

Healthy People . . . Healthy Communities

2005 Mid-Year Report to the Community

Greene County Combined Health District

A Message from your Health Commissioner



Our Mission

It is the mission of the Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) to protect, promote and improve the health of Greene County residents. The GCCHD will ensure, through an organized community effort:

- A clean and healthy environment
- The provision of quality medical services
- The control of communicable diseases
- Healthier-lifestyle education
- Preventive health programs
- On-going community health assessments.



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2005 has brought its share of challenges to the Greene County community. As I write this message, the Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) is gearing up to meet the challenges posed by the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Families from the New Orleans area will be coming to Xenia and other Greene County communities - many with just the clothes on their backs. We will be teaming with **Dr. David Goldberg** of **Greene Memorial Hospital**, and our own dentist, **Dr. Wanda Stewart**, to locate medical professionals to help provide care. Additionally, we will be working with **Judy Elder** of **Greene County Red Cross** to coordinate delivery of other services and necessities.

In the eight months since I wrote the last Health Commissioner's message, GCCHD staff have been trained in **National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700** program. **Environmental Health Director Debbie Leopold** and **Epidemiologist Don Brannen** have not only trained the staff, but also trained the majority of the Board of Health. In addition to "Go Kits" which enable each employee to respond to an emergency quickly, we have undergone functional training. Functional training involves activation of the County Emergency Operations Center and participation of County agencies such as **Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer**, **Xenia Homeland Security Director Dave Price**, and many others. Also participating in the training was Greene County Red Cross' **Judy Elder**, and several State and Federal agencies.



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The functional training was followed by a "hot wash," where all aspects of the exercise were examined in detail. From this "hot wash," an "after action" report was developed that describes the lessons learned by participants. These and other trainings are geared toward improving GCCHD's and other Greene County first responders' preparedness.

All aspects of this preparedness have important impacts on our day-to-day handling of communicable disease outbreaks. **Communicable Disease Nurse Amy Schmitt** and **Epidemiologist Don Brannen** have cooperated with over 20 Southwest Ohio Health Districts to track the apparent increase in pertussis (whooping cough) in this section of Ohio. By utilizing real-time tracking systems, our two disease sleuths can track incidence of disease as it is reported and collect useful information that can give a more timely response to unusual trends. Because these same

capabilities are applicable to new and emerging infectious diseases, we are better prepared for other, more formidable disease outbreaks.

The 2005 Community Health Strategic Plan will be entering its second phase at the end of this year. The specific target areas, including behavioral health, access to health care and environmental health, will be addressed by task forces composed of appropriate government, private, and academic partners, who will develop specific action interventions. The task forces will then be charged with implementing these interventions and measuring the outcomes. The bottom line is, that by identifying specific community health needs and bringing appropriate resources to bear on them, it is possible for Greene County residents to be healthier. In addition, GCCHD will be forming its own internal strategic plan to determine our roles in each of the task forces identified in the strategic plan, and to maintain and improve upon the gains in health that resulted from the previous strategic plan.

2005 Board of Health Members

	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Elaine K. Straley, President	District Licensing Council	2007
Herbert Crosswhite, Vice President	Member at Large	2006
Doug Degenhart	Alternate District Licensing Council	2006
Walter Gilliard, Ph.D.	Beavercreek	2008
Scott Hammond	Bellbrook	2008
William O. Beeman	Member at Large	2007
Charlene Montague	Beavercreek	2008
Thomas L. Selden	Member at Large	2009
Kathy Saunders	Member at Large	2008
Denise Percival	Xenia	2008
June Johnson	Xenia	2006
Melvin Johnson, Ph.D.	Member at Large	2006
Lynn Wolaver, Ph.D.	Fairborn	2006
Teresa Zryd, M.D.	Fairborn	2009



Health Education Division

The Health Education Division of the GCCHD provides a variety of health education and health promotion programs to the community. It is the Division's goal to assist groups and individuals in making informed decisions regarding personal, family and community health needs.

