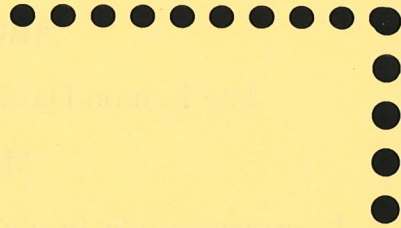


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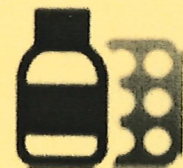
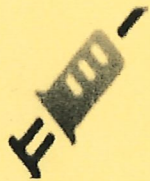
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KENTON-HARDIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ABOUT US:

The Kenton-Hardin Health Department...

MOTTO:

Improving public health by promoting healthy choices

VISION:

Keeping Hardin County healthy by improving the lives of those we serve and strengthen our communities through collaborative partnerships.

MISSION:

To protect, maintain, and improve the health, environmental quality and safety of Hardin County residents.

VALUES:

- The Kenton-Hardin Health Department is a citizen-driven organization that serves the community based upon its core values:

Integrity, quality and excellence in service provisions through collaboration, preparedness, communication and accountability.



Public Health
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COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

EXCELLENCE

PREPAREDNESS

QUALITY

INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

A message from your Health Commissioner

This past year, 2015 was a very productive year for the Kenton-Hardin Health Department. Our nursing division has made many efforts to educate and immunize our community. We held a flu clinic in the fall at the Ada Harvest and Herb Festival and have promoted several informational clinics in response to blood pressure screenings and child immunizations. Our department strives to meet the health care needs of the residents of Hardin County.

It is our mission to maintain an efficient system which will provide the highest quality of public health services. We strive to promote and protect the community's physical, mental, social and environmental well being on a very limited budget and staff.

Our environmental health division constantly strives to both educate and enforce the state laws and codes in the areas of environmental health.

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Health, I express my appreciation to the townships and municipalities for their past and anticipated continued support.


Kalyan Das, MD
Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is the governing body of the Kenton-Hardin General Health District and consists of eight members who are appointed for seven year terms. Four county board members are selected by the District Advisory Council. The three city board members are selected by the Mayor of the City of Kenton, with the approval of Kenton City Council. At least one member of the board must be a physician. The Hardin County Environmental Board, consisting of five members selects one member and one alternate to additionally serve on the Board of Health. This Board governs environmental fees set by the Board. The Health Commissioner is appointed by the Board and serves as the executive officer and secretary of the board.

The Board meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Health Department office. Special meetings are held as deemed necessary. All meetings are open to the public.

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Corey Scarbrough	County	2018
Robert Wood	County	2021
Jeryl Kissling	City	2017
Larry Oates, M.D.	County	2019
Roger Crates	Environmental	2018
Jackie Brown	City	2020

MISSION STATEMENT

OF THE

KENTON-HARDIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We, the Kenton-Hardin Health Department believe that it is our mission to develop and maintain an efficient system which will provide for the highest quality of public health service practicable, and to promote and protect, in varying degrees, the community's physical, mental, social, and environmental well-being.

The Board of Health administration will work to promote an organization within which all are encouraged to work cooperatively to fulfill this mission.

By working toward fulfillment of its mission, the health department is striving to enable every citizen the opportunity to realize health and longevity.

