

2008 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

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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday

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Fiscal Director

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Nancy Howe, MS, RD, LD,
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WIC Director

Laura Wallrabenstein,
MA, RS
Environmental Health
Director



President's Message

As you review our 2008 report, please note an emphasis on wellness, including employee wellness.

Employees of the health district have been actively engaging in wellness initiatives. Some of the things employees have done in 2008 include;

- Participation in a county wellness committee
- Participation in a health district walking program as well as county-wide walking program
- To reduce childhood obesity there is a program entitled "Dance, Dance Revolution" which our school nurse has offered

to the various contracted schools.

- "Word of Mouth" in schools is an anti-smoking program geared at helping kids find alternatives to smoking.

Other ongoing initiatives include:

- Dental clinic
- W.I.C.
- Birth/death certificates
- Personal care
- Communicable disease
- Prenatal health care
- Help Me Grow
- Car seats
- Pediatric specialty clinics
- Immunizations
- Senior clinic

- HIV/AIDS
- Children with medical handicaps
- Health options for teens clinic
- Family planning
- Lead clinic
- Inspecting and issuing permits and/or licenses
- In-house & other inspections/evaluations
- Nuisance complaint investigation
- Animal bites
- Food poisoning outbreaks
- Health hazards
- Environmental health education programs

- Carol Lynch, Board President

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Special points of interest:

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

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From the Health Commissioner

Public health plays a critical role in our society as a watch guard and protector. And our ability to function as a society will be in direct proportion to our ability to manage and prevent public health threats.

Our natural environment is threatened at every front. These threats, whether caused by disease, natural disaster, or brought about by man, can lead to public health emergencies. New diseases are constantly emerging, while others re-emerge in drug-resistant or other forms to threaten human life and the quality of our lives. Pollution, extended heat waves, drought, severe snow and ice

storms, floods, and tornadoes are on the increase in severity and frequency.

We owe so much to the basic principles and practice of public health. If we do not have a basic, quality public health system in place---history has shown us the sad fact that it will lead to disaster. There are cities and states that still struggle to recover because they did not have nor do they have a strong coordinated public health system in place.

The cornerstone of effective preparedness and response consists of skilled personnel with the right expertise and in sufficient numbers. In these difficult economic conditions,

public health districts across the state and nation strain to provide the critically needed basic core public health services and maintain the needed qualified personnel to get the job done.

The dangers and threats we face in public health are very real. More than ever, individuals, families and communities need to work together and stand shoulder to shoulder to help each other. I think the health of our community and nation depends upon it.

- Marjorie S. Broadhead, MBA, RN, RS

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Our Staff

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Steve Coffman

Environmental Health Division

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Matt Beckman, RS
Dustin Kent, RS
Judith Kisabeth, Clerical
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Deborah Magers, RS
James Mohrman, RS
Ryan Sendelbach, SIT

Fiscal Division

Kelly Thom, Bookkeeper
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Nursing Division

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Rita Schank, RN
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Epidemiologist

Nicole Meagher

Vital Statistics

Linda Hinckley, BS, Clerical, Deputy Registrar
Susan Murphy, Clerical

W.I.C.

Tina Hufford, Clerical
Jackie Mendoza, LD
Sherry Pryor, DTR
Angela Ruth, DTR
Michelle Vaughn, Clerical

Human Resource Division

The Human Resource Division directed a variety of activities during 2008, 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.

2008 Staff Totals

Total FTE's: 37.30
Full time employees: 35
Part time employees: 4
Intermittent employees: 1
Resignations (FTE): 2.50
Terminations: 0
New Hires (FTE): 1.60
Retirement: 0

2008 Training Opportunities

- Monthly staff meetings
- Personnel policy review
- Incident command training

- "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" Seminar
- Employee recognition (holiday)
 - Staff CPR
- Drug free workplace
 - OSHA training
- Walking program
- Diversity training
- Fire extinguisher training
- Nationwide tornado drill
 - Insurance/wellness
 - Budget review
- 2008 fair (7/21-7/25)

Vital Statistics

Birth and Death records from 1909 to the present are located in the Vital Statistics Department. These include all Seneca County and all Fostoria City Birth and Deaths. Birth and Death Records prior to 1908 are located at the Probate Court.

Our Department continues to enter the death records from 1909 for Seneca County into our computer software program. This process has helped the Vital Statistics Division to be more efficient in our service to the public.

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, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to 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.

Staff issued 2,736 certified birth certificates and 2,229 certified death certificates in 2008.

