

2006 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

Administration

- Marjorie S. Broadhead, MBA, RN, RS
Health Commissioner

- Jenifer Bayer, RN
Director of Nursing

- Kolette Cholodewitsch
Registrar

- Anita Gaietto, BSBA
Fiscal Director

- Jill Griffin, BS
Human Resource Director

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

- Laura Wallrabenstein,
MA, RS
Environmental Health
Director



President's Message

As we look back on 2006, a lot has been accomplished. The Fostoria office moved to a new facility, 801 Kirk St., The Community Early Childhood and Family Center. This provides easy accessibility and plenty of nearby parking.

WIC Division has consistently handled high case loads. The Seneca County redemption rate for Farmer Market coupons is one of the highest in the state.

The Nursing staff have spent many hours in clinics as well as out and about in the area for services and education purposes.

Environmental



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

staff, after numerous hours of training on the new sewage regulations, which went in effect January 1, 2007, are ready to answer your questions. If you plan new construction or replacement septic, please contact the division for proper

steps, permits, etc.

We, the Board members, thank our staff for a job well done. To the community, thank you for using our services and for your continuing support.

From the Health Commissioner

The Seneca County General Health District is pleased to offer the 2006 Annual Report. Once again, this year has been a busy year for the Health District. Public Health Emergency Preparedness continues to be in the forefront of our agenda and we will continue to reach out to the public in an

effort to prepare our community and families for potential public health threats in the months and years ahead.

As you read our annual report, we hope you will see the many important services the Health District offers our community.

We express gratitude and appreciation

to our residents, community leaders, and area businesses for your support, assistance and cooperation in helping fulfill our obligations and commitments to prevent and monitor disease, promote health, and guard our community against public health threats.

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Tiffin, Ohio
Contact us at:
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

Special points of interest:

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

Board of Health

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Chris Willman
Michael Scherer, D.O., Medical Director

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Our Staff

Bioterrorism Readiness Coord.
Steve Coffman

Environmental Health Division

Phyllis Bosler, Clerical
Dustin Kent, RS
Judith Kisaberth, Clerical
Nichole Rumschlag, RS
Deborah Magers, RS
James Mohrman, RS
Ryan Sendelbach, S-I-T
Greg Weber, RS

Fiscal Division

Kelly Thom, Bookkeeper
Teresa Weis, Clerical

Nursing Division

Laura Bogard, RN
Debra Burt, RN
Jenifer Buskirk, RN
Patti Carlisle, RN
Andrea Cook, RN
Marilyn Dubielak, RN
Karen Eatmon, BS, RN
Barbara Faeth, RN
Joann Florence, Clerical
Nancy Frankart, BSN, RN
Judith Huffman, Clerical
Lois McDonald, Clerical
Heather Panuto, HHA
Sharon Pethe, HHA
Mary Reimer, RN
Teresa Reinhart, Clerical
Mildred Ritchie, HHA
Rita Schank, RN
Cynthia Voorhees, RN

Epidemiologist

Skip Payne, MSPH

Vital Statistics

Linda Hinckley, BS, Clerical, Deputy Registrar
Suzanne Myers, Clerical

W.I.C.

Tina Hufford, Clerical
Jackie Mendoza, LD
Joyce Nolen, DTR
Sherry Pryor, DTR
Angela Ruth, DTR
Judith Schreck, DTR
Michelle Vaughn, Clerical

Emergency/Bioterrorism Readiness

We (SCGHD) continue to take the lead in the County for directing and coordinating the response for public health emergencies. Since last year the Seneca County General Health District Emergency/Bioterrorism Readiness Team has reviewed and updated the emergency response plans for SCGHD involving biological, chemical, radiological, and natural emergencies. The district has been working 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 regional public health incident strike

team comprised of regionally accessible subject matter experts. We are helping to write regional protocols for communication, governance, and epidemiological response to outbreaks and disasters. We have had the opportunity to offer the National Incident Management System training, and Public Information Officer Training to our community partners. 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 2006, 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.

2006 Staff Totals

Full time: 36
Part time: 6
Intermittent: 1
Seasonal: 2
Inactive: 1
Resignations: 3
Terminations: 1
New Hires: 5

Retirement: 1
Deceased: 1

2006 Training Opportunities

April Staff CPR
June Fair Committee Formed
July 2006 Fair (7/24-30)
Sept.-Nov. OSHA
Dec. Employee Recognition Breakfast

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 3,459 certified birth certificates and 2,136 certified death certificates in 2006.

Births

Total Births: 579
Births to Unwed Teen Mothers: 266
Teenage Births (14-19): 67

Deaths

Total Deaths: 487

Leading Causes of Death:

Diseases of the Heart: 174
Malignant Neoplasm: 71
Cerebrovascular Disease: 24
Pneumonia & Influenza: 21
Accidents & Adverse Effects: 17
Nephritis: 19
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: 19

2006 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 232 Food Service Operations | 16 School Districts |
| 103 Retail Food Establishments | 2 Tattoo Establishments |
| 38 Mobile Food Establishments | 15 Scavengers |
| 86 Vending Food Establishments | 22 Refuse Haulers |
| 94 Temporary Foods | 48 Household Septic System Installers |
| 36 Swimming Pools | 121 Well Permits Issued |
| 17 MHP | 235 Septic Permits Issued |
| 5 Recreational Camps | 280 Nuisance Complaints Investigated |
| 5 Resident Camps | 123 Animal Bites Reported |
| 5 Bathing Beaches | |



Dustin Kent, Registered Sanitarian

Environmental Division

The new Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Rules (Chapter 3701-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code) became effective on January 1, 2007. Detailed information on these rules is available on the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) web site at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/sewage/sewage1.aspx>.