Health Department Staff

Health Commissioner

Kalyan Das, MD

Director of Nursing

Cindy Keller, RN, MSN

Registered Nurse

Shannon Plott, RN

Registered Nurse/Health Educator

Mindy Hensel, RN, BSN

Registered Nurse

Melissa Humble, RN, BSN

Registered Nurse

Alexa Heacock, RN, BSN

Environmental Director

Shane Lotts, RS

Sanitarian

Derek Dunson, RS

Registrar/Environmental Clerk

Jackie Prater

Fiscal Officer/Medical Billing

Ashlie Hall

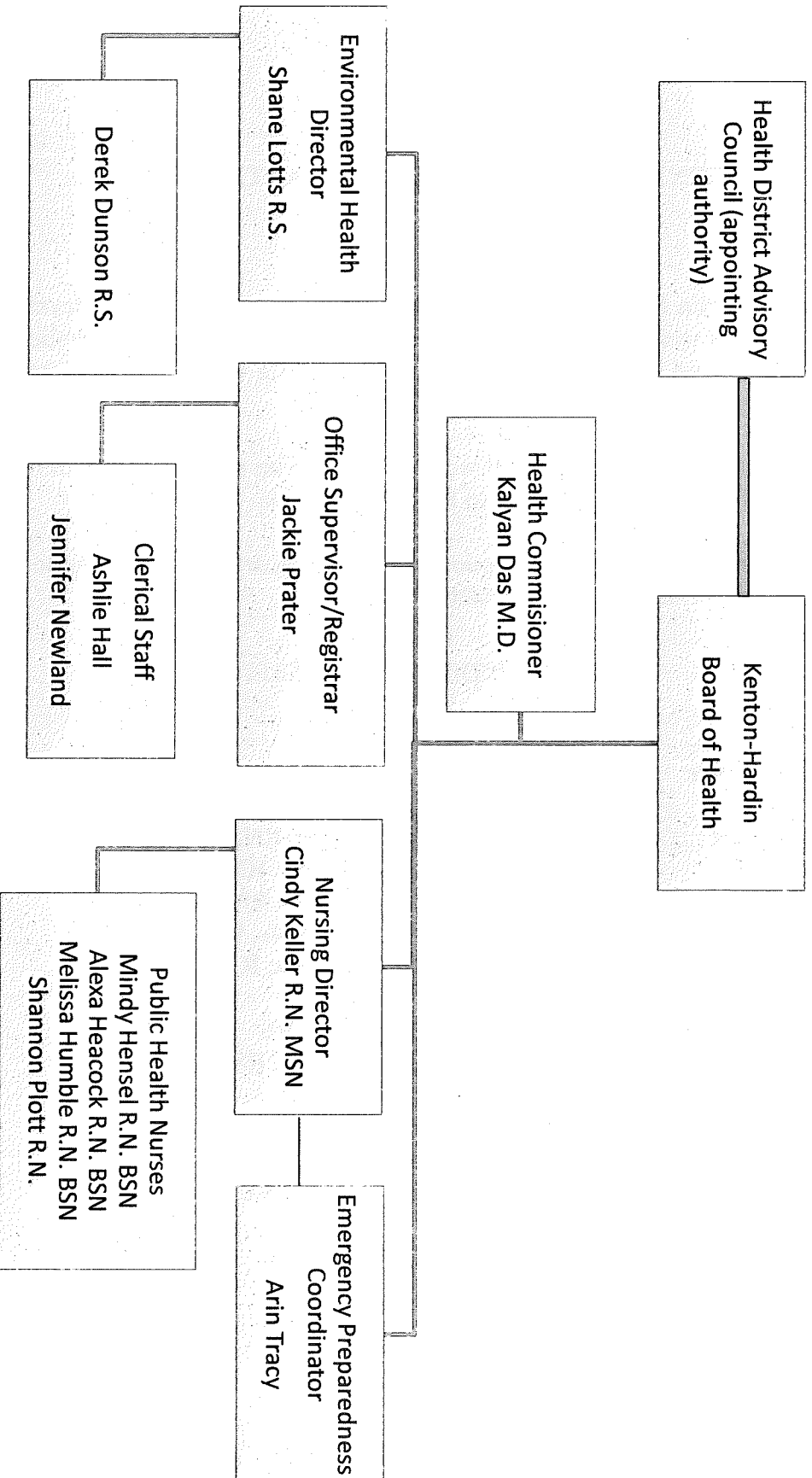
Clerk

Jennifer Newland

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Arin Tracy

Kenton Hardin Health Department Organizational Chart



VITAL STATISTICS

Certified copies of Birth Certificates are legal documents used for proof of age and identification. Citizens of the United States are required to produce them for schools, employment, passports, and many other uses. Certified copies of Death Certificates are also legal documents used for proof of death in probating estates and other uses.