Playground Safety

The Injury Prevention Playground Safety Grant focuses on auditing playgrounds, consultations, evaluating the corrections made by previously audited sites, and hosting seminars on playground safety. A full-day seminar offered this spring focused on playground safety and supervision, with an additional element on playground injuries. Because of the playground safety grant, children have a safer place to play.

Safe Communities

The Safe Communities program is a collaboration of traffic safety agencies within Greene County. This year an additional grant from the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) division of ODPS (Ohio Department of Public Safety) provided money to buy infant

car seats for the teen parents in the GRADs program.

HIV/AIDS Education and Testing and Counseling

The HIV/AIDS education program educates residents of Greene, Clinton and Fayette Counties about how to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. The health educators visit Antioch College, Central State University, Wilberforce University and Wright State University, the Women's Recovery Center, Juvenile Detention Center, drug treatment centers and the County jail. In an average month, over 100 residents receive important information on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, and more than 100 people receive HIV testing and counseling services at over 10 sites.

Radon

GCCHD continues to be dedicated to educating the residents of Greene County about the serious health effects of radon gas. By continuing the Radon Awareness Program funded by the Ohio Department of Health, GCCHD encourages residents to take action against radon in their homes by

providing free test kits at various sites throughout the County. This program has been expanded to involve area high schools in a county-wide radon challenge. Since July 2000, over 5,500 free radon test kits have been distributed.

Tobacco Prevention and Education

Smoking is implicated in about 85% of all lung cancers, and doctors are particularly alarmed about new cases among nonsmoking women. *Freedom From Smoking* (FFS), an adult cessation program of the American Lung Association, has been the focus for health educators in the target counties of Greene, Clinton, Fayette, Warren, and the cities of Hamilton and Middletown. Other tobacco prevention and cessation programs include a specialized program for pregnant women, youth prevention and cessation, and minority prevention and cessation.

Director: Sara T. Pappa, M.A., CHES

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Greene County State Senator Steve Austria has been awarded the **Public Health Guardian Award** by the **Association of Ohio Health Commissioners**, which will be formally presented to him in October at the Association's annual meeting. This award is given by the Association's Board of Directors in recognition of efforts by distinguished individuals on behalf of public health in Ohio. Senator Austria has been a wonderful asset to our Health District staff and volunteers, and we look forward to working with him in the future.

- Mark A. McDonnell
Health Commissioner



Development Division

To do something, however small to make others happier and better, is the highest ambition, the most elevating hope, which can inspire a human being.

- John Lubbock

Greene County Combined Health District's Foundation, *The Greene Community Health Foundation*, assists Greene County residents throughout the year. The Foundation is very grateful to the many generous donors and supporters in Greene County, the state of Ohio, and throughout the United States that provide continuous funding to operate the following programs and projects:

Infant Layette Program – Layettes are provided by the Christ Child Society of Dayton, Ohio and are given to expectant mothers when they complete their prenatal education classes.

Clinic Cupboard Project – Cupboards are filled with basic over-the-counter medical supplies, clothing, nutritional items, and personal hygiene products for families in need.

Children's Book Program – Gently used or new books are provided for each child who receives Clinic services. Additionally, the waiting room area is supplied with books.

Children's School Supplies Project – A partnership with Greene County Family and Children First Council to provide school supplies for school children kindergarten to high school.

Benevolent Care Program – For clients in need, this program provides prescriptions, medical equipment, special infant formulas, rent, utilities, groceries, transportation, clothing, translation services, orthodontic services, medical services, and medical testing.

Holiday Project – This project assists clients by providing items for their children during the holiday season. Clients use vouchers to "purchase" items.

Mitten Tree Project – This project operates annually from December through February and distributes hats, mittens, and gloves to those in need.

Partnership in Vision Project – Local Optometrists and Ophthalmologists donate their services to provide clients with vision assistance.

Partnership in Safety Project – Local supporters provide car seats for infants and children in need.

Director: Irene G. Warren, B.A.



Environmental Health/Plumbing Division

The Environmental Health/Plumbing Division is a team of inspectors that oversees many programs for the health and safety of the citizens in Greene County.

