Public Health Day Awards
The Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department honored an individual, an organization, and all of its Richland County media partners at its annual Public Health Day breakfast and awards program, April 7.

“Friends of Public Health” awards, recognizing outstanding contributions to the health department’s programs or public health within the community, were presented to Randy Parker with Richland County Children Services and to the Ohio Special Response Team (OSRT). The 14th annual “Media Award” went to all major media outlets in Richland County for their help in covering the H1N1 pandemic flu.

Parker was recognized for his advocacy of the Newborn Home Visitation Programs. OSRT was recognized for coordinating security during the early stages of the H1N1 pandemic flu.

From the Health Commissioner
People may think that I alone make the decisions that run the Health Department because I am the Health Commissioner at the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department. The reality is I seldom make major decisions alone regarding how the Health Department and its programs are run. There are many people involved in those decisions. I thought I would share with you information about these important people.

You may know some of the people that make decisions on the local level. First, the Health Department has a medical director, Dr. Dan Burrell, who makes all major policy decisions dealing with direct medical care. Second, there are fourteen members of our Board of Health (listed on the back inside page of this Annual Report). The Mayor and City Council of Mansfield appoint five members. The Mayor and City Council of Ontario appoint two members. The Health District’s District Advisory Council (DAC) appoints another six members. At the recommendation of the Area Agency on Aging, one of the six members is appointed to represent senior citizens. The DAC also appoints the members of the Retail Licensing Council, made up of one person representing each industry that the Health Department inspects. That council also elects one of its members to be on the Board of Health.

The DAC is comprised of Chairpersons from each of the County Township Trustee Boards, the Chairperson of the County Commissioners, and the Mayors of the Villages and Cities (also listed on the preceding page). In March of each year, the Health Department presents its budget and yearly report on services to the DAC.

Grant programs run by the Health Department are tightly controlled by either state or federal regulations and audited annually for compliance. Most of our Environmental Health programs are tightly controlled by Ohio or federal regulations and/or rules developed by state or federal legislators or administrators. These programs are also audited for compliance by their controlling agency.

My job is to assure the Health Department is operating in accordance with the guidelines of all of the above. Feel free to contact me, or any individual on one of these governing bodies, if you have any concerns about the Health Department services.

Rest assured, when making decisions about running the Health Department, I rarely make major decisions alone. That’s why we like to say, “Your Health is Our Department.”

Stan Saalman, Health Commissioner

Our Mission
(adopted by the board of Health, January 23, 1988 and revised April 21, 2008)

The primary mission of the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department is to provide all people with quality public health services and programs. These programs are designed to prevent disease and disability, prolong life, and promote health and individual well-being.

This mission is to be achieved through organized community programs that:

• Prevent and control the spread of chronic and communicable diseases.
• Assess, improve and maintain a healthy and safe environment and community health.
• Deliver preventative health services and follow-up care to high-risk individuals and groups.
• Inform and educate the public on matters of individual wellness and community health.
• Provide bio-terrorism and emergency related leadership and services to the public.
Public Health Clinic

The public health clinic is open to all people for the purpose of providing health care, promoting wellness, providing education and treating illness. These health services are provided by our staff doctor, nurse practitioner, staff nurses, social worker, health educator, and clerical staff. These health services are for people of all ages from Richland and surrounding counties.

Clinic Visits in 2010.............. Total
Child Health.......................... 293
Clinic Influenza Shots................ 883
General Health....................... 3,655
HIV Testing (clinic visits only)..... 162
Immunizations (total clients)....... 2,837
Adult Vaccine Doses (shots given) 2,385
Children Vaccine Doses (shots given) 5,832
Satellite Immunizations (total clients) 596
Travel Immunization Program (total clients) 522
Prenatal/OBGYN...................... 594
Reproductive Health*................. 1,923
Tuberculosis Testing................ 1,105
Total Visits for 2009............... 11,615
*Includes Women’s Health and STD testing/treatment

BCCP (Breast & Cervical Cancer Project)

Case Managers for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP) link low-income, uninsured women age 40 and over to cancer screening and diagnostic services.

BCCP Region 5* Cancer Screenings

2010 Totals
Pap Smears.......................... 605
Mammograms......................... 732
Women Enrolled........................ 903
*-serving women in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties.

Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nurses fulfill a unique role in promoting a healthy community. They are a valuable resource for education, information and referral assistance. Based in the Health Department, they also work in schools, homes and other sites in the city and county. The Public Health Nurses provide services to all ages, from newborns to senior citizens.