Certified copies issued for the year of 2015 were, 965 birth certificates and 660 death certificates for a total of 1,625. Veteran's families are given one free copy of a certificate used in filing for benefits. Job and Family Services Department requires verification of births for all clients. This office does birth and death verifications for the Armed Forces, Social Security, and Workman's compensation. Government copies are stamped for "government use only". Home births (or any born at Hardin Memorial) are required to bring paperwork into the office within the required 10 days after the birth.

There were 28 Home Births and 180 Deaths registered in 2015.

2015 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN HARDIN COUNTY

HEART	61
CANCER	47
PNEUMONIA	10
ARTERIOSCLEROSIS	7
RESPIRATORY ARREST	6
ALZHEIMERS & DEMENTIA	6
OTHER CAUSES	5
AUTO ACCIDENTS	5
COPD	4
DRUG INTOXICATION	4
SUICIDE	4
SEPTICEMIA	3
STROKE	3
FAILURE TO THRIVE	3
RENAL FAILURE	2
LIVER	2
PARKINSONS DISEASE	2
COLITIS	2
PALSY	1
SUDDEN DEATH	1
ACCIDENTS	1
PENDING	1

Public Health Nursing Report

The 2015 year has once again seen changes and improvements within the Kenton Hardin Health Department. We work diligently to make record keeping a streamlined process. Our Electronic Records systems are updated regularly with changes that include moving from ICD 9 to ICD 10 billing. In addition, any new changes in Vaccine recommendation are updated into the Electronic Health Records which allows for more accuracy in providing immunization to our clients. In addition, Kenton Hardin Health Department has very successfully transitioned into utilizing appointment for clinics, although we will always accept walk in clients. Scheduling appointments for clinics has allowed us to run clinics more smoothly and control client flow, which results in shorter client wait times and a more satisfying client experience. We continue to be able to process multiple forms of service payments, including Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and credit card transactions. Client satisfaction surveys are conducted as a Quality Assurance indicator with an overall rating of 96% satisfaction with services, staff and facility. The survey can be accessed on the Kenton Hardin Health Department web page at www.kentonhardinhealth.com.

Flu season is always very challenging, but again this year we were able to offer several options in regards to flu vaccine. We provided flu vaccine to approximately 1000 families living in our community. Flu vaccine was given at our satellite clinics held in various locations around the county and at a Walk Thru clinic held at the Ada Herb Festival. Our Drive Thru clinic was held this year in the parking garage located under the Courthouse Annex building, which houses our offices.

The importance of preventing diseases through immunizations is stressed by holding satellite clinics around the county allowing access to vaccines for compliance. We continue to explore opportunities to increase access to immunizations. This year we utilized our Emergency Response mobile trailer and coordinated a special clinic that allowed middle school students to get 7th grade school immunizations at a convenient location on the day they picked up schedules. We collaborate with hospitals and laboratories to reduce disease transmission. The disease reports are entered into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) as mandated by the Ohio Revised Code, helping to monitor the incidence and prevalence of disease.

Kenton Hardin Health Department did not experience any disease outbreaks this calendar year. However, much work is done to always be prepared for the possibility of a disease outbreak and investigation. We work closely with our Regional Epidemiology to update emergency plans and participate in practice events, so our staff is always ready for any possible outbreak or emergency and can handle it quickly and efficiently so that we can effectively control spread of disease and maintain community health. Although Ebola is no longer an emergency effort, Kenton Hardin Health Department staff as well as the state continue to update and work on monitoring plans. This year planning efforts for Hardin County as well as for the State are now directed at the possible exposure of Zika virus to travelers of childbearing age to South America and Caribbean countries. Although mosquitoes that carry the virus do not live in the United States, prevention efforts are being directed at controlling mosquito populations and their breeding grounds.

