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HEALTH COMMISSIONER’S ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The year of 2017 brought forth change for Defiance County General Health District. Health Commissioner Kimberly Moss and Director of Nursing Laura Coressel both retired after 27 years of service with Defiance County General Health District. My name is Jamie Gerken, I was appointed as Health Commissioner by the Defiance County District Board of Health in May 2017. I have worked for Defiance County General Health District for 15 years. First starting as a public health nurse, I transitioned into the role of Public Health Planning and Promotion Coordinator prior to becoming Health Commissioner. Stacy Lucas was appointed as Director of Nursing in March 2017. Stacy has worked for Defiance County General Health District for 16 years. Stacy worked as a Public Health Nurse prior to becoming Director of Nursing. Stacy and I are honored to have been bestowed these new positions and are committed to public health excellence.

A Core Value for Defiance County General Health District is Collaboration: We work collaboratively with the community to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Defiance County. Collaboration was a key driver in 2017. The district worked with many community partners in 2017 to drive public health change. Two new health promotion programs were started in 2017. The MyPlate Program is a nutrition program that is being presented to 3rd graders in Defiance County. The program was implemented through a collaboration between the Four County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (Four County ADAMhs Board), United Way of Defiance County and Defiance County General Health District. #4YourMentalHealth is a collaborative social messaging campaign that focuses on what can be done to balance mental wellness. (Did you know that exercise in almost any form can act as a stress reliever?) #4YourMentalHealth is a collaboration between the Four County ADAMhs Board and the Four County Area Health Departments. Look and listen for billboard ads, radio ads, movie theater ads and newspaper ads talking about #4YourMentalHealth.

Defiance County General Health District applied for national Public Health Accreditation Board accreditation in May 2017. The district has until May 2018 to provide documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board to demonstrate how the district is meeting the standards prescribed. The district chose to seek accreditation in a slower, more meaningful manner so that accreditation principles of quality improvement could be part of the health district culture. It has been exciting to see the positive changes the district has engrained in our culture to further public health efforts in Defiance County.

The Defiance County District Board of Health serves to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote health and well-being for everyone in Defiance County. We do this with a dedicated, passionate staff. We look forward to seeing what’s in store for the Health District in 2018.

Sincerely,

Jamie R. Gerken
Health Commissioner
WHO WE ARE

VISION

A Healthy and Safe Defiance County

MISSION

To protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote health and well-being for everyone in Defiance County.

CORE VALUE STATEMENTS

Accountability: We are effective and efficient managers of the public trust and public funds.

Collaboration: We work collaboratively with the community to improve the health and well-being of all residents in Defiance County.

Integrity: We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and relationships.

Respect: We uphold a standard of conduct that recognizes and values the contributions of all.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Healthy and Safe Communities

Public Health Protection

Chief Health Strategist

Improve Defiance County Public Health Infrastructure
STRUCTURE

The Defiance County Board of Health is the governing body of the Defiance County General Health District. The Board of Health meets monthly on the second Monday of the month. It is the board’s responsibility to appoint the health commissioner, adopt rules and regulations, enact policies, adopt annual budget, hire staff, evaluate the goals of the agency, and develop programs. The Board is required to enforce specific sections of the Ohio Revised Code 3709 and the Ohio Administrative Code 3701. The Board of Health has five members who are appointed for five year terms by the District Advisory Council, a body consisting of elected officials from cities, villages and county government.

2017 BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

William Richter, M.D. - President
Kelly Roach - Vice President
Daniel Michel
Beth Ann Smith
Karl Kissner
Tricia Vandehey, D.O. - Medical Director
WHO WE ARE

DEFIANCE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT STAFF

Health Commissioner
Jamie Gerken, MPH, BSN, RN

Administrative Staff
Martin Retcher, BA – Fiscal Manager
Dawn Eckert – Registrar
Stacie Hummel – Account Clerk/ Deputy Registrar

Environmental Health Staff
Ron Clinger, RS, BS – Director of Environmental Health
Brian Heil, RS, BS – Sanitarian
Mike Prigge, BS, SIT – Sanitarian
Rebecca Gearhart – Administrative Specialist/ Environmental Health Clerk

