

# 2007 Annual Report

## Seneca County General Health District



### Public Health

Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Office Hours:**  
8:30 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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Human Resource Director  
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WIC Director  
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Laura Wallrabenstein,  
MA, RS  
Environmental Health  
Director  
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## President's Message

The demands of public health are ever increasing, and the staff of the Health District are doing an excellent job trying to meet those diverse needs.

The Health District is more than just the place to go for birth and death certificates. Check out programs for smoking cessation, homemaker services, radon abatement, specialty clinics, dental, nutrition, and adult and childhood immunization, plus many others.

As board members, we appreciate the community's support. We thank our staff, both general and administrative for carrying out the



Seneca County General Health District  
71 S. Washington St., Tiffin

mission: Promote wellness, Prevent disease, Protect the environment, and assure access to quality health care.

Please continue to

use the services of your local health district.

- Carol Lynch, Board President

## From the Health Commissioner

2007 has proved to be another year of challenge for the Health District and for our community. I think many of us in our community felt relief as 2007 drew to a close. Supporting each other and working together made the difference in our ability to endure and rise above our challenges. In 2007 we continued and expanded our efforts to prepare our community and families for potential public health threats.

Many mandated state changes occurred in 2007 which had a significant impact on the Health

District and our community. Among these were modifications in the state sewage rules and the state smoking compliance laws. Also, requirements of local school inspections expanded.

In order to be more efficient in our responsibilities, we focused more of our efforts on cross training and training 'two deep' in job responsibilities. We have a solid back up system in place for leadership and we have made real progress in growing leadership within the staff for future demands.

As you read our annual report, we hope you will see the many important services the Health District offers our community. We again wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to our residents, community leaders, and area businesses for your continued support, assistance, and cooperation in helping the Health District fulfill or obligations and commitments to prevent and monitor disease, promote health, and guard our community against public health threats.

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419/447-3691 Tiffin; 419/937-2812 or 419/435-3024 (Fostoria)  
Or fax us at 419/448-5782  
Visit us on the web:  
[www.senecacohealthdept.org](http://www.senecacohealthdept.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

**Environmental Health Division**

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**Fiscal Division**

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**Epidemiologist**

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**Vital Statistics**

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Angela Ruth, DTR  
Judith Schreck, DTR  
Michelle Vaughn, Clerical

## Emergency/Bioterrorism Readiness

We (SCGHD) continue to take the lead for directing and coordinating the response for public health emergencies. The district has continued to work closely with medical providers (hospitals, clinics, physicians) and First Responders (emergency medical services, fire/rescue, and law enforcement) to ensure joint response plans are

developed and practiced.

Throughout the year, SCGHD employees have represented the County on various local, regional, and State anti-bioterrorism planning committees. We are assisting in building the foundation for a local medical resource core. We are helping to write regional protocols for communication, governance,

and epidemiological response to outbreaks and disasters. More staff are trained in the National Incident Management System. We look forward to continuing the relationships we have forged with our community partners and assisting the citizens of Seneca County to be prepared for public health emergencies.

## Human Resource Division

The Human Resource Division directed a variety of activities during 2007, 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.

**2007 Staff Totals**

Full time: 36  
Part time: 8  
Intermittent: 1  
Interim: 1  
Seasonal: 2  
Resignations: 4  
Terminations: 1  
New Hires: 3  
Retirement: 2

**2007 Training Opportunities**

April Sexual Harassment

May Fair Committee Formed  
July 2007 Fair (7/23-29)  
July Fire Extinguisher  
Sept. OSHA  
Oct. OSHA (Cont.)  
Dec. Holiday Breakfast

**Other Training Opportunities:**

- Policy Review
- HazMat Awareness
- Incident Command
- CPR

## 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](http://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 3,437 certified birth certificates and 2,041 certified death certificates in 2007.