Lead and Hemoglobin screens are done in our Healthy Child Clinics, Head Start and by private orders by area physicians. Just under 100 Lead and Hemoglobin tests screens were conducted this year.

The child Safety Seat Program which is funded by the Ohio Department of Health and the Community Foundation is held for WIC eligible clients. Safety seats are given for a minimal donation after the Parent/guardian completes an educational video and instructions on the correct installation and use of the child safety seat. In addition there were two Child Passenger safety checks conducted this year.

Kenton Hardin Health Department continues to be a provider for the Help Me Grow Home Visiting program. Our nurses provide free home visits, parenting information and developmental screens. This year we have served 29 families with continuous visits, with many more families that were provided services for a short period of time. The Home Visiting program provides free services to first time parents from the prenatal period through 3 years of age. In addition, the Health Department serves as the Central Contact and Coordination for Hardin County Help Me Grow programs.

Kenton Hardin Health Department is an active partner with Healthy Lifestyle Coalition. The Coalition is made up of many agencies with the vision to "Inspire, Educate and Facilitate Heathy Lifestyle Choices" and a mission of "Proactively engaging organizations and community members of all ages to achieve improved health and quality of life through nutrition, activity and lifestyle education initiatives". Kenton Hardin Health Department Director of Nursing serves as the Coalition Chairperson. Much of the past years work has been done directing activities to 4 year olds as part of the 5 year *Communities Preventing Childhood Obesity* research grant, which being conducted across 7 states. 2016 will see the conclusion of that grant, so much effort has been put into redirecting Coalition activities with a future focus on health across the lifespan and Policy, Environmental and System changes.

The Dental Council, supported by funds from United Way and in collaboration with Hardin County Crippled Children's and Adults has assisted 7 children and 8 adults with emergency or preventative dental care.

Kenton Hardin Health Department nurses assist with county and city schools with Kindergarten screenings by providing hearing and vision screens. Three additional developmental screens were conducted in collaboration with the Help Me Grow programs for Hardin county children.

Kenton Hardin Health Department continues to provide well child checks and physicals at our self-supporting Healthy Child Clinic. In the past this was a grant funded clinic, but due to decreased use the community grant funds were no longer accessible. The clinic is by appointment only and serves ages 0-21 years of age. If additional health needs are identified, referral will be made to access and establish a medical home, dental or vision care as needed.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps continues to serve families with children with special medical needs. This year we served between 80 to 90 families with application process, referral for care and various other needs.

Hardin County Family Planning, which became a Health Department clinic in 2010 has provided services addressing women's health needs for over 30 years. With a great amount of work and diligence, we have made this once grant funded clinic into a successful self-sustaining clinic. We have continued to serve approximately 1000 clients with high quality women's health care. Services are provided by appointment with usually no longer than a 2 week waiting period in most cases.

The Health Department nurses provide free blood pressure checks at the health department, as well as, locations around the county. You will find us on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Plaza Inn in Mt. Victory and the 4th Friday you will find us at the Dunkirk Library.

There is much cooperation from the community as space is provided by the churches, schools, fire departments, community buildings, county libraries and Council on Aging for our immunization clinics. We appreciate all the support and assistance given.

The support and cooperation of the District Advisory Council, Board of Health and community is greatly appreciated.

Cindy Keller RN, MSN
Director of Nursing

Accreditation Activities 2015

Health Department's across the nation are working to provide services following a set standard of care. Although, there is nothing new about core functions and essential services provided by health departments, there is now a requirement to move toward becoming an Accredited Public Health Department. What this means to the community is that all Health Department's across the nation will provide services and care based on a set standard. This is the same concept as the Standard of Care you expect to receive from hospitals which are accredited. Within the state of Ohio, the mandate is to be Accreditation ready by 2018, with Accreditation achieved 2020.

Kenton Hardin Health Department has been working and planning in the last year to meet this mandate.