Public Health Nursing in 2010..... Total
BCMH Contacts....................... 5,912
Community Health Screenings..... 805
Infectious Disease Investigations* 340
Influenza Shots (sept. – Dec.)....... 3,556
HINI Vaccines (Jan. – June, 2010) 1,664
Lead Investigations.................. 67
Newborn Home Visits............... 204
Referrals to Community Agencies 228
School Health Nurses (Hours).... 12,098
Senior Health Assessments........ 1,723
Sexually Transmitted Disease Investigations 780
*Other than STIs

Communicable Disease Investigations

Communicable Disease Investigations are conducted by Public Health nurses and are lead by our staff epidemiologist. The Health Department investigates disease outbreaks that could affect the health of our communities. Nearly 1,000 investigations were conducted last year.

Infectious Disease 2010 Totals
Infectious Diseases other than STI* 340
*Sexually Transmitted Infections, Total 639
Chlamydia............................ 575
Gonorrhea......................... 882
HIV.............................. 192
AIDS/HIV............................ 5
Syphilis.............................. 8
Total Investigations................ 979

Funding - 2010

SUPPORT: $6,758,768.41
Levy (38.55%)........................ $2,605,746.46
State/Federal Grants (25.77%)...... 1,741,875.41
Fees, Licenses, Permits (19.53%)... 1,320,200.55
Contracts (10.49%).................. 708,683.79
State Subsidy (5.34%)............... 360,604.16
All Other Sources (0.32%)......... 21,657.03

SERVICES: $5,693,616.43
Public Health Nursing (31.1%)..... $1,771,422.75
Public Health Clinic (24.96%)..... 1,421,213.58
Environmental Health (20.10%)... 1,144,383.45
WIC (13.77%)....................... 783,911.46
Health Promotion/Education (6.21%) 353,760.76
Vital Statistics (3.85%)............ 219,012.31

GRANT INCOME: $1,741,875.41
WIC – Nutrition and Education..... $735,257.00
PHEP/HINI Vaccination............. 480,752.83
Breast & Cervical Screening Cancer 153,588.00
Child & Family Health Services... 147,643.75
Immunizations – Satellite areas.... 76,559.00
Creating Healthy Communities..... 56,250.00
Women’s Health Services.......... 44,733.50
Safe Communities.................. 27,546.90
Senior Health Screenings.......... 19,543.55
*PHEP = Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Management Structure

Board of Health

Mansfield: Robert Eaton, MD; John F. Leech, DDS; Matthew Mayer, R.Ph.; Frank Russo, Donald Bartlett; Ontario: Barbara Cinadr, RN, Vice-Chair; Dean Foster, LSW, Health Promotion Education Manager; Tina Picman, MS, RLDL; WIC Director; Richard Grega, Esq., Human Resources Manager; Kevin VanMeter, Fiscal Operations Director; Amy Vincent, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing; Matt Work, RS, Environmental Health Director.

District Advisory Council

This council meets annually in March to bring health concerns and recommendations to the Board of Health and to appoint new members from the county. Members include the chairmen of each township’s board of trustees, village mayors, mayors of Mansfield and Ontario, and the chair of the county commission.


Mayors - Bellevue: Darrell Banks • Butler: Jeffery Sellers • Lexington: Eugene Parkison • Lucas: Todd Hall • Mansfield: Don Callott • Ontario: Larry Collins • Plymouth: Keith Hebbl • Shiloh: Timothy Wierman.

County Commissioners: Gary Ut.

Retail Licensing Council

Michael Renner, Chair (Tattoo & Body Piercing Establishments); Brenda Martin (Food Service); Gayle Meadows (Food Establishment); Bob Chapman (Manufactured Home Parks); Dave Carver (Swimming Pools, Spas & Special Use Pools); Terry Conard (Campgrounds & Parks; Public); Richard Million (Solid & Biomedical Waste Facilities); Bob Christianson (Plumbing Industries).

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**Vital Statistics**

The Vital Statistics division maintains records of all births in Richland County and deaths (excluding Shelby) since 1908.

**DEATHS (excludes Shelby)**

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**Causes of Death (excludes Shelby)**


**BIRTHS (excludes Shelby)**

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Note: Beginning with 2011, Vital Statistics is able to do birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio (not just Richland County).

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**Environmental Health**

The Environmental Health Services division directs a variety of programs that prevent, protect and educate our community about potentially harmful elements in our environment. Our sanitarians and plumbing inspectors work to keep the public safe from disease.

**Environmental Health in 2010**

- **Campgrounds:** 259
- **Communicable Diseases:** 12
- **Emergency Responses (started in May):** 160
- **Foodborne Investigations:** 56
- **Food Operations:** 4,490
- **Hazardous Materials (started in May):** 55
- **Healthy Homes (started in May):** 209
- **Indoor Air Quality:** 394
- **Lead Contamination:** 495
- **Manufactured Home Parks:** 290
- **Nuisance - food:** 133
- **Nuisance - housing:** 239
- **Nuisance - insects & rodents:** 208
- **Nuisance - sewage:** 99
- **Nuisance - solid waste:** 320
- **Nuisance - other:** 97
- **Plumbing - residential:** 2,034
- **Plumbing - commercial:** 1,809
- **Plumbing - other:** 269
- **Private Water Systems:** 2,108
- **Rabies Control:** 679
- **Schools:** 258
- **Seawage Systems (all types):** 2,275
- **Smoke-free Workplace:** 458
- **Solid Waste:** 1,193
- **Swimming Pools/Spas:** 520
- **Tattoo/Piercing Parlors:** 98
- **Vector Control:** 807
- **All Other (not categorized):** 2,318
- **Total Contacts:** 21,734

*Xpections, Investigations and consultations

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**Health Promotion/Education**

Health Promotion/Education works to help people in Richland County gain more control of their personal health as well as the health and well-being of the community and the environment.

