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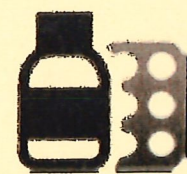
2016 Annual Report

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A message from your Health Commissioner

This past year, 2016 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 hold many outreach flu clinics and provide a drive thru clinic each fall. In addition Kenton Hardin Health Department staff 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 protect, maintain and improve the health, environmental quality and safety of Hardin County residents". 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

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

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PUBLIC HEALTH CODE OF ETHICS

Preamble

This code of ethics states key principles of the ethical practice of public health. An accompanying statement lists the key values and beliefs inherent to a public health perspective upon which the ethical principles are based. Public health is understood within this code as what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions for people to be healthy. We affirm the World Health Organization's understanding of health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

The code is neither a new nor an exhaustive system of health ethics. Rather, it highlights the ethical principles that follow from the distinctive characteristics of public health. A key belief worth highlighting, and which underlies several of the ethical principles, is the interdependence of people. This interdependence is the essence of community. Public health not only seeks the health of whole communities but also recognizes that the health of individuals is tied to their life in the community.

The code is intended principally for public and other institutions in the United States that have an explicit public health mission. Institutions and individuals that are outside of traditional public health but recognize the effects of their work on the health of the community may also find the code relevant and useful.

Principles of the Ethical Practice of Public Health

- 1) Public health should address principally the fundamental causes of disease and requirements for health, aiming to prevent adverse health outcomes.
- 2) Public health should achieve community health in a way that respects the rights of individual in the community.
- 3) Public health policies, programs, and priorities should be developed and evaluated through processes that ensure an opportunity for input from community members.



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- 4) Public health should advocate and work for the empowerment of disenfranchised community members, aiming to ensure that the basic resources and conditions necessary for health are accessible to all.
- 5) Public health should seek the information needed to implement effective policies and programs that protect and promote health.
- 6) Public Health institutions should provide communities with the information they have that is needed for decisions on policies or programs and should obtain the community's consent for their implementation.
- 7) Public health programs and policies should incorporate a variety of approaches that anticipate and respect values, beliefs, and cultures in the community.
- 8) Public health programs and policies should incorporate a variety of approaches that anticipate and respect diverse values, beliefs, and cultures in the community.
- 9) Public health programs and policies should be implemented in a manner that most enhances the physical and social environment.
- 10) Public health institutions should protect the confidentiality of information that can bring harm to an individual or community if made public. Exceptions must be justified on the basis of the high likelihood of significant harm to the individual or others.
- 11) Public health institutions should ensure the professional competence of their employees.
- 12) Public health institutions and their employees should engage in collaborations and affiliations in ways that build the public's trust and the institution's effectiveness.



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.



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COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

EXCELLENCE

PREPAREDNESS

QUALITY

INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Public Health Nursing Report

The 2016 year has once again seen some significant changes and improvements within the Kenton Hardin Health Department. We work diligently to make record keeping a streamlined process. By working meticulously with our state immunization reporting system (Impact SIIS) and our electronic health records systems, we have been able to upload patient immunization information directly from our system to the state system. We are proud of how smoothly our clinics flow and how quickly we can serve clients. Scheduling appointments for clinics has allowed us to function much more efficiently and due to our many outreach activities assures that a nurse will be in house to provide services for our clients. The result is 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 our Drive Thru clinic was held this year in the parking garage located under the Courthouse Annex building, which houses our offices. In addition, flu vaccine is always available in our office located in Courthouse Annex.

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 organized in school immunization clinics at most of the Hardin County schools and provided required school immunizations to enter 7th grade and for seniors going into college. Kindergarten required school vaccines were done by appointment and special clinic times were added for client convenience. 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. This also allows us to identify any potential outbreaks early.

Kenton Hardin Health Department did not experienced any disease outbreaks this calendar year. However, much work was done in terms of education in regards to Zika virus. The Environmental and Emergency Preparedness staff did provide information in regards to mosquito control. The largest risk to Hardin County continues to be exposure during travel to South America and Caribbean countries, although some cases were seen in Florida and Texas. We work closely with our Regional Epidemiologist to update emergency plans and participate in practice events, so our staff is always ready for any possible outbreak or emergency. This allows us to be prepared to handle any event quickly and efficiently so that we can effectively control spread of disease and maintain community health

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 Kenton Hardin Health Department participates in Child Passenger safety checks at various time throughout the 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 32 children and completed 211 home 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 and Early Intervention services.