Community Health Staff
Stacy Lucas, BSN, RN – Director of Nursing
Jen Casertano, MPH, BS – Health Promotion Coordinator
Janice Amoroso, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse
Katie Marbaugh, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse
Debra Gilgenbach, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse
Cheryl Kehnast, LSW, RN – Communicable Disease/ Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Bridget Fischer, MPH – Chronic Disease Epidemiologist

Melinda Kuhlman, RD, LD – WIC Director
Laura Walters, RN – WIC
Virginia Gutierrez – WIC Clerk
Ashley Plata – Breastfeeding Peer Helper
ABOUT DCGHD

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Address: 1300 E. Second St., Ste. 100 Defiance, Ohio 43512
- Phone number: 419-784-3818
- Fax: 419-782-4979
- Secure Fax: 419-784-3721
- Email: healthcommish@defiancecohealth.org
- Webpage: www.defiancecohealth.org
- Facebook: Defiance County Public Health
- Twitter: @DCGHD
ENIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health Division monitors, regulates and inspects many facilities and activities that residents encounter daily to minimize those factors that can negatively impact human health. The division seeks to preserve and protect the important sanitary infrastructure through inspections, education and regulation.

**Food**

The Environmental Health Division provides a vital link in the chain of food safety that ranges from farm to fork. Inspections take place at most food-handling venues within the county. These include: restaurants, cafeterias, grocery and convenience stores, butcher shops, gas stations, retail stores, video stores, bars and taverns, motels, concession stands, health care facilities, temporary events, mobile carts and units, micro markets and vending locations. The division’s goal is to ensure a safe food supply for all residents.

**Private Water Systems**

The division works to ensure that homeowners and businesses have properly constructed water sources that meet Ohio’s sanitary regulations. Through the water permit program, the division regulates the construction of new or altered systems and mandates the proper sealing of abandoned wells. The division registers and inspects potable water haulers. The division also tests and inspects existing systems for foster care, real estate transactions, and agricultural uses and per owner request. The division works extensively with state and local agencies to protect our water resources.
Private Sewage Systems

The division aims to protect the public from waterborne disease outbreaks by responding to nuisance complaints, permitting and regulating new, replacement and altered sewage treatment systems (STS). The division provides soil science and design services so systems may be tailored to meet individual site limitations.

The division’s activities will soon include monitoring and permitting all STS within the county.

The district provides homeowners financial assistance to repair or replace failing systems through its WPCLF program.

The division works with agency partners to review lot splits to prevent undersized, unbuildable lots.

Public Swimming Pools & Spas

The Environmental Health Division works with operators to prevent water-borne disease and accidents. The district licenses each public swimming pool and spa and inspect them on a regular basis to ensure they meet health and safety requirements.

Campgrounds

The health district works with campground operators to limit the possibility of communicable disease while creating a safe and healthy community. Campgrounds are inspected regularly to ensure water, wastewater, and the overall condition is safe for campers throughout the year.
Body Art

Body art facilities are inspected by the health division to ensure best practices are used to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Animal Bite Investigations/ Rabies

The division works with community partners to ensure bite victims will not contract the fatal rabies virus. Biting animals are quarantined or tested to determine rabies status. Staff will contact the animal owner requesting a proof of vaccination for the rabies virus from a registered veterinarian.

Manufactured Home Parks

The health district contracts with the Ohio Manufactured Home Commission to evaluate the condition of each park through inspection.

Public Health Nuisance Complaints

The health district works with the community to address issues dealing with public health, which may include, food service, Smoke-free Workplace, sewage treatment systems, and private water systems. Sanitarians will determine if a complaint meets the definition of a public health nuisance and will follow-up complaints with inspections.
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL & EPIDEMIOLOGY

Communicable Disease

Defiance County General Health District staff is responsible for the prevention, and control of communicable diseases. A communicable disease is an illness spread by coming in contact with an infected person or thing. These illnesses are typically passed from person (or animal) to person. Ohio law mandates that healthcare providers report designated communicable diseases to their local health department. Examples of these diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis A, B, & C, measles, chickenpox, and food borne illnesses. When indicated, DCGHD staff conduct follow-up investigations that include interviewing persons affected by communicable disease. Education is provided to the community about communicable diseases and ways to prevent transmission.

