

2010 Annual Report



Seneca County General Health District



Public Health

Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

WIC Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Wednesday
8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday

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Health Commissioner

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Registrar

- Anita Gaietto, BSBA
Fiscal Director

- Jill Griffin, M.Ed
Human Resource Director

- Nancy Howe, MS, RD, LD, IBCLC
WIC Director

- Laura Wallrabenstein, MA, RS
Environmental Health Director



President's Message

During the past year, your Seneca County Health Department has once again strived to promote a safe environment for all residents within the district it serves. We often thank our health for granted, but as we look at other parts of the world, we must be thankful for our good fortune. Can you imagine living in an environment where food is not safe, drinking water is not clean or children have no

safe place to play because of contamination from toxic waste or bacteria?

The employees of your General Health District remain committed and proactive in their efforts to identify the next disease or epidemic which may jeopardize the health of all of us. As you will see in this report there are many activities and services within the Nursing, WIC, and Environmental divisions which not only pro-

vide good health, but ultimately provide a safe environment for us to live.

I encourage you to visit the website or stop in at either of our office locations in Tiffin or Fostoria and take advantage of the services available to you. Thank you for your past and future support.

- Chris Willman,
Board President

From the Health Commissioner

Public health continues to play a critical role in our society as a watch guard and protector. Our mandates in public health are to prevent disease, promote health, and protect our environment. Again this year, the Public Health System in Seneca County, across Ohio, and throughout the United States was stressed to its maximum capacity. In 2010, the United States once again faced more natural disasters such as floods, ongoing droughts, and more economic upheaval and uncertainty. A significant portion of our residents continued to need our services. The dangers and threats we face in public health are very real.

In an effort to fulfill our mandated responsibilities, we will continue to reach out to individuals, families, and our community in order to work together for the mutual benefit of our residents within the Health District's jurisdiction. Your individual support was critically important this year. Thank you for your financial support through your tax dollars and contributions. Like many other agencies and businesses in Seneca County, the Health District faced reduction in revenue through our grants and contracts. We were able to maintain our basic core services; however, we adjusted staffing to reflect the cuts. Over the past

three years we have not replaced 1.5 FTE registered sanitarians; 1 FTE Registered Nurse; 0.5 FTE Home Health Assistant; 1.5 FTE Clerks, and 1 FTE administrative Assistant. In order to adjust to the staffing changes, the Health District did go to an automated phone message system. We will continue to watch guard our community and operate as efficiently as possible in an effort to maximize our resources for the benefit of our community.

- Marjorie S. Broadhead, MBA, RN, RS

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Tiffin, Ohio

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419/447-3691 Tiffin; 419/937-2812 or 419/435-3024 (Fostoria)

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www.senecacountyhealthdept.org

Special points of interest:

- Serving the Cities of Fostoria and Tiffin and all of Seneca County



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Our Staff

Bioterrorism Readiness Coord.
Steve Coffman

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Vital Statistics

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Angela Ruth, DTR

Teresa Reinhart, Clerical
Janet Sager, Peer Asst.

Human Resource Division

The Human Resource Division directed a variety of activities during 2010, including but not limited to, determining and fulfilling staffing needs, recruiting and training the best employees, dealing with performance issues, ensuring personnel and management practices conform to various regulations, managing of benefits and compensation, employee records, and personnel policy changes/additions.

2010 Staff Totals

Total FTE's: 36.50

Full time employees: 33
Part time employees: 6
Intermittent employees: 0
Resignations (FTE): 0
Terminations: 0
New Hires (FTE): 2.20
Retirement (FTE): 1.40

2010 Training Opportunities

- Monthly staff meetings
- Personnel policy review
- Incident command training
- Workplace Ethics/Cultural Competency
- Employee recognition

- Staff CPR
- Drug free workplace
- OSHA training
- Diversity Training
- Harassment training
- Fire extinguisher training
- Nationwide tornado drill
- Insurance/wellness
- Other leadership training

Vital Statistics

The Seneca County General Health District is now able to issue birth certificates for **anyone born in the State of Ohio**. Death certificates can be issued for **Seneca County only** including the cities of Fostoria and Tiffin. Birth and death records are available for the years 1909 to present.

To obtain a birth certificate, the birth name, date of birth, father's name and mother's maiden name are required. For a death certificate, the name on the certificate and date of death are required. If you wish to receive a birth or death record by mail, please send the above information, a check or money order for \$25.00 and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Seneca County Health Department, 71 S. Washington Street, Suite 1102, Tiffin, OH 44883. To order a record via the internet, log on to www.vitalchek.com and follow the

prompts for Seneca County. The Vital Statistics Division has a 24-hour turnaround time for all mail/web order birth certificates.

