



*Brown County
Health Department*

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2007 Annual Activity Report

“To protect and improve the health of Brown County residents by providing preventive services, ensuring healthy environments and promoting healthy lifestyles” is the **MISSION** of the Brown County Health Department. Board members, as well as the staff of the department are committed to creating and maintaining programs and services necessary to allow for healthy living in Brown County.

Meet the Board of Health

<u>Member</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Ben Houser	Pike	3/2008
Matt Allen	Lewis	3/2009
Todd Williams	Pleasant	3/2010
Mark Klump	Jefferson	3/2011
Donna Sutton	Union	3/2012

Meet the Staff

<u>Name</u>		<u>Title</u>
Burns, James	CPI	Plumbing Inspector
Chase, Tonya		Admin. Assistant
Dick, Stephen	RS	Env. Health Director
Dugan, J. Kevin		Emergency Response Coord.
Haas, Christopher	MD	Medical Director
Rose, R. Wes	SIT	Env. Health Inspector
Smith, Janet		Env. Health Secretary
Spiller, Gina	RN	Nursing Director
Staker, Kathryn	RS	Env. Health Inspector
Wright, Kathy	LPN	Public Health Nurse
York, Danette	MPH	Health Commissioner

The Board of Health and the staff of the department take pride in our county and the services we provide for the members of our community.

Therefore, the board recently adopted the new logo you see above. The logo incorporates the outline of Brown County and the nationally adopted shield for public health. The three “branches” in the public health shield stand for the three “P’s” – Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Public Health is what we do! By working to Prevent the spread of disease, Promote healthy living and lifestyles, and Protect the health of our citizens and our environment, we make Brown County a better, safer place to live.

Ten Year History of Tax Funding For Health Department from Township Contributions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 0.00
2007	\$ 0.00
2006	\$ 0.00
2005	\$ 0.00
2004	\$ 0.00
2003	\$ 12,000.00
2002	\$ 86,200.00
2001	\$ 86,300.00
2000	\$ 84,500.00
1999	\$ 65,000.00

What does *your* Health Department do for you and our County?

Prevent the spread of disease by:

- Inspecting public campgrounds
- Inspecting manufactured home parks
- Inspecting public marinas
- Inspecting composting facilities
- Inspecting landfill and scrap tire facilities
- Inspecting food service operations
- Performing free head checks for lice*
- Providing free HIV/HepC testing*
- Inspecting private water systems
- Inspecting public pools and spas
- Inspecting tattoo/body piercing facilities
- Inspecting hauler trucks for water and septage
- Performing disease surveillance & reporting*

Protect Health with:

- Free blood pressure screenings*
- Cholesterol screenings*
- Planning for response to emergencies*
- Free vision screenings*
- Free hearing tests*
- Childhood and Adult immunizations
- Pregnancy testing
- Free scoliosis screenings*
- Maternity ward inspections and licensing*
- Inspections of home daycares
- Inspections of residential and commercial sewage treatment systems (septic systems)
- Inspections of commercial and residential plumbing
- Lead level programs*
- Animal bite investigations*
- Nuisance investigations*
- Newborn infant referral program*
- Paternity testing
- Private water sampling/testing
- Safety inspections of schools and playgrounds*

Promote Healthy Living by:

- Providing educational material for all public health programs at county venues*
- Publishing articles in local newspapers concerning services available*
- Participating in county-wide collaboration efforts to decrease and/or control chronic diseases*
- Planning and preparing for response to any emergency situation*
- Presenting information on public health for groups and organizations*
- Educating health practitioners on communicable disease surveillance and reporting*
- Training staff members to maintain or increase knowledge in appropriate services and programs

*denotes services provided at no cost to the public

Clinical Services

The Nursing Division provides a variety of preventive services to children and adults. The staff consists of one RN and one LPN. Gina Spiller, RN celebrated her 20th year at the department during 2007. Kathy Wright, LPN will celebrate her 15th year at the department during 2008.

The following is a list and number of the services provided during 2007:

Immunizations:

• MMRV	32
• Pediatrix	32
• Pevnar	55
• Varicella (chicken pox)	27
• DTAP	113
• TD	46
• Polio	86
• MMR	78
• HIB	78
• Influenza	1500
• Hepatitis A	26
• Hepatitis B Children	73
• Hepatitis B Adults	202
• HIB/Hep Combined	1
• Pneumonia	26
• Meningococcal (Children)	50
• Typhoid	10
• TDAP	54
• Shingles	1
• HPV	28
• Rotavirus	6

Tuberculosis Control

• County Med	2
• Mantoux skin tests	346
• Suspects found	7
• X-rays issued	2

HIV tests

28

Hep C tests

20

Blood Pressure Clinic

• Patients (including Sr. Centers)	154
• Referrals to physicians	5

Paternity tests

2

Vision clinics (# of patients)

50

Headlice screenings

7

Pregnancy tests

8

Cholesterol screenings

76

BCMh children

112

Day Care Inspections

3

The three most reported diseases during 2007 included Varicella (chickenpox), Chlamydia, and Hepatitis C (chronic).

Environmental Services

The Environmental Division is lead by Stephen Dick, a Registered Sanitarian who will celebrate 10 years of public health service during 2008. Steve has 4 employees working under him: Katie Staker, who successfully passed the Registered Sanitarian exam during 2007, Wes Rose, who became a new employee in Jan. 2008, and Janet Smith, who serves as the Environmental Secretary.