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—we're in the final year of

this OEPA grant administered through WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. with the participation of five (5) local health departments including: Crawford, Erie, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot. The grant is focused on replacing/repairing 169 failing home sewage treatment systems over a three (3) year period with grant completion date of Dec. 31, 2007. Seneca County has currently replaced (or approved applications to replace) 49 systems to date.

- Food Operations—it is important that new business owners contact us as soon

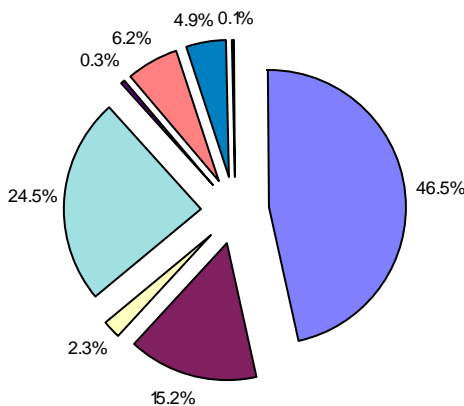
as possible as it takes time for all the necessary approvals.



Ryan Sendelbach, Sanitarian-In-Training

Fiscal Division

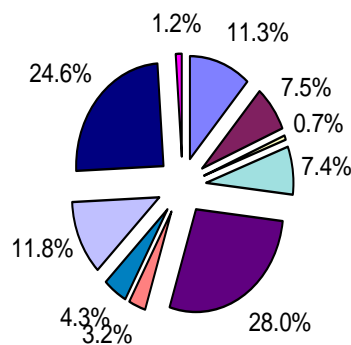
2006 Expenditures



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| Salaries | - \$1,210,235 |
| Fringe Benefits | - \$395,227 |
| Travel & Training | - \$58,838 |
| State & Other Agency Fees | - \$637,131 |
| Equipment | - \$8,106 |
| Contracted Services | - \$161,429 |
| Supplies/Advertising | - \$127,089 |
| Other Expenses | - \$3,696 |

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Levy | - \$287,382 |
| Subdivisions | - \$190,000 |
| State Subsidy | - \$19,027 |
| Permits & Licenses | - \$189,242 |
| Fees for Service | - \$714,233 |
| Medicare/Medicaid | - \$82,111 |
| Vital Statistics | - \$108,690 |
| Contracted Services | - \$300,693 |
| Grants | - \$624,981 |
| Other Receipts | - \$30,877 |

2006 Revenues



Nursing Division

Public Health Nursing is a specialized area of practice, which strives to preserve the health of populations across the lifespan by emphasizing health promotion, and disease prevention and control. To accomplish this goal, public health nurses provide comprehensive health services to individuals, families, and the community-at-large through a broad spectrum of targeted interventions and programs. These programs include child and adolescent health, communicable disease control and prevention, immunization and education. Public health nursing functions include case management, multi-disciplinary collaboration, surveillance, outreach, case finding and nursing care.

The current federal environment requiring disaster and bioterrorism preparation at the local level has heightened the need for a well trained public health nursing force. Public health nurses must be prepared to plan for and respond to public health emergencies by administering prophylaxis and treatment, providing patient education and tracking, evaluating reactions, and counseling and referring clients.

Public health nurses weave their understanding of the community they serve with their unique knowledge base in public health nursing. As clinical experts, strategists, and collaborators, public health nurses have the distinctive ability to interpret the importance of health and illness concepts in order to advocate for clients, families and populations at all levels of the health care system.

Please read the specific program reports that reflect some of the tremendous work of your Seneca County General Health District public health nurses!

Other Programs:

- Senior Care Programs—Cindy Voorhees, RN (Title III Personal Care Program)
- Help Me Grow-Newborn Visits—Deb Burt, RN
- Lead Testing—Andrea Cook, RN
- Case Management for Lead Poisoned Children—Andrea Cook, RN & Cindy Voorhees, RN

- Northwest Ohio Regional Resource Center (NOWRRC) - Andrea Cook, RN & Cindy Voorhees, RN
- Immunizations—Rita Schank, RN
- Youth Center, Cindy Voorhees, RN
- CROSSWAEH—Rita Schank, RN
- Communicable Disease—Barb Faeth, RN (Tobacco/Senior Clinic)
- Health Options for Teens Clinic—Laura Bogard, RN
- Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) - Nancy Frankart, RN



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. Breast-feeding is encouraged as the normal and healthiest feeding method for baby. In 2006, an average of 2011 Seneca County residents received WIC benefits each month.

WIC services are available full time in both Tiffin and Postoria. 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. We are funded to serve all eligible families. WIC serves traditional as well as non-traditional families.

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.

WIC added two new services for our participants this year. 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. Lead testing was started at the end of 2006 and has fit seamlessly into our program. Seneca County is one of the first WIC programs in Ohio to test children for lead. Only three counties in Northwest Ohio were doing lead test in 2006.

The WIC Program was conceived more than 30 years ago, with the first clinic opening in Kentucky. Seneca County WIC has been

recognized by the Ohio WIC Program for excellence in administration, outreach, and breastfeeding support. WIC is funded through the US Department of Agriculture. Approximately \$1.1 Million in federal tax dollars were returned to Seneca County in food and assistance to WIC Participants.

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

Examples of upper income limits before taxes for 2006 are:

| Household Size | Annual | Monthly | Weekly |
|----------------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 30,710 | 2,560 | 591 |
| 4 | 37,000 | 3,084 | 712 |
| 5 | 43,290 | 3,608 | 833 |

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 2006, our dentists held 14-clinics, and 73 client visits.

The 2006 Seneca County Dental Clinic staff included:

- Dr. Colavincenzo, Dentist

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



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