Epidemiology

Preventing diseases and injuries among Defiance County residents is a primary goal for all staff at Defiance County Public Health. Our epidemiologists work hard to conduct disease and injury surveillance through ongoing collection, analysis, and reporting of public health data. These assessments are used to characterize the Who, What, When, Where, and Why of public health issues that are important to our community. Data is collected on a local, state and national level. This information is used to provide guidance for healthcare professionals, community agencies and the public regarding disease prevention and control.
HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

**Injury Prevention/ Car Seats**

Motor vehicle crashes can occur anywhere and to anyone. Statistically, crashes are a leading cause of death in children. Many of these deaths result from the incorrect use of car seats, booster seats and seat belts. According to a NHTSA study, 46% of car seats and booster seats were misused in some way that could decrease the protection offered by the child safety seat in the event of a crash. Defiance County General Health District encountered a misuse rate of 77% with seats checked in 2017. With continued education on child passenger safety and correct car seat installation, the risk of death or injury from a motor vehicle crash can be greatly reduced. There is strong evidence of effectiveness in establishing car seat laws and car seat distribution plus education programs to increase use of child safety seats and decrease injuries and deaths to child passengers according to the Community Preventive Services Task Force (American Journal of Preventive Medicine 2001: 21(4S), 31-47). DCGHD offers car seats and an education component to eligible families through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians at DCGHD also provide education and instruction on installation to Defiance County residents.

**Child Fatality Review Board**

Child deaths are often regarded as an indicator of the health of a community. While mortality data provide us with an overall picture of child deaths (by number and cause), it is from a careful study of each and every child’s death that we can learn how best to respond to a death and how best to prevent another.

Recognizing the need to better understand why children die, the Ohio General Assembly passed Substitute House Bill Number 448 (HB 448) in July, 2000, mandating Child Fatality Review (CFR) Boards in each of Ohio’s counties (or regions) to review the deaths of children under eighteen years of age. The ultimate purpose of the local review boards, as clearly
described in the law, is to reduce the incidence of preventable child deaths. DCGHD facilitates the review board in Defiance County which meets once a year to review the cases.

**A Matter of Balance**

To address senior falls in Defiance County, the A Matter of Balance program has been offered to older adults in various community settings. A Matter of Balance teaches participants to reduce their fear of falling and increase their activity levels. A Matter of Balance acknowledges the risk of falling but emphasizes practical coping strategies to reduce this fear. These strategies include: promoting a view of falls and fear of falling as controllable, setting realistic goals for increasing activity, changing the environment to reduce fall risk factors, promoting exercise to increase strength and balance.

**Maternal Child Health Program Grant**

The Maternal Child Health Program grant was awarded to DCGHD to address maternal child health issues in Defiance County. Concerns were identified through the Community Health Assessment. Programming implemented included: Baby & Me Tobacco Free tobacco cessation program for pregnant women and their partners; Cribs for Kids program for families that do not have a safe sleeping environment for their infant; and Safe Sleep education for organizations in the community that have contact with infants.

**Moms Quit for Two Program Grant**

The Moms Quit for Two Program grant was awarded to DCGHD in July 2017, to continue the Baby & Me Tobacco Free smoking cessation program for pregnant women and their partners.
Safe Communities Grant

Defiance County General Health District was awarded the Safe Communities grant. Grant funds are used to promote traffic safety initiatives with emphasis on seat belts usage to save lives and improve the quality of life for Defiance County. DCGHD collaborates with local law enforcement and other community agencies to fulfill selected initiatives such as Click It or Ticket and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children under the age of five. WIC provides nutrition education, nutritious foods and breastfeeding education and support. WIC offers clinics in both Defiance and Hicksville.