Kenton Hardin Health Department was able to implement a new program, *Cribs for Kids*, which is a safe sleep environment program. This program is made possible through Ohio Department of Health Maternal Child Grant funds. Kenton Hardin Health Department was notified in October 2016 of award of funds for this program. Most of the work will occur in the 2017 year. *Cribs for Kids* allows us to provide a crib and other items that provide a safe sleep environment for families who are having difficulty obtaining a crib. Once referral is received a visit to the home is arranged, education provided, and a crib is set up. One follow up appointment is offered to assure that the crib is being utilized safely. In addition, nurses will assess for resource needs and referrals will be made as are appropriate to the family need.

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 Healthy 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. Although the Coalition has continued many outreach and educational efforts to encourage healthy food/beverage choices, as well as increase activity, much effort has been put into sustainability and restructuring. The coalition developed by-laws and strategic planning effort were initiated. Priorities that the coalition will be addressing are Behavioral Health-Substance Abuse and Chronic Disease-obesity. At the conclusion of the Communities *Preventing Childhood Obesity* research grant in the spring of 2016, the coalition provided education to most of the pre-schools in Hardin County on Water First for Thirst and made an environmental change by placing up to three health horse stick horses into all participating pre-schools.

Kenton Hardin Health Department works very closely with Kenton City Schools on nutrition and activity programs, utilizing *My Plate* curriculum. The staff develops two lessons that is utilized in pre-school, kindergarten and some first grade classrooms, reaching nearly 200 children with healthy eating and activity information. In addition, one nurse was trained in Project Kinds, a manner based curriculum that was implemented in Ridgemont schools kindergarten classes. In October of 2016, notice of funding awards from the Maternal Child Grant will allow us to enlarge our reach to Hardin County schools. Much of this work will be completed in 2017. We will be reaching out to Hardin County School to introduce *Veggie U*, a science based in

classroom garden curriculum that allows the teacher to teach and meet school required teaching, as well as how food grow and a tasting activity. Kenton Hardin Health Department will provide all supplies, assist with the tasting event and provide technical support throughout the school year. In addition, Kenton Hardin Health Department will provide the needed refillable supplies to all implementing schools.

The Dental Council, supported by funds from United Way and in collaboration with Hardin County Crippled Children's and Adults has assisted 4 children and 7 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. 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 95 to 109 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

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. Additional clinics are offered as needed due to peak needs.

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. - 4:00 P.M.

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

**The following vaccines were given in ~~2015~~ 2016
To Children and Adults**

<i>Influenza</i>					769
<i>TDAP</i>					345
<i>HIB</i>					272
<i>MMR</i>					128
<i>Proquad</i>					220
<i>Prevnar</i>					258
<i>Pediarix</i>					723
<i>Varicella</i>					188
<i>Kinrix</i>					270
<i>Meningococcal</i>					544
<i>Meningocccal B</i>					41
<i>HPV & HPV9</i>					204
<i>Rotavirus</i>					116
<i>HEP B</i>					76
<i>HEP A</i>					108
<i>DTAP/Infanrix</i>					75
<i>Pneumonia</i>					11
<i>TB Tests</i>					102
<i>Twinrix (Adult)</i>					33
<i>Polio</i>					13
<i>Tetanus</i>					2
<i>Zostivax</i>					5
<i>Total</i>					4503

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.

Botulism-infant			1
Campylobacteriosis			5
Chlamydia			88
Cryptosporidiosis			4
Gonococcal infection			6
Haemophilus influenza			1
Hepatitis B			13
Hepatitis C			69
Influenza (hospital associated)			11
Lyme Disease			1
Meningitis-aseptic			1
Mycobacterial Disease			2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)			1
Salmonellosis			9
Streptococcal Disease, Group A			4
Streptococcus pneumoniae			1
Syphilis			1
Varicella (Chicken Pox)			1
Yersiniosis			4
Total			223



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 117 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 2017. There are 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.

