

Putnam County General Health District



ANNUAL REPORT

2013



PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Back Row L-R: Robert Weber; Raymond Brinkman, Jr.
Front Row L-R: Gary Hermiller, Mandy Klass, M.D., and
Jeff Hoyt

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held the
second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at
The Putnam County Health Department

Thank you to outgoing Board member Jeff Ducey
for his many years of service. Welcome to Robert
Weber, interim Board member in 2014.

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 comprised 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.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Public Health is changing, but so is everything else! In 2013, "changes in the future of public health" was placed into law. Board of Health members will now be participating in two hours of training per year on topics involving Boards of Health issues. Another change is the requirement for health departments to become accredited. With this, your health department completed a community health assessment with valuable input from the county partners. From this assessment, a community health improvement plan will be developed, as well as a strategic plan and a workforce development plan. As you can see, your health department is busy working to make public health a core part of assuring health needs are being met and planning for future health needs of our county residents.

If I can be of any assistance at all while working for you as your health commissioner, please feel free to contact me at the health department.



Mary Ann Myers, M.D.

NURSING

Immunizations

The immunization program continued to change in 2013 and will see many more changes in 2014. The health department is now a credentialed provider for Medical Mutual, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Ohio Health Choice, United Health Care, and Front Path. We are also Medicaid providers for Buckeye, Paramount, Molina, Care Source, and United HealthCare. We continued receiving vaccine from the Ohio Department of Health, so only administration costs were billed for all childhood vaccines. Vaccines for adults are privately purchased from the manufacturer and the cost of vaccine and administration was billed to their insurance carrier. During 2014, the health department may no longer receive free vaccine from the state for those with insurance, so the cost of vaccine will be billed for children as well. The department's immunization rates continue to stay high with over 90% of the children attending clinic completely vaccinated by the time they are 24 months of age.

Influenza vaccine became available in September of 2013. The flu vaccine was administered to both children and adults and included shots and mist. A total of 3,005 doses of flu vaccine were given in 2013. The supply of vaccine remained plentiful throughout 2013 and no one in need of vaccination was turned away.

Putnam County Breast Health Project

The nursing department's 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 was discontinued in April 2013. Area hospitals such as Blanchard Valley Health System, Lima Memorial Hospital, and the Ohio Hospital Council received the grant, so women were referred to the hospital for care. During the 4 months that we did have the grant, we helped 31 women receive breast health services.

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

The health department is a contracted agency with the Ohio Department of

Health as a Help Me Grow Home Visiting provider. 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 implement 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.

The health department promotes the home visiting program by talking to new parents during immunization clinic, sending materials to physicians and hospitals, putting information in the newspaper and church bulletins, and on our website and facebook pages.

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 53 seats as well as checked 6 seats.

Lead tests were done on 40 children. The Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps provided case management for 94 children on the diagnostic program and 124 children on the treatment program. There were a total of 730 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 3,042 vision and 1,352 scoliosis checks were done in 2013.

Sherri Recker
Director of Nursing

2013 Putnam County Communicable Diseases Report

CLASS B	YEAR TO DATE
9	Campylobacteriosis
47	Chlamydia
2	Giardiasis
2	Gonorrhea
2	Hepatitis A
3	Hepatitis B
12	Hepatitis C Chronic
1	Invasive Strep Pneumoniae
1	Mycobacteria non TB
1	Lyme Disease
1	Pertussis
1	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
1	Salmonellosis
1	Varicella
6	Viral Meningitis
3	Yersinia
11	Influenza Hospitalization
120	Influenza/Lab Confirmed
276	Influenza /Physician Diagnosed
500	Communicable Disease Total

OUR STAFF



Back Row L-R: Angie Heitmeyer, Ruth Gerding, Beth Skulina, Mary Duling, Joan Kline, Patty Jerwers, Dunel Fry, Dawn Schmenk, Laura Gulker. **Front Row L-R:** Brad Price, Laurie Meyer, Mary Ann Myers, M.D., Abigail Greve, Sherri Recker



ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

2013 was a busy year for the Environmental Public Health (EPH) Division staff. In addition to our normal duties we were involved in several uncommon events ranging from norovirus outbreaks to tornado/storm damage and dwelling replacements due to flooding, though the latter seems to happen more than anyone would like to see. In addition, the EPH Division is preparing to educate the public on the upcoming state-wide Residential Sewage Treatment System rules. Though we have several updated rule packages for 2014, none gather attention as much as the sewage rules. Once effective, our local rules will be void and we must comply with the state rules. The target date set by the Ohio Department of Health is May 1, 2014, though many local health departments, including The Putnam County Health Department, have requested an effective date of January 1, 2015 in order to properly plan for the changes.