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| Birth certificates issued | 2263 | 3035 |
| Death certificates issued | 1687 | 2046 |
| Total births | 542 | 585 |
| Births to unwed mothers | 238 | 276 |
| Teenage births (ages 14-19) | 61 | 71 |
| Births to unwed teen mothers | 54 | 66 |
| Total deaths | 442 | 480 |
| Leading causes of death: | | |
| Malignant neoplasm: | 70 | 70 |
| Diseases of the heart: | 164 | 192 |
| Cerebrovascular disease: | 25 | 25 |
| Atherosclerosis: | 0 | .8 |
| Pneumonia & Influenza: | 17 | 20 |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease: | 7 | 12 |
| Chronic liver disease: | 2 | 6 |
| Nephritis (kidney disorders): | 17 | 19 |
| Accidents & adverse effects: | 13 | 14 |
| Suicide: | 5 | 4 |
| Other causes: | 121 | 146 |

Nursing Division

2010 found the staff of the Community Health Division of the Seneca County General Health District providing services intended to fulfill core public health functions by emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention and control. Comprehensive health services were provided to individuals, families, and the community-at-large through targeted interventions and programs including child, adolescent, and adult health, communicable disease control and prevention, immunization, and education.

The Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) program currently has 264 children actively enrolled. The BCMh nurses continued to be available for information, home visits, referral and follow-up. The Pediatric Cardiac clinic

was well utilized seeing 103 children during 2010. The Vision Clinic was held 3 times, seeing 94 children.

The Health Options for Teens clinic, a medical clinic for adolescents aged 12 thru 20 is held monthly in Tiffin. It is available due to funding from the Ohio Department of Health. In 2010, 85 visits were made to the clinic.

Lead testing was offered to Seneca County residents, with emphasis on children ages 6 months thru 6 years of age. The Lead Clinic was held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Tiffin. A total of 33 blood lead tests were done. Case management is provided to children with a lead level of 10 or higher. Home visits and ongoing follow-up are provided to assist with education to reduce the blood

lead level. Instruction is given on cleaning, home renovation, diet, follow-up blood tests and more to aid in lowering the level.

The Northwest Ohio Regional Resource Center is one of four grant-funded programs by the Ohio Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP). The goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Ohio through primary prevention efforts, effective identification of children exposed to lead hazards, and assurance of appropriate follow-up care. The purpose is to support all levels of childhood lead poisoning prevention, provide organizations, professionals, and the public with culturally sensitive education, communit-

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Andrea Cook, RN prepares to do a lead check on one year old, Will.

Environmental Division

The SCGHD Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Rules became effective on January 1, 2008. Detailed information on these rules is available on the SCGHD web site at <http://www.senecahealthdept.org>. New statewide rules are anticipated to become effective on January 1, 2013 or later.

Other Program Information

HSTS - There are various options for any HSTS, and it is up to the property owner and the HSTS designer to research the options available. In 2010 our department permitted 20 leaching tile fields, 3 mounds, 3 off-lot discharging systems (under EPA permit) and 3 systems that utilize low pressure pipe. The EH division continued to actively oversee an operation and maintenance program for

newly installed HSTS in the county. The remainder of the 41 HSTS permits sold were for septic tank replacements.

Radon Testing - The Environmental Health Division has three licensed radon testers on staff and can provide FREE radon testing in any home upon request of the homeowner. This grant-funded service has been available for over a decade to all residents of Seneca County.

Smoking Compliance - All smoking compliance complaints called into the 1-800 Hotline from Seneca County are referred to the Environmental Division for investigation. The sanitarian that does these investigations spent over 127 hours in 2010 investigating and documenting these complaints. Thirty smoking complaints were investigated in 2010 and about twenty five of these were dismissed. Four of the violations were repeat offenses that involve fines. All four of these violations

were contested and had to have an administrative hearing. One of the offenses resulted in a warning letter only. The investigating sanitarian has had to attend numerous administrative hearings for cases commencing in 2010 as well as for cases from 2009.