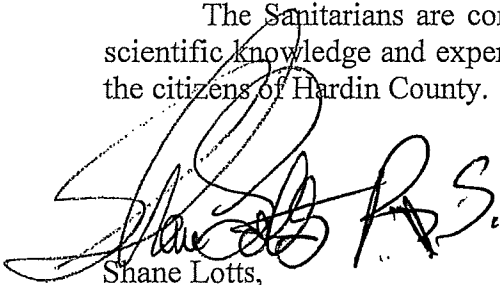
Opening a food service or retail food service operation and licensing
Plan review/design for sewage disposal systems and food service operations.

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 2016

Food Service/Retail Food Licenses Issued	132
Food Service/Retail Food Inspections	322
Food Plan Reviews	11
Food Mobile Licenses Issued	10
Food Mobile Inspections	10
Food Vending Licenses Issued	19
Food Vending Inspections	19
Food Temporary Licenses Issued	32
Food Temporary Inspections	32
Food Services (New)	6
Food Services (Closed)	4

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	28
Water Samples Taken	85

Sewage Permits Issued	27
Site Inspections	30
Final Inspections	27
12 Month Inspections	33
Sewage Inspections (Real Estate Sales)	7
Liquid Waste Haulers Licensed	8
Service Providers Licensed	11
Installers Licensed	12

Nuisance Inspections	95
Nuisance Return Investigations	167

Animal Bites Reported	68
Rabies Testing	4

Tattoo Licenses Issued	1
Tattoo Inspections	1



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2016 Division of Emergency Preparedness Annual Report

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, first responders, community partners and stakeholders, and the citizens of Hardin County.

Notes

Budget and Resources. PHEP funding has allowed for Division expenditures: Epidemiologist, personnel expenditures for the fiscal officer, emergency coordinator, medical director, public information officer, annual trainings, exercises, and travel expenses. The funding also allows the Division to secure MARCS radio communication capabilities, to secure an agency website, to maintain an IT back-up system, and to maintain the emergency generator. The Division has been able to secure another AED and cabinet during the past year, office supplies for multiple meetings, radio and newspaper ads for the Full Scale Flu Clinic Exercise, emergency medical supplies, and paper and ink for the large plotter.

Through the PHEP Grant funding, the Division was also able to purchase a security cart for medical countermeasure operation resources, a portable stream light for exercises, a SHARPS Kiosk for needle disposal and a decontamination unit. The Kiosk was exercised at both the Hardin County Fairgrounds and displayed during the Hope over Heroin Blitz and the Ambustat decontamination unit was deployed into the field for exercise and testing. Additionally, the Division has continued to distribute Narcan (Naloxone kits) to Hardin County Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire jurisdictions, made possible by the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Board of Pharmacy; to secure and supplied CAT Tourniquets and training to Hardin County Law Enforcement Officers, made possible through the Central Ohio Regional Healthcare Coalition "Stop the Bleed" Campaign; supplied Biohazard Default PPE Kits to Hardin County EMS, made possible through the Special Emerging Pathogens including Ebola / Vector Control Grant; and the Division secured a Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program Grant, made possible through the Office of Health Improvement and Wellness, Injury Prevention Program- Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention, and become the Healthcare Intelligence Liaison Officer for Hardin County. The Division continues to work with the Medical Reserve Corps, the County Information Technology Committee, the Transportation Committee of Hardin County, and the Hardin County Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Security, Public Health, and Emergency Notification. The Health Department has preservation of records with backup capabilities, a badging system for incident and volunteer management, and incident command vests for on scene coverage. The PHEP Grant allows for the ability to maintain an after-hours emergency phone line. KHHD tests monthly, quarterly, and annually interoperable communications with phone, email, and MARCS radios. The Health Department also has the ability to contact partner agencies with a local Health Alert Network system during Public Health situations and emergency response. Kenton-Hardin Health Department maintains the ability to use the Nixle Emergency Notification System for Public Health Emergencies.



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Exercises, Activities, Tests. Emergency response is tested through Public Health Preparedness Capabilities. The Health Department is able to exercise the capabilities at local and regional levels. Some opportunities in 2016 include: Regional Central Ohio Trauma Systems annual exercise, a Continuity of Operations Functional Exercise for Ebola with the Central Ohio Region, and local real world incidents such as water main breaks, power outages, environmental health, vector, and food service incidents. Additionally, the Division has been able to send staff from the Divisions of Nursing, Environmental Health and Office to specific Emergency Preparedness and Response Trainings which include: Tracking Systems, Radiation Training, Mitigation Planning, Inventory Management Tracking, and Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Training.