In 2013, the Putnam County Health Department EPH staff licensed and conducted the following inspections/investigations:

Brad Price
Environmental
Health Director

287	Food Service/Retail Food Licenses Issued
408	Inspections of those 287 Licensed Food Establishments
9	Pools and Spas
2	Campgrounds
28	School Inspections
34	Sewage Treatment System Permits
60	Private Water System Permits
108	Water Samples
30	Animal Bites

ACCREDITATION

The Putnam County Health Department is currently in the process of preparing for accreditation. Accreditation is a relatively new concept for Public Health, and very few health departments in the state are accredited. The Public Health Accreditation Board process for accreditation seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments and to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders. Accreditation standards define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited.

Ohio law now requires local health districts to become eligible for accreditation by 2018 and to achieve accreditation by 2020. To become "accreditation ready" a health department must complete a Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and agency strategic plan, however, many other policies and documents are needed to become accredited. The Putnam County Health Department has recently completed the CHA and is currently working to complete the CHIP. The agency strategic planning process will take place within the next few months.

The ultimate goal of accreditation is to guide the health department to become more efficient in the services that are offered and be accountable to the community that helps support us. The aim is to continually improve in our operations and to provide services and evidence-based programs to improve health in Putnam County. Accreditation is the guidance to help us achieve this goal.

Joan Kline
Health Educator

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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Disasters have changed in the way we define them and in the way we respond to them.

The Putnam County Health Department continues to work to prepare for disaster response, that being a natural or man-made incident. This continues to be a work in progress and one in which we work closely with our partners in the county for all to become more prepared.

We receive notices for any event that may affect the residents of Putnam County. The staff also monitors from various resources on a daily basis regarding the potential for disease surveillance and management of whatever the incident may be. We are prepared to vaccinate and educate citizens if the need arises.

This past year we also assisted with the Cloverdale tornado and flooding in the county.

We always encourage citizens to be prepared by assessing family needs. You can get this information from www.ready.gov.

The Putnam County Health Department continues to receive grant funding for preparedness. This year's grant total is \$80,812.00. We have received grant monies since 2003 to meet preparedness guidelines as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Ohio Department of Health.

If you would like to review our All-hazards plan, it is available at the Putnam County Health Department and on our website: www.putnamhealth.com
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Ruth Gerding, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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 and no hospital is located within the county boundaries, local figures reflect only a portion of actual births and deaths of Putnam County residents.

Many county residents have enjoyed the convenience of Statewide Issuance of Certified Birth Records. Since January 2011, Ohioans have been able to 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 residents previously had to travel to surrounding counties for a certified copy of a birth record. This does not apply to death certificates; these documents must still be obtained in the county where the death occurred.

Birth records are available from 1908 - present.
 You may obtain a certified birth or death record at The Putnam County Health Department during regular business hours or by mail. Cost is \$23.00 per certified copy (cash or check).

Leading Causes of Death	2013	2012	2011
Heart Disease	54	55	47
Cancer	35	39	37
Pulmonary Disease	22	23	21
Accidents	0	8	5
Other Causes (Alzheimer's, etc.)	73	60	70
Suicides	6	5	3

In 2013 there were 3 births and 192 deaths reported in Putnam County.

The Health Department issued 624 birth certificates, 735 death certificates, and 271 burial permits for the year 2013.

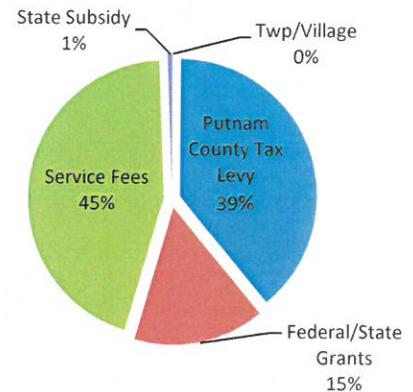
Angela Heitmeyer
 Registrar

PUBLIC HEALTH: A WISE INVESTMENT

Year 2013 Health Department Funding

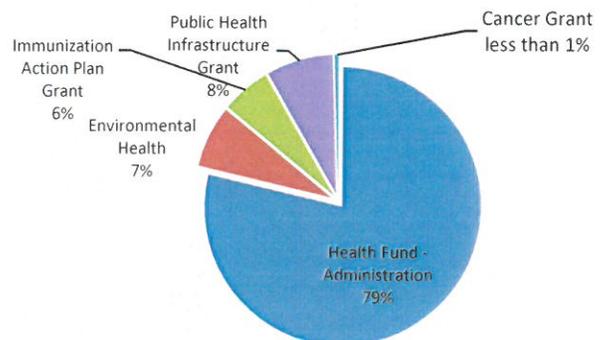
Balance as of January 1, 2013 \$ 907,039.24

RECEIPTS	
Putnam County Tax Levy	\$382,941.05
Federal/State Grants	153,284.71
Service Fees	440,123.65
State Subsidy	6,444.41
Township/Village	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	982,793.82



January 1 Balance + Receipts \$ 1,889,833.06

EXPENSES	
Health Fund - Administration	\$775,798.14
Environmental Health	71,133.08
Immunization Action Plan Grant	56,251.83
Public Health Infrastructure Grant	77,679.16
Cancer Grant	5,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$985,912.21



Balance December 31, 2013 \$ 903,920.85

Angela Heitmeyer
 Fiscal Clerk