Public Health and Food Protection

The Food Protection Program is the single largest program administered by the Environmental Health Division of the Seneca County General Health District. This program involves the licensing and inspection of all retail and non-commercial food businesses. These include restaurants, bars, convenience stores, gas stations, nursing homes, and hospitals. Also, the Environmental Division licenses and inspects vending machines, food carts, and all food sold at fairs, festivals, and flea markets. These inspections are a public

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2010 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

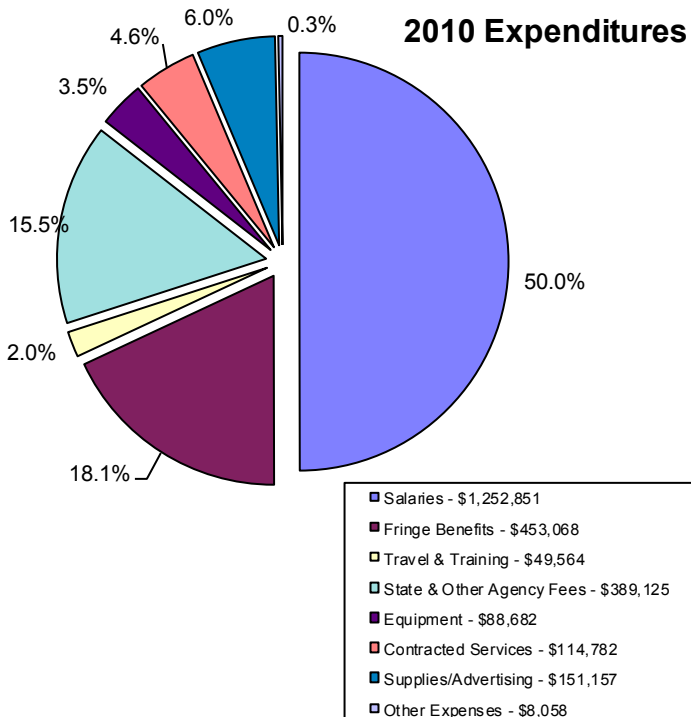
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| 215 Food Service Operations | 5 Recreational Camps | 20 Household Septic System Installers |
| 91 Retail Food Establishments | 5 Resident Camps | 67 Well Permits Issued |
| 51 Mobile Food Establishments | 5 Bathing Beaches | 41 Septic Permits Issued |
| 62 Vending Food Establishments | 16 School Districts | 231 Nuisance Complaints Investigated |
| 91 Temporary Foods | 3 Tattoo Establishments | 125 Animal Bites Reported |
| 35 Swimming Pools | 13 Scavengers | 1 Jails |
| 17 MHP | 1 Water Haulers | 7 Infectious Waste Generators |



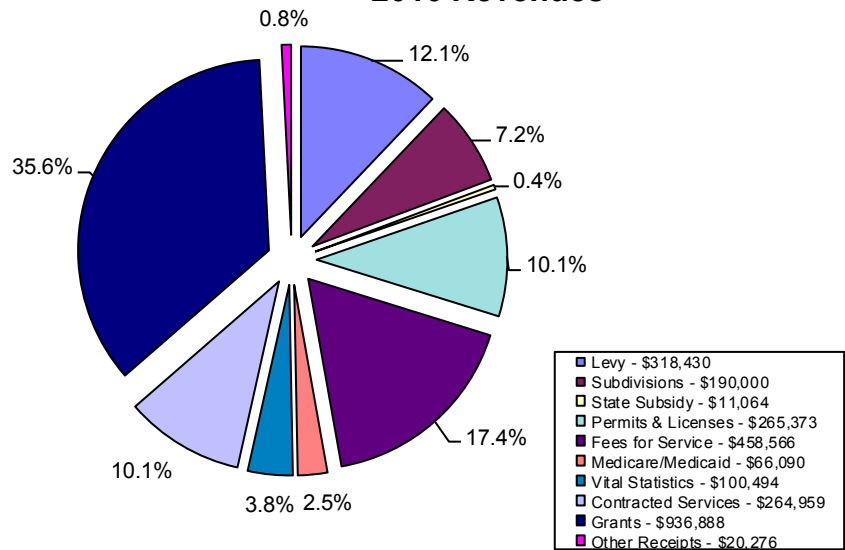
Matt Beckman, Sanitarian

Fiscal Division

2010 Expenditures



2010 Revenues



WIC Division

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program For Women, Infants and Children

Nancy A. Howe, MS, RD, LD, IBCLC—WIC Director

WIC works by providing nutrition education and specific foods to pregnant women, postpartum women and children to age five. Breastfeeding is encouraged as the normal and healthiest feeding method for all babies. In 2010, an average of 1921 Seneca County residents were receiving WIC benefits each month.

WIC is funded through the US Department of Agriculture:

- Approximately \$1.28 Million in federal tax dollars were returned to Seneca County in food and assistance to WIC

Participants during 2010.