The staff inspects all of the Greene County restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores and community events where food is prepared and sold to ensure food safety for the residents. The staff investigates all consumer complaints concerning food operations. They also review plans for all new or remodeled food operations to ensure they are constructed in accordance with current Ohio food regulations.

The Plumbing staff oversees the permitting, installation and inspection of all plumbing installed in residential and commercial facilities throughout the County.

The Environmental Health staff works with builders, contractors and individuals who plan to build a home within Greene County that is not accessible to central water and sewage. Individuals must seek permits through

this office prior to installing a private water system (well) or a private septic system. In addition, the staff is also responsible for the evaluation and inspection of all new and replaced household treatment systems and water systems. The Environmental Health Division collaborates with state agencies to investigate groundwater contamination.

The Environmental staff oversees the licensing and inspections of manufactured home parks (trailer parks), campgrounds, public swimming pools, trash trucks, solid waste facilities, jails, and school buildings. In addition, the staff investigates nuisance complaints, such as improper disposal of trash, stagnant water and unsafe buildings. In these cases, the staff works with property owners to remedy the situation.

During the spring and summer months, the Environmental Health Division monitors and controls the mosquito population within the County. The staff, in partnership with Ohio Department of Health, has continued addressing citizen concerns and

submitting dead birds and adult mosquitoes for surveillance of West Nile Virus. In 2004, one bird tested positive in the County. No birds or mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile Virus so far this year.

Emergency response activities and training continue at the Health District. In conjunction with other Divisions within the Health District, staff is working with community organizations to better prepare for emergency events, whether natural (tornadoes) or man made (biological, chemical or radiological).

Director: Deborah A. Leopold, R.S., B.S.



Community Health Services Division

The Community Health Services Division is a team of compassionate healthcare professionals who provide a wide range of quality medical services that protect, promote and improve the health of all Greene County residents. Whether residents are in need of a flu shot, a school physical, a dental exam or complete pregnancy care, professionals are here to serve Greene County.

STD Education and Screening

This program addresses reproductive health concerns in relationship to sexually transmitted diseases. The client is educated regarding the impact of STD infections for current and future health. Weekly clinics are scheduled by appointment. During the first six months of 2005, 175 clients were seen. Chlamydia (10 cases) and Gonorrhea (4 cases) are the most commonly identified infections. The

impact of other STDs is evident at each clinic session as infections, problems or exposures are identified.

Tots-N-Teens (TNT) Clinic

The TNT Clinic serves uninsured and underinsured children (birth to age 18) in Greene County. During the first six months of 2005, 52 visits were provided to 47 children. Thirty-three of these children had Medicaid and 13 children were uninsured or underinsured. Twenty-one of these children had identified needs that required follow-up referrals.

The TNT Clinic, staffed by a Nurse Practitioner, Public Health Nurse, licensed Social Worker, and licensed Dietician provides comprehensive well child care. Visits include routine well child checkups, vision-hearing screening, nutritional and social service assessments, immunizations

and lab tests (hemoglobin and blood lead tests). Older children up to age 18 may receive physicals in preparation for employment, camp, and/or sports. Appointments can be made for children needing blood lead tests (age 9 months to 6 years). Medicaid, private pay, and sliding fee scale payments are accepted. Clinics occur one day per month from October through May. Weekly clinics are held from June through September.

Director: Victoria Costello, R.N., M.P.H.

Are you ready for flu season?



To increase efficiency and to improve conditions for the community, flu shots will be provided in the Media Room at the Greene County Social Service Center building, 541 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia. The flu program will target individuals age 65 and older. It is highly recommended that this population and other adults whose immune system is compromised receive the flu vaccine. Adults (18 years and older) with chronic conditions and pregnant women are eligible with a doctor's note.

The October schedule is as follows:

Monday	October 24	9 am - 3:30 pm
Tuesday	October 25	9 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday	October 26	9 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday	October 27	9 am - 6:30 pm

GCCHD will also provide flu immunizations at various senior citizen centers throughout the County.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is recommending that all children age 6 months through 23 months, and other children with chronic health conditions, receive the flu vaccine. GCCHD will provide this service to children during the regular immunization clinics beginning mid-October. These clinics are held Tuesdays from 8 - 11 am and 12:30 - 3 pm. Children under the age of 9 receiving the flu vaccine for the first time will need two shots, one month apart. Children who have received the vaccine in prior years, whether one dose or two, will only need one shot this year.

