

Putnam County General Health District



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The Putnam County Board of Health is the governing body for all health department services. Board members are elected by the District Advisory Council, which is made up of township trustee presidents, village mayors, and the president of the county commissioners. The Board of Health is responsible for protecting public health through prevention and restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement and suppression of nuisances. Monthly meetings are open to the public and held the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., at the Putnam County Health Department.

PUTNAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of the Putnam County Health Department to protect, promote, and improve the health, safety, and well being of all county residents by providing high quality public health services.

VISION STATEMENT:

All Putnam County residents will be free of preventable disease and live in a healthy environment.

Public Health: A Wise Investment Year 2012 Health Department Funding

BALANCE January 1, 2012 **\$801,261.69**

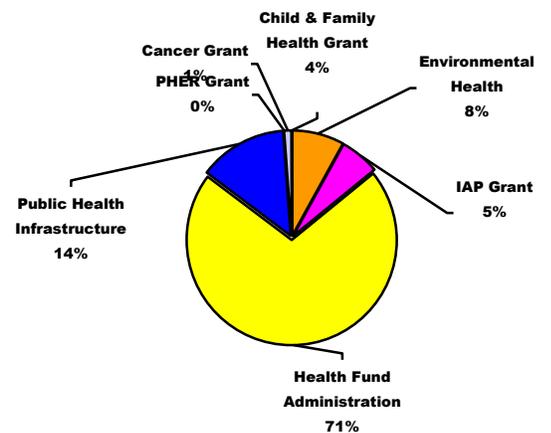
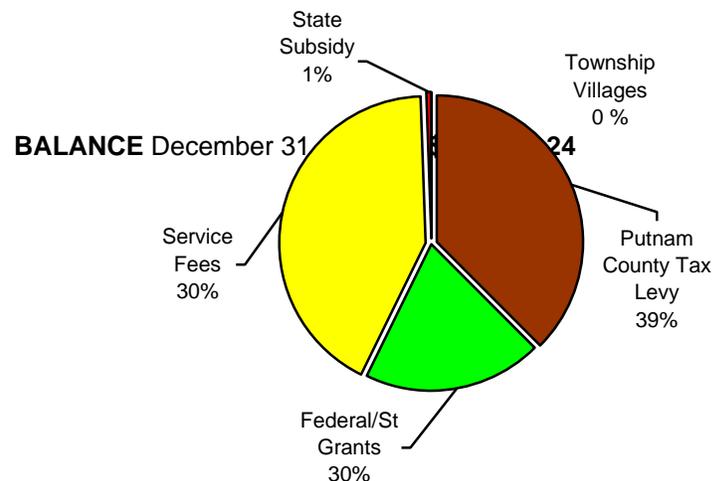
RECEIPTS

Putnam County Tax Levy	\$ 387,288.73
Federal/State Grants	\$ 203,670.75
Service Fees	\$ 434,439.34
State Subsidy	\$ 6,451.40
Township/Village	\$.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 1,031,850.22
BALANCE & RECEIPTS	\$ 1,833,111.91

EXPENSES

Health Fund – Administration	\$ 657,021.57
Environmental Health	\$ 74,790.82
Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$ 57,662.36
PHER Grant	\$ 0.00
Child & Family Health Grant	\$ 0.00
Public Health Infrastructure Grt.	\$ 126,007.36
Cancer Grant	\$ 10,590.56

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 926,072.67**



Putnam County Health Department Staff



Back Row: Joan Kline, Angela Heitmeyer, Beth Skulina, Brad Price, Ruth Gerding, Ruth Blankemeyer

Front Row: Mary Duling, Dawn Schmenk, Dr. Mary Ann Myers, Sherri Recker, Kathy Kaufman

A Word from Our Health Commissioner

I invite you to read the Second of the Annual Reports prepared while I have been your Health Commissioner. Your Putnam County Health Department staff continues to build on the changes in public health to better serve you, the citizens of Putnam County. One such area is to continue to evaluate the programs provided and ensure each program is economically efficient as well. The staff is implementing cost control strategies while working to provide the expected core services along with protecting the health of the public. The core services include:

- Environmental health services, such as water safety, school inspections, nuisance abatement, and food safety (restaurant and grocery store inspections)
- Communicable disease control, vaccination capacity, and quarantine authority
- Epidemiology services for communicable disease outbreaks and trending and disease prevalence and morbidity/mortality reporting
- Access to birth and death records
- Health promotion and prevention (health education and policy, systems, and environmental change)
 - Chronic disease prevention (including tobacco, physical activity, nutrition)
 - Injury prevention
 - Infant mortality/preterm birth prevention
- Emergency preparedness, response, and ensuring safety of an area after a disaster
- Linking people to health services to make sure they receive needed medical care
- Community engagement, community health assessment and improvement planning, and partnerships

The staff works to bring new services to the county. One such service is the billing of immunizations to multiple

insurance companies. This has been a benefit especially for immunizations that are only offered by the health department.

Public health is ever-changing and 2013 will see initiation of those changes. We are waiting the state budget bill with anticipation of what changes will be initiated to better serve you. Along with this, we will be evaluating the public health system in our county with our partners. A Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Improvement Plan (CHP) and Strategic Plan will be developed this year, all working towards accreditation. This will be a very busy year for the staff.

Finally, I want to especially thank the voters of Putnam County for renewing the .5 levy in November. I assure you, your hard earned tax dollars will be spent wisely promoting the health of the residents of this county.



ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental Public Health Division solidified our staff in 2012. We welcomed Beth Skulina, RS to our full-time position and welcomed back Laura Gulker, RS to a part-time position. Though the faces changed, our responsibilities remain the same. Our Public Health duties cover inspections of Food Service and Retail Food establishments, mobile food vendors and temporary food operations; school inspections; SmokeFree Ohio compliance; animal bite investigations; nuisance complaints; public swimming pools and spas; campgrounds and tattoo and body piercing. Environmental Health focuses on Residential Sewage Treatment Systems; Private Water Systems; Solid Waste and landfill monitoring activities and collection of water samples. In 2012 the PCHD Environmental Public Health staff licensed and conducted the following inspections/investigations:

- 308 Food Service/Retail Food Licenses issued
- 479 Inspections of those 308 licensed food establishments
- 9 Pools and spas
- 12 Manufactured Home Parks
- 2 Campgrounds
- 28 School Inspections
- 32 Sewage Treatment System Permits
- 77 Private Water System Permits
- 214 Water Samples
- 41 Animal Bites

Ohio Sewage Treatment System Rules

Throughout 2012 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), along with industry stakeholders, academia and representatives from the Environmental Health profession continued to meet and discuss draft language for the upcoming state-wide sewage rules. The long-awaited draft was released at the end of December and we are in the process of reviewing the language and providing our comments to ODH regarding local concerns and the impact on Putnam County, and NW Ohio in general. Our goal is to offer input from the local perspective in an effort to minimize the limitations on the types of systems we can install here in Putnam County.

Manufactured Home Parks

Beginning December 1, 2012 the Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission (OMHC) assumed all responsibility for licensing and inspecting manufactured home parks (MHP). This was historically under the authority of ODH and fell to the local health department (LHD) to administer the

program. OMHC began regulating the placement of manufactured homes several years ago and now has sole authority in MHP's. The right of first refusal for inspection services was given to LHD's, however, with ODH no longer the governing authority PCHD will no longer administer the program nor will we conduct inspections on behalf of OMHC as we were not comfortable with the language in the contract they presented.

VITAL STATISTICS

The health department registrar is responsible for filing all births and deaths with the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Columbus. Because these events are recorded in the county in which they occur, local figures reflect only a portion of actual births and deaths of Putnam County residents since no hospital is located within the county boundaries.

In 2012, there was 3 births and 190 deaths reported in Putnam County. There were 558 copies of birth certificates and 647 copies of death certificates issued along with 263 burial permits issued for the year.