- Participants redeemed \$919,000 worth of coupons at Seneca County grocers.
- \$3,500 in WIC coupons were redeemed at eligible Seneca County farm stands.
- USDA, through ODH, provided \$362,000 in grant funds to meet the expenses of providing this program to Seneca County residents.

Additional services provided to Seneca County WIC participants:

- Farmer's Market Nutrition Program—providing Ohio produce to our participants
- Smoking cessation program—available to pregnant participants
- *New* Breastfeeding Peer Assistant—to

help any breastfeeding mom in Seneca County

WIC services:

Available full time in both Tiffin and Fostoria. Evening hours are available by appointment. Upper income limits for the WIC program are generous and increase with family size. Potential participants qualifying for Medicaid qualify for WIC.

Funding provided to serve all eligible participants.

WIC serves traditional as well as non-traditional families.

If you have any questions about WIC call 419-448-5742 or 1-800-698-3691.

Nursing Division

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outreach referrals, and health promotion activities. We completed site visits to all the local health departments in the 26 counties of Northwest Ohio. We provided 37 educational presentations, completed 12 follow-up visits to physicians' offices and filled 124 requests for materials totaling 34,885 pieces of information.

Passport, Respite, Personal Care, and Home-maker programs, funded by grants and contracts from the Ohio Department of Aging and the Allen Eiry Foundation, offer services to our senior clients ages 60+. We served 25 clients, spending 2,997 hours in their homes during 2010.

Senior Health Clinics continued to add new clients during the year. The weather as well as location are major factors in attendance as some clients walk to clinics. The most common problems identified during our clinics are hypertension, high blood sugar, urinary tract infections and low hemoglobin. Our clients are referred to their family physician for evaluation and treatment. We also have a dietitian from the OSU Extension office that attends the clinic and counsels clients on diet and food choices.

Nursing services were again provided at the Seneca County Juvenile Detention Center. The nurses complete physical assessments, address medical issues, set up medications and offer education. 190 assessments were completed last year. Nursing services were also provided at CROSSWAEH Community Based Correctional Facility. There are approximately 60 men and 25 women housed at CROSSWAEH. Nurses complete initial health assessments, assist the physician with physical assessment and testing, and address medical issues as they arise.

Communicable disease shows our county continuing to struggle with high numbers of STD. Other diseases seen during the past year were legionellosis, salmonella, campylobacter, cryptosporidiosis, giardiasis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, pertussis, invasive strep, and viral meningitis. There were no cases of active TB this year. The Hepatitis Program continued to offer vaccine to Hepatitis C + and at-risk clients. 23 people received vaccine thru this program.

Newborn home visits were made to teen and first time parents. Education and referral are large components of this program. We are

lucky to be able to supply these families with a smoke alarm carbon monoxide detector and a fire extinguisher with monies received from the Attorney General's lead settlement funds.

School nurses at the Family Learning Center, Bridges Academy, St. Wendelin Schools, and the Seneca County Schools had over 9,500 contacts with students. Screenings for vision, hearing, and scoliosis were performed. Educational presentations for students and staff were offered, care plans were developed for students with medical conditions, and kindergarten screenings were attended.

The immunization program continues to grow. Not including influenza vaccine, 10,826 doses of vaccine were administered to our clients. We began using a new combination vaccine, Kinrix, which is a combination of polio and tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine. This will eliminate a needlestick for the 4-6 year old population. Through our Immunization Action Plan grant, contacts were made with all local doctors' offices that serve children to update them on current immunization practices.

Environmental Division

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health service provided to ensure the safety of Seneca County's food supply for all people who live or work in Seneca County.

Just over three hundred licensed "permanent" food service operations or retail food establishments in Seneca County. All of these locations receive at least one unannounced inspection every year, and most locations receive two or more inspections. Each

location that serves or sells food is classified according to risk level. The lowest risk level (for potential to cause a food borne illness) is for places that sell only pre-packaged non-hazardous foods. The highest risk level is for places that prepare, cool, and reheat foods. All food inspections are public record and may be viewed at the Seneca County General Health District.

Dental Clinic

The Seneca County Dental Clinic provides limited dental services to Seneca County residents who do not have a dentist, and who do not have dental insurance. Medicaid is accepted; and for those who are self-pay, patients need to provide proof of "combined household income" to be placed on the sliding fee scale established by the State. Treatment procedures that were performed at the Seneca County

Dental Clinic include: exams, x-rays, fillings, sealants, and extractions.

The 2010 Seneca County Dental Clinic staff included:

- Dr. Colavincenzo, Dentist
- Jane Dow, Dental Assistant
- Teresa Weis, Bookkeeper

The Dental Clinic was discontinued in 2010 due to lack of funding.