American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Training

Basic Life Support CPR courses, for certification and renewal, and basic first aid training courses are offered at DCGHD.
Emergency Preparedness

**PHEP/Emergency Response**

Since 2001, Defiance County General Health District has spent considerable focus on developing a trained and prepared workforce to respond to emergencies or disasters in the community. Building community and regional coalitions remains a focus of the Emergency Preparedness response capabilities. In a disaster, communities need to be prepared to respond with local assets. Joining forces with community partners through the local and regional coalitions strengthens the response capabilities through shared resources. The Defiance County Healthcare Coalition meets twice a year and the Northwest Ohio Healthcare Coalition meets quarterly to prepare, plan and collaborate.

**Medical Reserve Corps**

Defiance County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers continue to be a community asset to assist in response capabilities. Defiance County continues to have an active and involved Medical Reserve Corps. Volunteer activities, training opportunities and exercises are planned for volunteers as a means for keeping the volunteers engaged and prepared for assisting the community in the event of a disaster or emergency.
LINKING PEOPLE TO HEALTH SERVICES

Care Coordination
Public health nurses help individuals in completing applications for assistance from Lions Club. This organization helps to provide financial assistance for eye examinations and glasses.

Children with Medical Handicaps
The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is a state supported program that provides assistance with diagnosis and treatment for children with medically handicapping conditions. Public health nurses are an important resource for families with children with special health care needs. A public health nurse is assigned to each client on the BCMH Program and helps the family with referrals, health education, navigating medical bills and determining the overall needs of the family.

ACCESS TO BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

Vital Statistics
The vital statistics department issues certified copies of death records for deaths that have occurred in Defiance County between December 1908 to present. The vital statistics department also issues certified copies of birth records for births that have occurred in the state of Ohio between December 1908 to present. Data is gathered from birth and death records by the vital statistics department and relayed to stakeholders.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

POWER Defiance County
Defiance County General Health District facilitates POWER Defiance County (Promoting Overall Wellness and Empowering Residents). POWER Defiance County is a committee comprised of organizations and agencies who perpetuate the community health assessment and community health improvement planning process. The committee monitors, evaluates and prioritizes the health needs of the Defiance County community enabling effective programming to improve delivery of services and ultimately improve the health and wellbeing of Defiance County.
**Vital Statistics**

**Figure 1. Trend of Births, 2013-2017**

The graph to the left is displaying Defiance County resident’s births by year. Births that occurred within Defiance County but were not residents were excluded from the data. In 2017, there were 347 live births from Defiance County residents. There were 1,842 birth certificates issued.

**Figure 2. Top 5 Causes of Death, 2013-2017**

Figure 2, is displaying the top five leading causes of death within Defiance County residents by percentage. In 2017, there were 326 Defiance County resident’s deaths. The leading cause of deaths were diseases of the heart. In 2017, there were 2,160 death certificates issued.

**Births**

- 489 Births at ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital
- 97 Births at Community Memorial Hospital
- 5 Home Births
- 591 Births Registered

**Deaths**

- 326 Total deaths (Defiance County Residents only)
- 2 Fetal Deaths
- 526 Deaths Registered

**Top 5 Causes of Deaths in Defiance County Residents, 2017**

- 30.7% Disease of the Heart
- 21.8% Cancer
- 16.6% Lung/Pulmonary
- 5.6% Cerebrovascular
- 4.3% Dementia
**Environmental Health Statistics**

Figure 3. Food Violations & Inspections, 2013-2017

Figure 4. Type of Complaints, 2013-2017

Figure 3, illustrates the number of food inspections DCGHD sanitarians and SITs completed in the past five years. The graph also includes the trend of food violations. DCGHD is in compliance with the state law and follows up with agencies when critical violations occur. Figure 4. The number of public nuisance complaints have increased in the past five years. DCGHD investigates each complaint.

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<th>59 Water System permits issued</th>
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<td>131 Water system samples taken</td>
<td>636 Food service inspections</td>
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<td>24 Swimming pool inspections</td>
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<td>$160,179 The amount of WPCLF assisting residents</td>
<td>30 Nuisance complaint investigations</td>
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<td>8 Food safety complaints</td>
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<td>20 Sewage complaints</td>
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<td>4 Smoke-free workplace complaints</td>
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Figure 3, illustrates the percent of communicable diseases reported in Defiance County. Below describe the diseases within each type.