**Births**

Total Births: 592

Births to Unwed Teen Mothers: 288  
Teenage Births (14-19): 52

**Deaths**

Total Deaths: 510

**Leading Causes of Death:**

Diabetes: 2  
Diseases of the Heart: 56  
Cancer: 80  
Cerebrovascular Disease: 28  
Pneumonia & Influenza: 19  
Accidents & Adverse Effects: 18  
Nephritis (kidney disorders): 20  
Lung Disease (COPD): 15  
Liver Disease: 4  
Suicide: 8  
HIV/AIDS: 1  
Other: 158



Dustin Kent, Registered Sanitarian

**2007 NURSING DIVISION STATISTICS**

10,581 Immunizations given	586 TB tests given	67 Lead tests
209 Communicable diseases reported	3,214 Hours of home care for seniors	28 Lead case management cases
78 Communicable disease home visits	193 Newborn home visits	167 Adolescent clinic visits
244 BCMH active enrolled children	243 Senior health checks	6,700 School health services contacts
162 Community education programs presented	87 Pregnancy tests with referral	2,284 Kids received tobacco education

# Environmental Division

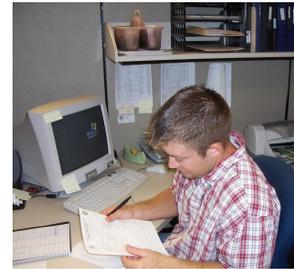
The SCGHD Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Rules became effective on January 1, 2008. Detailed information on these rules is available on the SCGHD web site at <http://www.senecahealthdept.org>.

**Other Program Information**

- Injury Prevention—This is our third year for this grant, which focuses on bike helmet safety and is aimed toward school aged children and their families.
- EPA 319 Grant—The OEPA grant is administered through WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. with the partici-

pation of five (5) local health departments including: Crawford, Erie, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot. The grant replaced/repaired 144 failing home sewage treatment systems over a three (3) year period with grant completion date of Dec. 31, 2007. Seneca County replaced (repaired) 56 systems over the course of the grant.

- Food Operations—it is important that new business owners contact us as soon as possible as it takes time for all the necessary approvals.