In 2012, many Putnam County residents enjoyed the convenience of Statewide Issuance of Certified Birth records. Beginning in January 2011, Ohioans could obtain a certified copy of any Ohio birth record at the local health department. Prior to this change, an individual could only obtain a certified copy from the county where the birth occurred or from the Ohio Department of Health. Since no hospital is located within Putnam County, many county residents have had to travel to surrounding counties for a certified copy of a birth record. This does not apply to death certificates, in which case, you will need to contact the county in which the death occurred.

Birth records available are from 1908-present. You may obtain a certified birth or death record at the Putnam County Health Department during business hours or by mail for \$23.00 each.

Leading Causes of Death

	2012	2011	2010
Heart Disease	55	47	60
Cancer	39	37	43
Pulmonary Disease	23	21	15
Accidents	8	5	2
Other Causes (Alzheimer's, etc.)	60	70	79
Suicides	5	3	5

Nursing

Communicable Disease

Class B	# of cases
Campylobacteriosis	6
Chlamydia	54
Giardiasis	2
Gonorrhea	2
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B	2
Hepatitis C chronic	16
Haemophilus Influenzae	1
Invasive Strep Pneumoniae	2
Mycobacteria non TB	4
Mumps	1
Pertussis	3
Salmonellosis	8
Strep Group A	1
Varicella	2
Viral Meningitis	4
West Nile Virus	3
Fifth Disease Outbreak	22
Influenza hospitalization	22
Influenza – lab confirmed	67
Influenza – physician diagnosed	148
Communicable Disease Total	372

Immunizations

The immunization program has seen many changes in 2012 and will continue to see more in 2013. We began billing insurance companies for vaccine administration costs and, in some cases, the cost of vaccine as well, to those clients who come to the health department and have insurance coverage. We are now providers for Medical Mutual, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Ohio Health Choice, and have applied to United HealthCare. We are also Medicaid providers for Buckeye, Paramount, Molina, Care Source, and have applied to United HealthCare. Beginning sometime in 2013, the health department will no longer receive free vaccine to be used for those with insurance. Only those with Medicaid or no insurance, or insurance that doesn't cover vaccines will be able to receive the free vaccine provided through state and federal funds. Private vaccine will be purchased with the health department general funds for those with insurance, and we will pass those costs along to the insurance companies or the clients. The client may be responsible for the cost of the vaccine and administration if the insurance company says it goes towards deductible or it is the patient's responsibility.

This fall we saw an unusually early onset of influenza disease. We started getting reports of hospitalized cases in late September. The flu vaccine was administered to

both children and adults and included shots and mist. A total of 2422 doses of flu vaccine were given in 2012. The supply of vaccine was maintained and no one in need of vaccination was turned away.

Putnam County Breast Health Project

The nursing department receives a grant from the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure to provide free screening and diagnostic mammograms and breast ultrasounds for eligible women. In order to be eligible, the woman must have an income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, be uninsured, or have insurance with at least a \$200 deductible. In 2012, we helped 57 women receive breast health services.

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

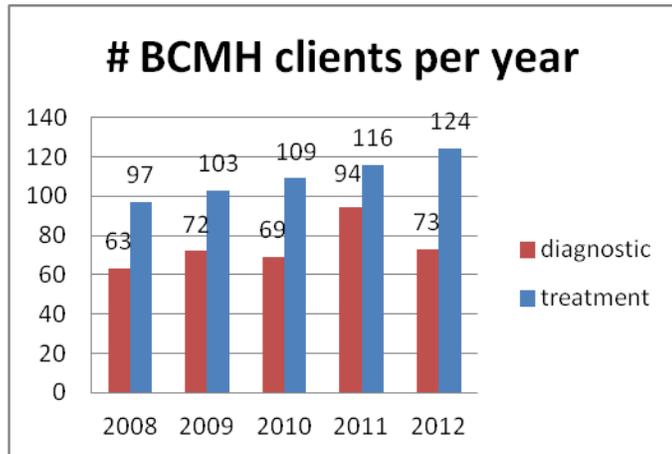
The Ohio Department of Health changed the way it administered the Help Me Grow Home Visiting program and allowed agencies across the state to apply to be a contracted home visiting provider. The program had to be administered by trained and certified employees and ODH had to approve the contracted agencies. PCHD applied and was approved to be a contracted home visiting agency in November 2012. To enroll in the program families must meet certain criteria. At least 85% of the families served must be a first-time mother, have an income below 200% of the federal poverty level, be less than 6 months at time of referral, be referred from Job & Family Services, or be in the military. The other 15% may not meet these criteria but still be served.