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

Accreditation & Emergency Response Coordinator

Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

Violence and Injury Prevention Program

Healthcare Intelligence Liaison Officer

Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response

Accreditation Activities 2016

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 continued this work through planning in 2016 to meet this mandate.

Since 2013, the Kenton-Hardin Health Department Administration Team has been meeting monthly on the first Tuesday of every month. During the meetings, each Division is discussed, including the Accreditation Pathway, Policies, Quality Improvement, and Planning Development, and Accreditation Education has been integrated in the monthly Board of Health meetings. In the 2016 year, Kenton Hardin Health Department revamped the Mission of the Health Department and created a Vision and Value Statements, developed Domain Teams and Leaders and began the process of preparing documentation according to the guidance contained in the standards and measures for application. In May 2016, the initial Community Health Improvement Planning meeting was conducted with 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. In October 2016 KHHD received a CHIP Grant to continue the process, with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio Association. The first Quality Improvement initiative for substance abuse data, and to increase current substance abuse data from sources, started in October 2016. The CQI Team meets twice a month for this initiative. The Strategic Plan for the Health Department has been in process since 2015. As of December 2016, the Board of Health met and completed Strategic Planning Inputs for the Plan; two Internal Inputs include Communications – with department staff and community stakeholders and Public Affairs Visibility – with community awareness and promoting Health Department Policies, Programs, and Procedures. Staff members, along with the Administration Team and the Board of Health have reviewed and approved the Hardin County Procedural Handbook; wrote and approved the Kenton-Hardin Health Department Branding Policy, the Workforce Development Plan is under review/revision, and the Quality Improvement Plan for the Health Department is in process at this time. The Community Health Improvement Plan should be completed in May 2017, followed by the Strategic Plan, and then the next round Community Health Assessment planning will being.

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

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.

Birth Certificates are now State wide issued from any Health Department in Ohio.

Death Certificates are only issued at the local county Health Department.

Total Certified copies issued for the year of 2016: 1063 **birth** certificates and 719 **death** certificates for a total of 1,782. Veterans are given one free copy of a certificate used in filing for benefits.

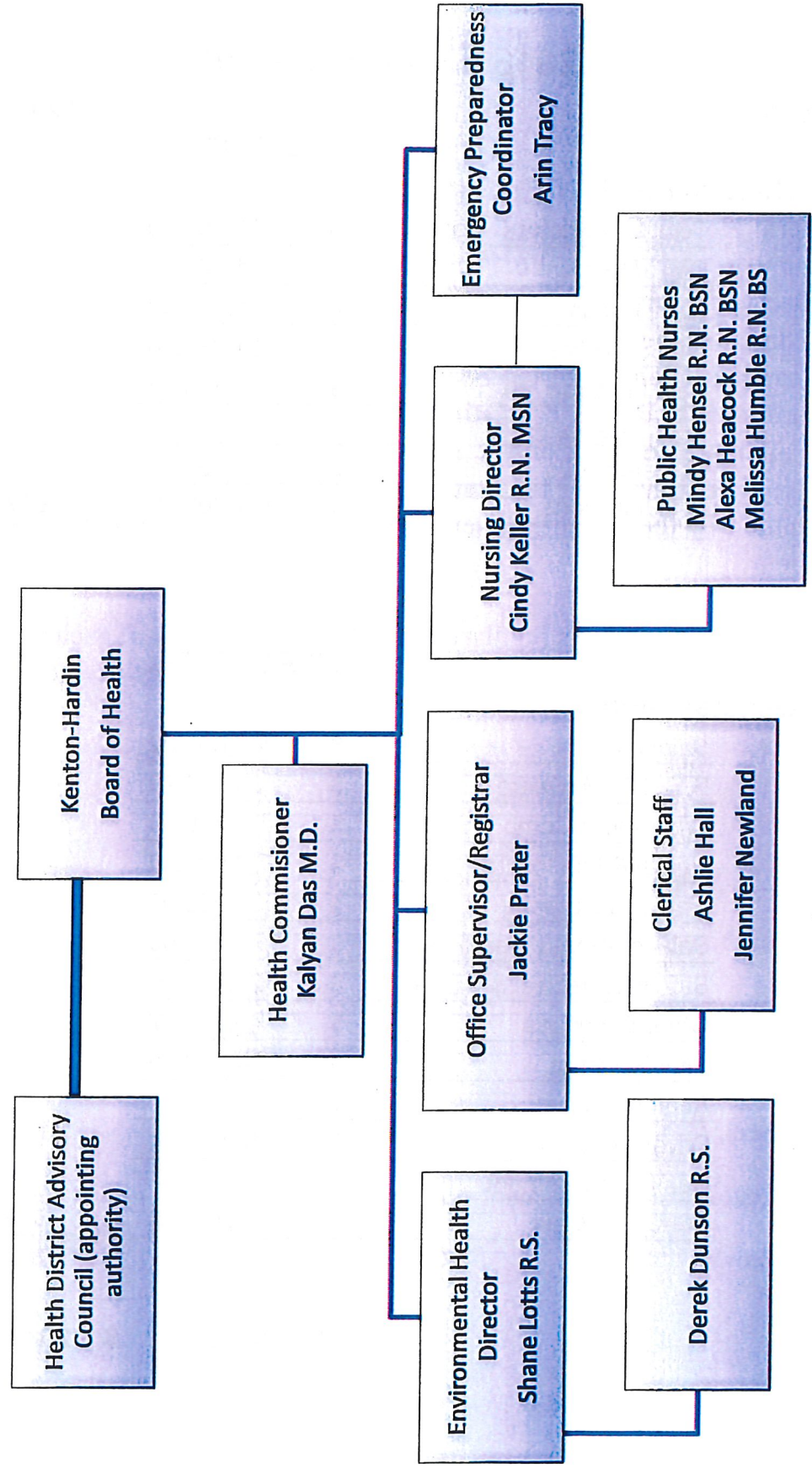
Birth Verifications & Government Copies: Job and Family Services Department requires verification of births for clients. This office does birth and death verifications for the Armed Forces, Social Security, and Workman's compensation. Government copies are stamped for "government use only". There were a total of 80 verifications done in 2016.