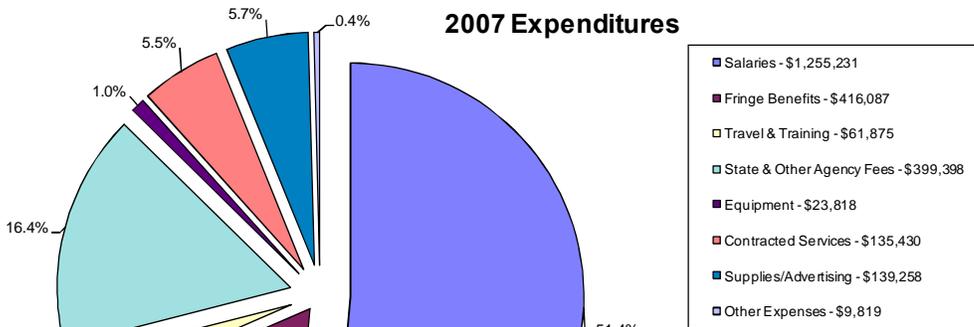


Ryan Sendelbach, Sanitarian-In-Training

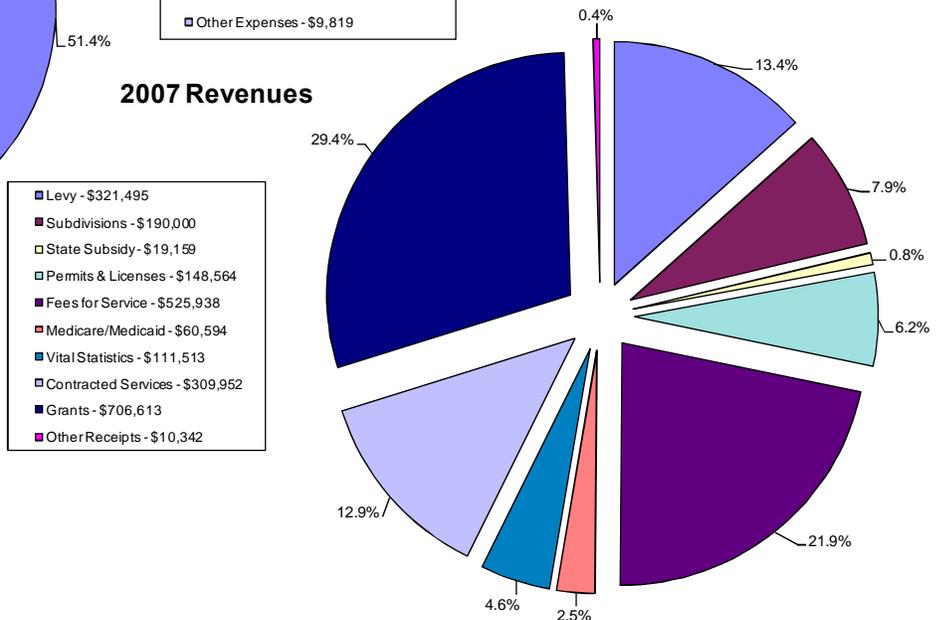
2007 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS		
222 Food Service Operations	5 Recreational Camps	44 Household Septic System Installers
98 Retail Food Establishments	5 Resident Camps	82 Well Permits Issued
41 Mobile Food Establishments	5 Bathing Beaches	40 Septic Permits Issued
90 Vending Food Establishments	16 School Districts	285 Nuisance Complaints Investigated
102 Temporary Foods	2 Tattoo Establishments	133 Animal Bites Reported
36 Swimming Pools	13 Scavengers	
17 MHP	20 Refuse Haulers	

# Fiscal Division

2007 Expenditures



2007 Revenues



## Nursing Division

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 is the lowest it has been for several years due to the work being done in the adolescent health clinics and the outreach education programs. The lead testing of children rate in Seneca County is higher than ever before and more lead poisoned children have been found and enrolled in our case management services due to the

excellent work of the Northwest Ohio Regional Resource Center for Lead Poisoning Prevention in promoting public and professional lead poisoning awareness, education, and community outreach. Newborn home visits were made to 193 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 243 visits were made to the senior health check clinics held throughout the county. In 2007, there were 209 reported cases of communicable diseases. Of those, 72% 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 contact with 6,700 children and two mini-grants were obtained to bring Dance, Dance Revolu-

tion to the physical education programs at New Riegel and Tiffin Middle School. The Bureau for Medical Handicaps program continues to serve 244 families with diagnosis, treatment and referral services. Specialty clinics for vision and cardiology are ongoing and well utilized. In the immunization program, 10,581 doses of vaccine were administered. Statistics show the Health District is immunizing 63% of Seneca County's children, and 81% of those 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 baby. In 2007, an average of 1979 Seneca County residents received WIC benefits each month.

In 2007 one of Seneca County's WIC participants was selected as a winner in the National WIC Association's coloring contest for their 2008 calendar. Sammy Stahl had his artwork featured in the calendar that was distributed through WIC clinics nationwide. His art was also chosen for use in the promotional material for the 2008 coloring contest.

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. The second service is testing our 7 to 36 month old participants for lead poisoning. Seneca County WIC has tested 1,825 WIC children for lead poisoning between November of 2006 and February of 2008. About 28 children have been identified as potentially having lead poisoning.

WIC is funded through the US Department of Agriculture. Approximately \$1.2 Million in federal tax dollars were returned to Seneca County in food and assistance to WIC Participants.

WIC services are available full time in both Tiffin and Fostoria. Evening hours are avail-

able by appointment. While there are upper income limits for the WIC program, these limits are generous and increase with family size. 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.

Examples of upper income limits before taxes for 2007 are:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859

## 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 2007, our dentists held 18 clinics, and 85 client visits.

The 2007 Seneca County Dental Clinic staff included:

- Dr. Colavincenzo, Dentist

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



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