Births

Total Births: 627
Births to Unwed Mothers: 329

Teenage Births (14-19): 76
Births to Unwed Teen Mothers: 71

Deaths

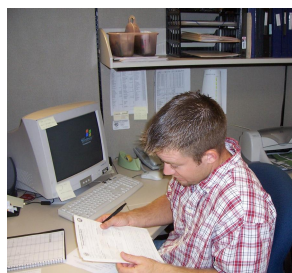
Total Deaths: 509

Leading Causes of Death:

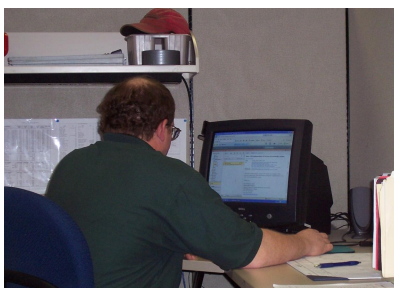
Diseases of the Heart: 175
Malignant Neoplasm: 66
Nephritis (kidney disorders): 30
Pneumonia & Influenza: 31
Cerebrovascular Disease: 24
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: 13
Accidents & Adverse Effects: 13
Suicide: 8
Chronic Liver Disease: 3
Atherosclerosis: 1
Other Causes: 147

2008 NURSING DIVISION STATISTICS

10,730 Immunizations given	612 TB tests given	45 Lead tests
188 Communicable diseases reported	3,201 Hours of home care for seniors	240 Lead case management contacts
54 Communicable disease home visits	204 Newborn home visits	166 Adolescent clinic clients
194 BCMH active enrolled children	246 Senior health checks	8,428 School health services contacts
305 Community education programs presented	99 Pregnancy tests with referral	1,774 Kids received tobacco education



Ryan Sendelbach, SIT



Matt Beckman, RS



Dustin Kent, RS

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>. It is anticipated that new statewide HSTS rules will not become available for a couple of years yet.

Other Program Information

HSTS – A comment that we continue to hear is that “only mound systems can be installed in Seneca County”. This is **not true!** 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 2007 and 2008 our department permitted 23 leaching tile

fields, 13 mounds, 12 off-lot discharging systems (under EPA permit) and 2 systems that utilize low pressure pipe. Clearly, leaching tile fields remain as the majority of systems installed in Seneca County.

In 2008 the EH division began to actively oversee an operation and maintenance program for newly installed HSTS in the county. There is no charge for this program as long as the required maintenance is completed and on file with our division.

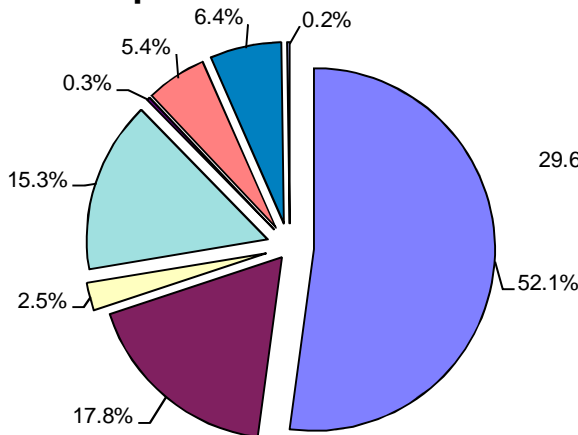
Radon Testing– The Environmental Health Division has three licensed radon testers on staff and can provide FREE radon testing in any home upon request of the homeowner. This grant-funded service has been available for over a decade to all residents of Seneca County.

Smoking Compliance - On November 7, 2006, the voters of Ohio passed Issue 5 that enacted a new Chapter 3794 of the Ohio Revised Code effective Dec. 7, 2006. This so-called “smoking ban” prohibited smoking in most public places and places of employment throughout the state of Ohio. All 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 150 hours in 2008 investigating and documenting these complaints. Over 50 smoking complaints were investigated and 31 of these were dismissed, the rest all required formal warnings that may then progress into various fines charged for repeat offenses.

