Dear Residents of Lucas County,

2015 continued the growth and improvement of the initiatives started the previous year. The department achieved growth with increased grants, but mostly through dedicated and efficient performances from staff. This was accomplished in spite of having the same general revenue fund budget allocation as in 2003!

The department was proactive with planning and preparing for a possible 2015 algal event. It was fortunate that our community did not have to issue alerts that would’ve caused a “Do Not Drink” order. Until the issue of harmful algae is solved, The Health Department will be committed to preparing and responding to any future water issues.

The Opiate epidemic continues to be a threat to our community. The department diligently works with partnering agencies to eliminate this destructive addiction. The department’s pharmacy was the first to supply Naloxone to police, fire, EMS, and the general public. If readily available, Naloxone can be lifesaving.

Perhaps one of major accomplishments of 2015 was achieving Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status. Through hard work and dedication this was achieved. After many tumultuous years of trying to maintain consistent quality staff, at times without success, the department now has a full list of providers committed to make the clinic one of the best in the area. FQHC designation allows access to additional grant money, but more importantly, allows for “enhanced reimbursement” for services. The benefit of the FQHC status, is the ability to serve the medical needs for those who cannot access care.

The department expanded services and developed various evidence based programs to address the issue of Ohio’s exceedingly high infant death rate. Upcoming evaluation of the updated program should reveal progress.

Environmental Health Division continues to ensure safe food through making certain all food operators were compliant with the rules in order to prevent foodborn disease outbreaks. The Rodent Control program continues to be extremely involved within the community. The Lead Prevention Program, funded through a grant, assists in funding risk assessments and the abatement of lead contaminated homes.

This past year also brought changes to our Well and Septic Programs. These changes were driven by the revamping of Ohio’s Revised Code. Through slow and careful implementation, we’ve worked hard to ensure these programs are meeting or exceeding these new standards. The program is constantly being monitored and adjusted to offer the best product for Lucas County. The department received monies from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be used directly helping qualified households replace their failing septic system.

The department also remained very involved on planning committees that deal with mass disaster or terrorism threats. Our Environmental Health Division actively investigated a rare form of Legionella in a public building and an atypical form of TB in a local physician’s office. Both of these investigations were handled effectively and the findings will be published in well-respected national journals.

2015 was not a year of public health disasters as was the year before, but a time to address all the core needs of Public Health. The department’s staff remain one of the most dedicated and well trained group of people in their profession. It is their commitment to the Public Health needs of our community that’s the driving force behind the department.

Yours in health,

David L. Grossman, M.D.
Health Commissioner
Environmental Health Services

- Food Sanitation
- Nuisance
- Smoke Free Workplace
- Body Art
- Public Swimming Pools
- Schools
- Rodent Control
- Inspections Completed
- Facilities Licensed
- Water Samples
- Assessment Completed
- Permission

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Community Services Response and Preparedness

- Communicable Disease
- Disease Reporting
- STD Plus Program
- HIV Prevention Program
- Tuberculosis Prevention
- Children Screened
- Animals Screened
- Permits Issued

Outreach Services

- Social Services
- Health Assessments
- Medical Care
- Hepatitis C Rapid Test
- Disease Intervention
- HIV Testing
- HBV
- SCV
- Children’s Dental Clinic
- Parent-Child Health
- Vision Visits
- Preventive Health

Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2015

- General Revenue Fund
- Special Revenue Fund-Fees
- Special Revenue Fund-Grant

- Total All Funds

- Health Services
- Pharmacy
- Medical/Pharmacy Practice Visits
- Pediatric/Adolescent Visits
- Preventive/OB/GYN Visits
- Preventive/OB/GYN Visits
- Dental Visits

- Vital Statistics
- Live Births
- Deaths
- Infant Deaths

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