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases:**
Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis

**Enteric Illnesses:**
Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, E coli, Giardia, Salmonella, Shigella, and Yersiniosis

**Blood Borne Pathogens:**
Hepatitis B and C

**Vaccine Preventable Illnesses:**
Influenza hospitalizations, Haemophilus, Pertussis, Mumps, Meningococcal, and Varicella

**Vector Borne/ Zoonotic:**
Lyme disease and West Nile Virus

**Other Illnesses:**
Hepatitis A, Babesiosis, Aseptic Meningitis, Legionnaire’s disease, Mycobacterial disease, Streptococcal disease

Defiance County saw a slight increase in communicable disease cases reported in 2016 to 2017 (264 cases and 273 cases respectively). Chlamydia was the most frequently reported disease. Hepatitis C and Gonorrhea were the next most frequently reported diseases. Defiance County investigated five outbreaks in 2017.

**Figure 5. Type of Communicable Diseases Reported in Defiance County, 2017**
Community Health Statistics

**A Matter of Balance**
- **31 Total participants**
- **3 Classes completed**

**Cribs for Kids**
- **25 Cribs Distributed**

**Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program**
- **13 Mothers Enrolled**
- **25 Diaper Vouchers Distributed**

Figure 6. WIC's Average Monthly Enrollment

![Pie chart showing average monthly enrollment for WIC participants in 2017.]

Figure 4. illustrates the percent of Women, Infant, Children average monthly enrollment in 2017. $493,394 worth of food was supplied to WIC participants in Fiscal Year 2017.

**WIC Average Monthly Enrollment**
- **60 Women**
- **68 Infant**
- **103 Children**
- **703 Average monthly caseloads**

**Child Passenger Safety**
- **62 Total Car Seats Distributed**
- **57 Total Car Seats Checked**
- **77.2% Car Seat Misuse Rate**

**Epidemiology Statistics**
- **1,126 Motor Vehicle Crashes**
- **9 Motor Vehicle Deaths**
- **69 ER visits for Drug Overdose**
- **455 ER Senior Falls**
2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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<td>In October 2017, Defiance County General Health District was awarded $35,000 in federal traffic safety funding for the Safe Communities grant for the second year in a row. To save lives and reduce injuries on Defiance County roads, Defiance County General Health District used grant funds to promote traffic safety initiatives with emphasis on seat belt usage. Defiance County Public Health partnered with local law enforcement and community agencies through work with the Defiance County Safe Communities Coalition. Defiance County Safe Communities Coalition participated in 12 community events including the Click It or Ticket Kick Off with seat belt surveys at area high schools and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kick Off at the Defiance County Fair. The efforts of the coalition will continue at community events through 2018.</td>
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<td>Support groups provide a valuable lifeline for moms, offering education and skill-building, while receiving encouragement from other moms. Having support often helps moms reach their breastfeeding goals. Defiance County General Health District’s WIC office began hosting monthly Breastfeeding Support Groups in August 2017. These were started as a way to offer additional avenues for WIC moms to receive support and achieve breastfeeding success.</td>
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<td>Defiance County General Health District sent two staff members in September 2017 to attend the 4 day course to become Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. DCGHD now has four staff members certified and ready to assist Defiance County families with car seat education and car seat checks. Certified technicians also distribute car seats to eligible families through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program. In 2017, a total of 62 car seats were distributed to eligible Defiance County families. Additionally, Defiance County General Health District collaborated with law enforcement, hospitals, and community agencies to review Ohio’s Child Restraint Laws (ORC 4511.81) in November 2017, in an effort to evaluate current laws, and expand educational endeavors and enforcement of laws in Defiance County.</td>
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<td>Defiance County General Health District was approached by United Way of Defiance County, with funding from the Four County ADAMhs Board, to offer the My Plate program to 3rd grade classrooms in Defiance County. The My Plate program focuses on nutrition, healthy eating, physical activity and making informed decisions about food choices. This program offers ways to reduce chronic conditions and promote overall health. In late fall 2017, Defiance County General Health District began presenting the My Plate program in four of the Defiance County school districts.</td>
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<td>DCGH completed three 8–session classes in Defiance County in 2017, with two of the classes being hosted at new sites. Defiance County General Health District trained three MRC volunteers in August 2017 to become volunteer coaches for the program. The goal of training the volunteer coaches is to expand the program by being able to offer additional classes throughout Defiance County.</td>
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Public Health Services Council of Ohio Formation