2008 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS		
217 Food Service Operations	5 Recreational Camps	35 Household Septic System Installers
94 Retail Food Establishments	5 Resident Camps	75 Well Permits Issued
43 Mobile Food Establishments	5 Bathing Beaches	47 Septic Permits Issued
84 Vending Food Establishments	16 School Districts	271 Nuisance Complaints Investigated
97 Temporary Foods	2 Tattoo Establishments	119 Animal Bites Reported
36 Swimming Pools	14 Scavengers	
17 MHP	20 Refuse Haulers	

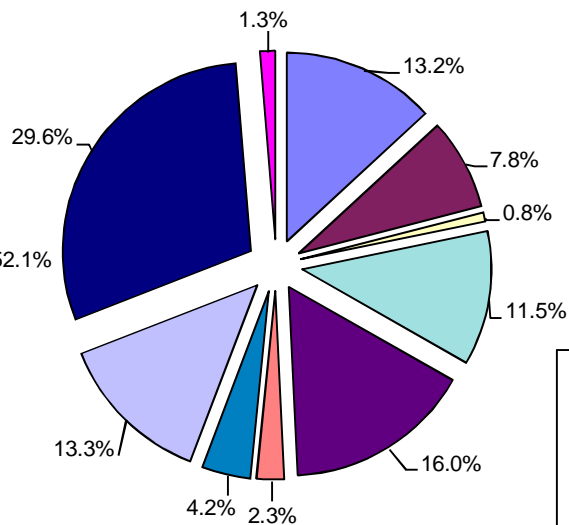
Fiscal Division

2008 Expenditures



Salaries - \$1,269,297
Fringe Benefits - \$433,982
Travel & Training - \$60,025
State & Other Agency Fees - \$372,384
Equipment - \$7,086
Contracted Services - \$131,975
Supplies/Advertising - \$155,225

2008 Revenues



Levy - \$318,646
Subdivisions - \$190,000
State Subsidy - \$19,168
Permits & Licenses - \$277,318
Fees for Service - \$388,151
Medicare/Medicaid - \$56,543

Nursing Division

In 2008, the Community Health Nursing Division continued to serve our residents with practice intended to preserve the health of the population across the lifespan by emphasizing health promotion, 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, family and adult health, communicable disease control and prevention, immunization, and education. The teen birth rate in Seneca County continues to be low due to the work being done in the adolescent health clinics and the outreach education programs offered through the Horizons project. The Northwest Ohio Regional Resource Center for Lead Poisoning Prevention, based at the Seneca County General Health District, promotes public and professional lead poisoning awareness, education, and com-

munity outreach to 26 counties in Northwest Ohio. The high rate of lead testing of children in Seneca County identified lead poisoned children and enrolled those with a lead level of 10 or higher in our case management services. Newborn home visits were made to 204 families that include physical assessments for the newborn and mother, education and referral, and follow-up. The certified home care aides provided over 3,200 hours of in home care to senior citizens and 246 visits were made to the senior health check clinics held throughout the county. In 2008, there were 188 reported cases of communicable diseases. Of those, 75% were sexually transmitted diseases. Educational programs were presented in local schools, Youth Center, CROSSWAEH, area health fairs, colleges, Patchworks House, and day care centers to name a few. School nurses made 8,428 contacts with school children in the following schools: Seneca East, Mohawk, Old Fort, Bettsville, Hopewell-Loudon, New Riegel, Calvert, St. Wendelin,

Bridges Academy, and The Family Learning Center. The Bureau for Medical Handicaps program continues to serve 194 families with diagnosis, treatment and referral services. Specialty clinics for vision and cardiology are ongoing and served 185 children in 2008. In the immunization program, 10,730 doses of vaccine were administered. Statistics show the Health District is immunizing 52% of Seneca County's children that are under two years of age and 83% of those children are up to date with their immunization status.



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

WIC Division

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

WIC works by providing nutrition education and 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 2008, an average of 2,016 Seneca County residents received WIC benefits each month.

Seneca County WIC participates in the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program providing Ohio produce to our participants. This results in increased business for the farm stands and healthier diets for our families.

Seneca County WIC provides two unique services to our clients. A smoking cessation program is offered to all pregnant participants and has been successful in helping a significant number of pregnant women quit smoking before they deliver. We also test our 7 to 36 month old participants for lead poisoning.

WIC is funded through the US Department of Agriculture. Approximately \$1.5 million in federal tax dollars were returned to Seneca County in food and assistance to WIC participants during 2008. This includes \$3,290.00 in WIC coupons redeemed at eligible Seneca County farm stands.

WIC services are available full time in both Tiffin and Fostoria. Evening hours are available by appointment. While there are upper income limits for the WIC program, these limits are generous and increase with family size. A family of three could gross up to \$2,714 monthly to qualify. Income guidelines are adjusted every April and normally increase. Any potential participant qualifying for Medicaid qualifies for WIC. We are funded to serve all eligible families. 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.

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 are performed at the Seneca County Dental Clinic include: exams, x-rays, fillings, sealants, and extractions.

In 2008, our dentists held 16 clinics, and 73 client visits.

The 2008 Seneca County Dental Clinic staff included:

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



Jane Dow, Dental Asst. & Dr. Colavincenzo, Dentist