Home births (or any born at Hardin Memorial Hospital) are required to complete and bring paperwork into the office within the required 10 days after the birth to be registered with the Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics office by the local registrar. There were 45 Home Births in 2016.

2016 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN HARDIN COUNTY

HEART RELATED	61
CANCER	51
ALZHEIMERS / DEMENTIA	10
RESPIRATORY ARREST	10
ARTERIOSCLEROSIS	10
C.O.P.D.	8
DRUG INTOXICATION	8
OTHER CAUSES	7
PNEUMONIA	6
RENAL FAILURE	5
AUTO ACCIDENTS	4 (3 AUTO & 1 ATV)
SUICIDE	4
CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE	2
SEPTICEMIA / SEPSIS	2
LIVER RELATED	2
EMPHYSEMA	2
FAILURE TO THRIVE	2
PENDING	1
ACCIDENTS	1
UNDETERMINED	1
HYPERTENSION	1
ANEMIA	1
CEREBRAL EMBOLISM	1
SUDDEN DEATH	1
PUMONARY	1
C.V.A	1

Kenton Hardin Health Department Organizational Chart



2016 Financial Report

Carryover

\$211,425.07

Receipts

General Fund

Towns/Townships	\$	163,000.00	
City of Kenton	\$	81,500.00	
State Funds	\$	48,660.30	
Vital Statistics	\$	51,635.50	
Help Me Grow CC	\$	11,516.18	
Health Assessment	\$	-	
Miscellaneous	\$	19,865.67	
Immunizations	\$	151,808.49	\$ 527,986.14

Expenditures

General Fund

Salaries	\$	243,655.32	
P.E.R.S./Medicare	\$	35,760.70	
Workman's Comp	\$	2,510.30	
Health & Life Insurance	\$	50,681.49	
Liability Insurance	\$	4,999.00	
Salaries-Board Members	\$	3,240.00	
Supplies/Medical & Office	\$	26,750.20	
Other Expenses	\$	40,248.37	
Vital Statistics	\$	24,429.55	
Audit Expense	\$	-	
Private Vaccine	\$	79,057.14	
Health Assessment	\$	-	
Travel Expense	\$	4,783.28	\$ 516,115.35

2016 Balance \$ 204,780.64