In the 2015 year, Kenton Hardin Health Department released the Comprehensive Community Health Assessment which was conducted in 2014. In April, the Health Department invited partners, stakeholders and the community to the public release and data assessment of the Hardin County Community Assessment Report. Next steps have included Focus Groups and staff education. Focus Group meetings were developed to select public health priorities for the Health Department Strategic Plan and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Focus Groups have included external partners and stakeholders from the county, and the Community Health Advisory Committee, as well as internal groups such as the Board of Health and the Kenton Hardin Health Department staff members. We continue to conduct staff education and planning to improve our structure and to meet the 12 Standards and Measures of Public Health Services. Additionally, in November the Board of Health hired Arin Tracy as the Accreditation Coordinator for the Health Department.

The Hardin County Community Health Assessment can be found on the Kenton Hardin Health Department webpage under Accreditation or the Network of Care for Hardin County <http://hardin.oh.networkofcare.org/ph/> . If you would like more information on this process or to view the Standards and Measure of Public Health for Accreditation please visit <http://www.phaboard.org>, or google Public Health Accreditation Board.

Thank You,

Kenton Hardin Health Department Staff
Health Commissioner
Board of Health

CLINICS

Immunization Clinics are held at the Health Department every Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Immunizations are done by appointments, but nurses will do walk-ins if time allows.

SATELLITE CLINICS

Forest; Second Wednesday each month at the Fire Department from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Dunkirk; Second Wednesday each month at the EMS building from 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Ada; Third Tuesday each month at the First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Immunizations are given following the recommendations of the State and ACIP (Immunization Practice Advisory Committee)

**The following vaccines were given in 2015
To Children and Adults**

<i>Influenza</i>					688
<i>TDAP</i>					328
<i>HIB</i>					330
<i>MMR</i>					152
<i>Proquad</i>					146
<i>Prevnar</i>					304
<i>Pediarix</i>					261
<i>Varicella</i>					202
<i>Kinrix</i>					179
<i>Meningococcal</i>					192
<i>HPV</i>					153
<i>Rotavirus</i>					141
<i>HEP B</i>					83
<i>HEP A</i>					157
<i>DTAP/Infanrix</i>					116
<i>Pneumonia</i>					79
<i>TB Tests</i>					107
<i>Twinrix (Adult)</i>					32
<i>Polio</i>					11
<i>Tetanus</i>					6
<i>Typhoid</i>					10
<i>Zostivax</i>					1
<i>Total</i>					3,588

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood pressures are checked at the Health Department every **Friday** from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The **second Monday** of each month, blood pressures are taken at the **Council of Aging**.

Friday blood pressure clinics are as follows;

2nd Friday	Mt. Victory Plaza Inn	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
4th Friday	Dunkirk Library	12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Communicable Disease

An important role of the public health nurse is the control of communicable disease through immunizations, investigations and education.

Amebiasis			1
Campylobacteriosis			3
Chlamydia			90
Coccidioidomucosis			1
Cryptosporidiosis			2
E. Coli			1
Ehrlichiosis			1
Giardia			2
Gonorrhea			16
Hepatitis B			13
Hepatitis C			67
Influenza (hospital associated)			15
Lyme Disease			1
Meningitis-aseptic			1
Meningitis- Bacterial			1
Mycobacterial Disease			4
Salmonella			5
Syphilis			1
Varicella			1
Yersiniosis			4
Total			230



Children with Medical Handicaps Program (BCMh)



BCMh, the Children with Medical Handicaps Program, is a health care program currently serviced by the Kenton Hardin Health Department through the Ohio Department of Health. This program links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their child needs. BCMh has three programs to help children with special health needs: the diagnostic program, the treatment program, and the service coordination program. Through the diagnostic and treatment programs, families are linked with quality care providers and receive assistance in paying for medical care and services of eligible children. The service coordination program helps families locate and coordinate services for their child. This program is available for children who are seen by a team of doctors. Locally, KHHD serves as the family's community contact to access BCMh services.

The nurse assists the families in accessing medical and other health related services through home visits and phone contacts with families and providers. The program identifies gaps in services and provides coordination of such services as well as equipment and supplies to those families that meet the financial and program eligibility guidelines.