Working through the on again/off again State sewage rules during the 2007 year proved to be a difficult situation for the Board of Health Environmental Division. The following chart provides an "at a glance" overview of the number and types of septic system permits sold during the past three years:

Sewage Applications			
	2007	2006	2005
Loans	19	48	35
Repairs	38	38	25
New Apps	39	277	144
Home Rep	36	48	50
Commercial	2	0	0
Totals	134	411	254

Installer Permits			
	2007	2006	2005
Standard	67	303	133
Mound	21	11	32
Totals	88	314	165

The following is a list and number of inspections or permits/licensed operations during 2007:

- Licensed Campgrounds 14
- Licensed Manufactured Home Parks 23
- Licensed Public Pools/spas 8
- Licensed Marinas 9
- Licensed Food Operations 285
- Licensed Tattoo Facilities 3
- Private Water System permits issued 2
- Residential Septic apps issued 132
- Commercial Septic apps issued 2
- Solid Waste Inspections
 - Nuisance complaints 68
 - Landfill inspections 16
 - Infectious Waste Generators 13
 - Scrap Tire inspections 4
 - Composting Facilities 1
- Water Hauler trucks registered 2
- Septic Hauler trucks registered 14
- Septic Installers registered 47
- School inspections 14
- Operational Maint. Inspections 101
- Rabies Program
 - Dog bite investigations 82
 - Other animal bite investigations 18
- Subdivision lot reviews 39

Plumbing Permits/Inspections

James Burns, who also works in the Environmental Division, is a Certified Plumbing Inspector. He inspects all residential and commercial plumbing in Brown County.

- Plumbing Residential permits 246
- Plumbing Residential Inspections 571
- Plumbing Commercial permits 32
- Plumbing Commercial Inspections 141
- Plumbing Registered Installers 93

Vital Statistics

Tonya Chase is the Registrar for Brown County. She issues all vital statistic records for births and deaths that occur in our county. The electronic filing system for the State is running smoothly for both birth and death records. The following is the number of each that occurred in Brown County during 2007:

442 Births
339 Deaths

The Vitals Statistics department works with security measures to help prevent identity theft. While Ohio remains an "open state", meaning anyone can request a copy of a birth or death record, the use of security paper and requiring that all copies be certified helps to reduce the ease of stealing an identity.

In addition to reducing identity theft, the department also maintains statistical data for causes of death. Statistical data is important because it can be used by the Health Department and other agencies to help them develop programs that reduce the number of deaths due to certain causes.

Below is a chart of the leading causes of death in Brown County during 2007 and how many deaths occurred due to each cause.

Heart Disease	117
Cancer	68
Pneumonia	28
Drug Intoxication	11
Accidents	10
Alzheimer's	8
Suicide	7
Respiratory	7
Sepsis	6
Renal Failure	6

Emergency Preparedness

Kevin Dugan became the Health Department's Emergency Response Coordinator in late 2007. Kevin works closely with the County Emergency Management Agency Director to ensure that plans are in place and coordinated with all County emergency plans so that we may effectively and efficiently respond to any public health emergency that occurs in or affects Brown County.

Funding for this effort comes from the Public Health Infrastructure grant, the Medical Reserve Corps grant, and the Cities Readiness Initiative agreement. The most recent grant brought to the county through this collaboration effort is from the Ohio Citizens Corps to help Brown County establish a Volunteer Reception Center.

Volunteers continue to be a vital asset to our community. None of our agencies have a large enough staff to respond to emergencies without the help of volunteers. If you or anyone you know are interested in participating in such a noble volunteer organization, please contact Kevin at the Health Department.

Administrative Services

Vital Statistics, Emergency Preparedness, and department leadership fall under the Administrative Services department. Danette York became interim Health Commissioner early in 2008 and Dr. Christopher Haas remains as Medical Director. Together, they make up the leadership team of the Health Department.

One of the most significant factors within the Administration department is the annual budget. As with most governmental and even some private agencies, the Health Department is experiencing budget constraints brought on by slow economic times.

Health promotion and education are among the priorities for the Health Department in the coming years. Watch for information, trainings, and appearances by the Health Department in the local newspapers and at county-wide festivals and events. The Board of Health recognizes the importance of education for our community on the services and programs the Health Department provides and how those services work to **Prevent, Promote, and Protect** our public and our environment.

2007 Financial Review

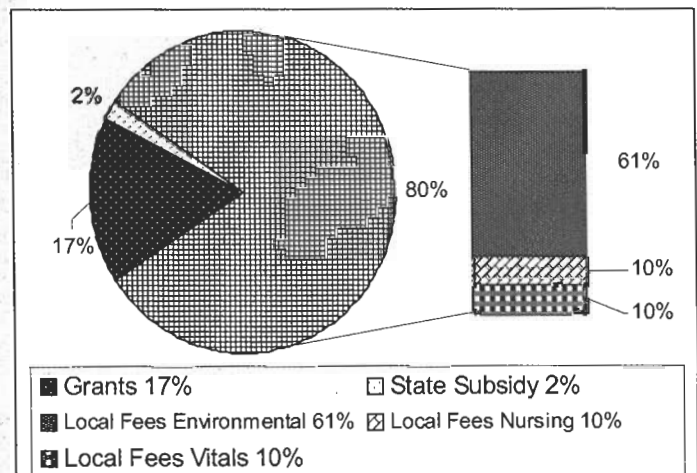
Revenue

Subdivision/Taxes	0.00
Contract Income	50,000.00
State Subsidy	12,823.38
Environmental	352,578.20
Nursing	65,027.80
Vitals	62,181.00
Grants	107,684.57
Other	2,834.59
Total	653,129.54

Expenditures

Environmental	285,750.86
Nursing	148,576.90
Administration	207,605.49
Public Health Infrastructure Grant	100,785.29
Total	742,718.54

2007 Revenues



2007 Expenditures

