered: 13
- Certificates Issued: 1,865

### Top 5 Causes of death reported for 2012

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<td>Lung/Pulmonary</td>
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<td>All Other</td>
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**Billboard used in September for Emergency Preparedness awareness campaign.**
FY 2012 Revenue & Expenditures Report

Revenue

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<td>Intergovernmental Revenue</td>
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<td>Permits/Licenses</td>
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<td>Fees for Services</td>
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* Expenditure over Revenue excess reflects expected special funds revenue not received as of 12/31/2012

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