Two nurses and one supervisor were trained on the Growing Great Kids curriculum which focuses on 6 daily do's to improve parental skills in all areas of development. The daily do's are taught, demonstrated, and continually reinforced by the nurse at every home visit. The program includes performing physical and mental developmental assessments, discussing all aspects of infant and toddler care, teaching parental skills, improving communication, and referring the family to needed services in the community. The nurse becomes a resource and advocate for the family. One of the unique qualities of Growing Great Kids is its focus on social-emotional development. It teaches parents how to interact with their child in a way that validates the child's feelings and shows him/her how to deal with those feelings in a constructive way. Parents enjoy making toys out of household items and seeing how their positive parenting really impacts their child. Accentuating the positive is a theme of the curriculum which motivates the parents as well.

Other Nursing Programs

We continued to perform other nursing programs throughout the year. The car seat program performed

education with the parents and gave out 62 seats as well as checked 18 seats. Lead tests were done on 54 children. The Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps provided case management for 73 children on the diagnostic program and 124 children on the treatment program. There were a total of 917 hours of cumulative work performed by the nurses for the BCMH program. The school nursing program checks vision for grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Nurses check for scoliosis in grades 6, 7, and 8. A total of 3156 vision and 1496 scoliosis checks were done in 2013.



Health Education

The Putnam County Healthy Communities Coalition implemented Live Healthy, Live Happy Putnam County! This program was a challenge-based initiative that ran throughout 2012. The 85 participants took part in a variety of challenges that aimed to increase physical activity, encourage better nutritional habits, decreased stress, encouraged weight loss and more. The Live Healthy, Live Happy Putnam County! Initiative will continue during 2013, but with a different twist. The community and workplace employees were invited to screenings of the HBO series: The Weight of the Nation. This four-part movie series is part of an effort launched to combat obesity and to spark conversation in the community about how to address the issue of the obesity in our community.

During 2012, the Putnam County Health Department also offered:

- Action for Healthy Kids Challenge for fourth grade students
- Farm Safety Camp for third grade students
- Word of Mouth Tobacco Prevention Program
- Senior Expo

- "Win the Race Against Cancer" 5K
- Car Seat Checks
- Other presentations to students and community groups as requested

In 2013, the Putnam County Health Department will be conducting a Community Health Assessment. This assessment will help guide the health department in the development of a Community Health Improvement Plan and a Strategic Plan. These are first steps as the health department strives towards accreditation and will help our agency become more efficient in our efforts to help make Putnam County a healthy community in which to live and grow.

Emergency Preparedness

Since 9/11, preparedness has been an expectation to prepare the county residents for public health response. Your health department continues to work on the preparedness planning and response for Putnam County. We are working both on the local and regional level to ensure a coordinated response effort with necessary resources to effectively respond. Emergency Preparedness is considered a Core Function of every health department. Thus we work hard to improve the preparedness throughout the county.

Last summer, the Derecho on June 29th, was an unusual event for our county. The response to the Derecho was a united effort among all the county townships and villages. As with the events, lessons are learned to be utilized for future events. One such lesson is the utilization of generation in a safe manner. When the generator is being used, please understand the safety involved with the use. You can get this information from the place of purchase. There is also generator safety information on our website.

As well, you are welcome to view our Emergency Response Plan for Putnam County on our website at www.putnamhealth.com.