Currently, in Hardin County, the program serves 88 families and children with chronic medical conditions whom are on a current program or are working with the public health nurse to obtain services.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Environmental Health Department is looking forward to working with the public, township trustees, and other county officials in 2016. There are new regulations that require stricter enforcement by the environmental health division regarding, food service operations, retail food establishments, mobile home parks, sewage and water. Public health education and inspection frequency have been implemented to meet these requirements in accordance with the regulations.

The Health Department continues to monitor and improve Disaster Preparedness and Bioterrorism. This goal is accomplished by working with the Ohio Department of Health and the Union County health department regarding the Infrastructure Grant.

MISSION

The goal of the Environmental Health Department is to prevent human disease and injury. This mission is achieved by regulating and controlling general environmental conditions that can impact public health.

The services provided by environmental health division can be grouped into three categories.

Public Health Education

Public health education is working with the public and other governmental bodies on ways to eliminate Public Health situations that may affect themselves or their neighbors, as well as Re-licensing of sewage installers and classes on food safety.

Consultation

Consultation provides advice to the public regarding safe water supply, sewage disposal, safe food preparation and storage.

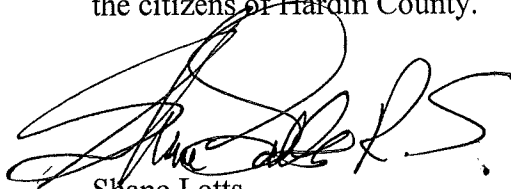
Opening a food service or retail food service operation and licensing
Plan review/design for sewage disposal systems and food service operations.

Regulation

Regulation is issuing permits and licenses through the local health department to city and county operations that meet ORC & OAC regulations per the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio EPA.

SUMMARY

The Sanitarians are committed to serving the public, through the application of scientific knowledge and experience to identify threats to public health and protection of the citizens of Hardin County.



Shane Lotts,
Environmental Director

Environmental Report 2015

Food Service/Retail Food Licenses Issued	134
Food Service/Retail Food Inspections	310
Food Plan Reviews	15
Food Mobile Licenses Issued	9
Food Mobile Inspections	9
Food Vending Licenses Issued	18
Food Vending Inspections	22
Food Temporary Licenses Issued	37
Food Temporary Inspections	37
Food Services (New)	8
Food Services (Closed)	2

Manufactured Home Park Inspections	10
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Campground Park Licenses	2
Campground Park Inspections	2
Campground Temporary Licenses	0
Campground Temporary Inspections	0

Swimming Pool Licenses	6
Swimming Pool Inspections	18

Well Permits Issued	31
Water Samples Taken	90

Sewage Permits Issued	35
Site Inspections	36
Final Inspections	38
Sewage Inspections (Real Estate Sales)	7
Liquid Waste Haulers Licensed	8
Installers Licensed	12

Nuisance Inspections	85
Nuisance Return Investigations	110

Animal Bites Reported	49
Rabies Testing	3

Tattoo Licenses Issued	0
Tattoo Inspections	0

KENTON-HARDIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Mainstay

The Division of Emergency Preparedness within the Kenton-Hardin Health Department (KHHD) continues under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program, grant funding made possible through Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). KHHD maintains local, regional, and state collaboration with ODH, the Central Ohio Regional Public Health, community partners and stakeholders, and the citizens of Hardin County.

Notes

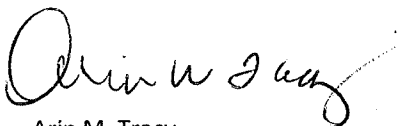
Budget. 2015 funding has allowed the Division to purchase items such as a new Helmer refrigerator for storing vaccines, personal protective equipment for the Health Department staff, large banners for the Health Department, a defibrillator for county operations, office and medical supplies for the Annual Vaccination Clinic in Ada, and equipment and supplies for the Health Department emergency operations trailer. Travel to emergency preparedness trainings, exercises, and partner meetings for staff members is also sustained through the grant.