The charge for children and adults is \$20.00 per flu shot. Medicare/Medicaid is accepted. Please call the Flu Hotline at (937) 374-5657 for more information.



Administrative Services Division

This division operates under the directives, rules and regulations of the Ohio Revised Code, Civil Services Laws and Rules, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Public Health Standards for local health departments. The Administrative Services Division is charged with the responsibility for providing: (1) budgeting and finance; (2) purchasing; (3) personnel; and (4) assets and facilities management for the Health District. The following table shows the Health District's income, expenses and fund balance for the periods ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004 respectively.

Fund Balance or Carryover

Fund balance or carryover balance as it applies to the Health District does not represent "excess revenue" or "surplus cash" in the bank. Essentially, it is a mix of revenues from all sources that were not expended after the Health District closed its books. These unexpended revenue mix or carryover balances are comprised of the following: (1) grant revenues that may be refunded if unspent after the end of the grant period; (2) restricted revenue funds that cannot be utilized for other purposes; and (3) general health fund revenues that are partly used to subsidize other state-mandated core public health services.

A detailed copy of the Health District's Semi-Annual Financial Statement for all funds is available at www.gcchd.org or by contacting Aloysius Onuoha at (937) 374-5628 or 1-866-858-3588.

GCCHD Cash Basis Semi-Annual Financial Report (Unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30, 2005 & June 30, 2004 Executive Summary - Condensed - Comparative

Revenues	2005	% Totals	2004	% Totals	Diff in \$	Diff in %
.5 Mil Levy	698,999	26%	689,469	26%	9,537	1%
Subdiv. Deduction/City Contracts	177,814	7%	177,814	7%	0	0
Grants	625,669	23%	563,673	21%	61,996	11%
State Subsidy	44,792	2%	45,601	2%	(809)	(2%)
Permits, Licenses & Fees	801,568	29%	752,129	28%	49,439	7%
Transfers-In	392,000	14%	418,000	16%	(26,000)	(6%)
Total Revenue	\$2,740,842	100%	\$2,646,686	100%	\$94,156	4%
Expenses	2005	% Totals	2004	% Totals	Diff in \$	Diff in %
Salaries/Fringes	1,710,358	63%	1,586,901	64%	123,457	8%
Materials/Supplies	99,950	4%	83,938	3%	16,012	19%
Contracts	93,620	4%	156,228	6%	(62,608)	(40%)
Telephone	19,588	.005	22,880	.005	(3,292)	(14%)
Travel/Training	28,229	1%	20,465	.005	7,764	38%
Advertising/Printing	19,456	.005	28,637	1%	(9,181)	(32%)
Equipment/Vehicle	187,953	7%	35,606	1%	152,347	4.28%
Lease Agreement	26,561	1%	5,284	.002	21,277	4.03%
Other Operating Expenses	128,450	5%	107,835	4%	20,615	19%
Transfers Out	392,000	14%	418,000	17%	(26,000)	(6%)
Total Expenses	2,706,165	100%	2,465,774	100%	240,391	10%
<i>Excess (Deficit) Rev./Exp.</i>	34,677		180,912		(146,235)	(80%)
<i>Carryover from prior years</i>	1,798,415		1,539,289		259,126	17%
Fund Balance	\$1,833,092		\$1,720,201		\$112,891	7%

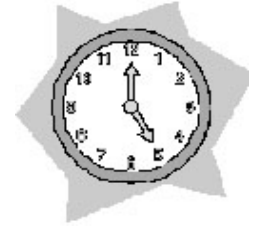
GCCHD would like to use this opportunity to thank all public officials and Greene County residents for their continued support and involvement in ensuring the financial stability of the Health District.

Director: Aloysius Onuoha, M.B.A., M.H.A.

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