Defiance County General Health District was one of seven county health departments that collaborated to form Public Health Services Council of Ohio (PHSCO), a public health Council of Governments. Defiance joined Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Williams and Wood County in this joint venture. The goal of PHSCO is to utilize the structure to share services in an effort to maximize efficiency and capacity. While the district has shared services with other counties in the past, PHSCO formalizes the arrangement and opens more opportunities. PHSCO is in its beginning stages. The seven Health Commissioners are working diligently to ensure PHSCO’s success in furthering public health practice in our counties.

Defiance Community Strategic Planning

Defiance County General Health District was asked to be a part of the Defiance Community Strategic Planning Process. The health district’s Health Commissioner Jamie Gerken was a “Pivotal Partner” and helped to incorporate a Health in All Policy model into the strategic plan for the whole community. Strategies include creating an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice and making deliberate efforts to communicate that “health” is comprehensive in scope encompassing physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being.

Four County Mental Health Initiative

In an effort to raise awareness and improve mental health, the Four County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental health services, (ADAMhs) Board has awarded the four county area health departments, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties $250,000 to implement a mental wellness communications campaign. This funding will be utilized in the four county area to increase the community’s understanding of what mental health means, how to be mentally well, and how to maintain that wellness.

Drug Free Leadership Council

The health district helps facilitate the Defiance County Drug Free Leadership Council, a group of students from all five county high schools. The group learns about drugs and alcohol and creates messages encouraging their peers to avoid drugs and alcohol.

Quality Improvement

DCGHD completed two quality improvement (QI) projects in 2017. DCGHD collaborated with community partners to address substance use barriers in Defiance County. This group created an algorithm to outline the steps each hospital can utilize to refer a patient for substance use assistance. They also created a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Guide as a resource for the public. The second QI project was to improve communication within DCGHD. In 2017, DCGHD employees formed a weekly staff briefing. The briefings allow all employees to communicate among divisions to share important information each week.
Environmental Health Enhanced Enforcement Procedures

Defiance County General Health District’s Environmental Division adopted Enhanced Enforcement procedures for food safety inspections. In cases of repeated or severe code violations, the department has a flow chart of tools and procedures that include follow-up inspections, increased education, goal setting, embargo, voluntary closures and administrative hearings to aid compliance with the food safety code.

Sewage Nuisance

The health district responded to a sewage nuisance at a manufactured home park. Many of the residents reported that they could not flush toilets or shower or had sewage backing up in their homes. The district tested a field behind the park and found high levels of E. coli bacteria. Working in partnership with the City of Defiance, the sewer issues were corrected.

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCL) Assistance

In 2017 the division facilitated $160,000 in assistance through the WPCLF Program. These funds assisted 11 homeowners with the repair or replacement of their sewage treatment systems. One homeowner received 50%, three received 85% and seven received 100% of the entire costs to repair or replace their systems. The division has been notified that it will have access to $300,000 to assist homeowners this year.
2017 FISCAL REPORT

REVENUE

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A Snapshot of Defiance County General Health District 2017

- $2,380 WIC farmers market coupons distributed
- 636 Food Inspections
- 25 Cribs for Kids
- 106 animal bite investigations
- 1,499/481 Likes/Followers
- 4,002 Births and Death Certificates Distributed
- 326 Births in Defiance County Residents
- 347 Deaths in Defiance County Residents
- 77% Car seat misuse rate
- 62 car seats distributed by DCGHD