Security and Emergency Notification. The Health Department has preservation of records with backup capabilities, a badging system for incident and volunteer management, and purchased incident command vests for on scene coverage. The Grant allows for the ability to maintain an after-hours emergency phone line. The Health Department is also able to sustain the Health Department website, and the preventative maintenance of the Health Department generator.

Exercises, Activities, Tests. Emergency response is tested through Public Health Preparedness Capabilities. KHHD is able to exercise the capabilities at local and regional levels. Some opportunities in 2015 include: Regional Central Ohio Trauma Systems annual meeting and exercise, and local real world incidents such as water main breaks, power outages and food service incidents.

Public Health Notification. KHHD tests monthly, quarterly, and annually interoperable communications with phone, email, and MARCS radios. The Department also has the ability to contact partner agencies with a local Health Alert Network system during Public Health situations and emergency response.

With the support from the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Kenton-Hardin Health Department is committed to the ongoing development of Public Health infrastructure in Hardin County.



Arin M. Tracy
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response

2015 Financial Report

Carryover

\$159,021.11

Receipts

General Fund

<u>Towns/Townships</u>	\$	163,000.00	
<u>City of Kenton</u>	\$	81,500.00	
<u>State Funds</u>	\$	34,692.00	
<u>Vital Statistics</u>	\$	45,204.99	
<u>Help Me Grow</u>	\$	14,699.67	
<u>Health Assessment</u>	\$	-	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	\$	11,324.22	
<u>Immunizations</u>	\$	93,288.55	\$ 443,709.43

Expenditures

General Fund

<u>Salaries</u>	\$	213,592.64	
<u>P.E.R.S./Medicare</u>	\$	30,410.99	
<u>Workman's Comp</u>	\$	2,493.27	
<u>Health & Life Insurance</u>	\$	37,215.27	
<u>Liability Insurance</u>	\$	4,999.00	
<u>Salaries-Board Members</u>	\$	3,440.00	
<u>Supplies/Medical & Office</u>	\$	13,684.09	
<u>Other Expenses</u>	\$	21,081.89	
<u>Vital Statistics</u>	\$	22,020.16	
<u>Audit Expense</u>	\$	5,740.00	
<u>Private Vaccine</u>	\$	32,289.35	
<u>Health Assessment</u>	\$	6,000.00	
<u>Travel Expense</u>	\$	4,983.24	\$ 397,949.90

2015 Balance \$ 204,780.64

TOWN & MAYORS

KENTON	Randy Manns	FOREST	Tom Seem
ADA	Dave Retterer	MCGUFFEY	Gary Conley
ALGER	David Allen	MT. VICTORY	Michael Trout
DUNKIRK	Teresa Cramer	PATTERSON	Jason Kearns
RIDGEWAY	Kevin Howland		

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

BLANCHARD	Steven Wykes Kevin Ridgeway Mike Crist	LIBERTY	Jeffrey Acheson Gary Hall Bradley Hays
BUCK	Jack Fulton S.Jerry Layman Randall Scharf	LYNN	Thomas Sprang Richard Wilcox Stephen Oglesbee
CESSNA	Alan J. Long William B. Hull Michael Ault	MARION	Jeff N. Thompson Paul Osborne Robert Underwood
DUDLEY	Nathan Brooks Michael Holland Terry Williams	MC DONALD	John Acheson Daniel Beale Kevin Skidmore
GOSHEN	Allen Barrett Joe Sherman Daryl Flowers	PLEASANT	Wesley Broseke Beryl Rogers-Dudek Ron Rogers
HALE	Ron Cronley Ken McCullough Ed Scott Elliott	ROUNDHEAD	Rick Royer Mike Lautenschlager James Lyle
JACKSON	Ronald Oates Nathan Deringer Tim Sons	TAYLOR CREEK	Ron Freshcorn James Bidwell Jerrold Elsasser
		WASHINGTON	Duane Dirmeyer Lauren Eibling JR Craig Stump