**Programs & Presentations in 2010**

- **Child Passenger Safety Seats Checks:** 86
- **County/Public Cholesterol Screenings:** 721
- **Creating Healthy Communities Presentations:** 13
- **Fairs, Parades and Health Fair Booths:** 14
- **Fifth Grade Purity Talks:** 9
- **Health & Wellness Lectures & Presentations:** 15
- **Seat Belt Use Surveys (4,982 vehicles):** 38
- **Senior Driver Refresher Classes Participants:** 69
- **Traffic Safety Presentations:** 37

**Mosquito-borne Disease Spreads Concern**

At the end of September in 2010, long after most people had stopped worrying about mosquitoes, the Health Department investigated three confirmed cases of California La Crosse encephalitis/enzootic in Richland County. This was a substantial increase from previous years in our county and in Ohio. Our last case prior to 2010 was in 2007.

In addition to California La Crosse encephalitis/enzootic, West Nile virus, viral infections such as Eastern and Western equine encephalitis, and St. Louis encephalitis can be spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Anyone bitten by an infected mosquito can get an infection, although children under age 16 are at greater risk. Symptoms, which may occur five to 15 days after a bite, are usually mild illnesses that include headache, fever, nausea, vomiting and tiredness, although cases can be more severe.

“While mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn, the mosquitoes known to cause California La Crosse encephalitis/ enzootic also bite during the daylight hours,” said Matthew Work, Director of Environmental Health at the Mansfield/Ohio, Richland County Health Department.

The late cases of La Crosse infection have spread the concern that mosquito-borne disease cases may be on the rise in 2011. The Health Department is urging everyone to take precautions against mosquito bites and to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. For more information on what you can do, visit www.richlandhealth.org/health/mosquito.html
OHIO’S DOCTOR (above): Alvin D. Jackson, M.D. (on left), Director of the Ohio Department of Health, visited the Health Department for a sit down with the media and Health Commissioner Stan Saalman on February 12.

HAPPY 100 (left): The Health Department, founded in 1910, had its 100th birthday party.

MINORITY HEALTH FAIR (left and below): Continuing its successful annual run, the Minority Health Fair brings health services and a variety of county agencies to the Ocie Hill Neighborhood Center in April. Pictured here are tax tissue sheets and a hearing screening being performed by members of the Health Department nursing staff. A popular activity, pictured below, was the hand massage on the main stage.

NEW TRAILER (right): Hauling supplies to and from community flu shot clinics requires a lot of equipment. In case of an emergency, the Health Department has to be able to move equipment quickly. The newest addition to our preparedness is this supply trailer, which was purchased with grant dollars. The trailer was decorated with the Health Department "bug."

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MIKE FOR HEALTH (right): For the past 10 years the Health Department has sponsored along with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, a hike at Malabar Farm for cardiovascular health. The winter hike in February proved so popular that a second hike was added for the fall. These four college students participated in the Winter Hike, February 20.

 nhanes (left): The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) chose Richland County for one of its health survey sites, parking huge mobile examination trailers at the Richland County Fairgrounds for a month. The timing of the exams coincided with National Public Health Week.

AWARENESS (left): Part of the fight against the spread of AIDS is education and awareness. During May, the Health Department hangs flags outside the building that represent local deaths from the virus.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: The Richland County Safe Communities Coalition, a grant project of the Health Department, participates in safety messages such as Motorcycle Safety Awareness (left), Seat Belt Awareness (below), and DUI Awareness Education (right) which included a Corn Hole toss using “Fatal Vision” goggles (at the Belville Farmer’s Market here with Village of Belville Chief Ron Willey).

OH, THOSE FLU SHOTS (left and above): Everyone should get a flu shot. Some of our younger clients grit their teeth for a shot while others need just the nasal flu mist. Of all the services of the Health Department, the annual flu clinics are probably best known.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (right): The Health Department’s newest grant is for Creating Healthy Communities, focusing on preventative health. At the Juneteenth Celebration in downtown Mansfield, a display reminded attendees that heart disease runs in the “genes.”

RABBIES VACCINE (left): For the past several years the Health Department has helped promote the free rabies vaccinations provided by Drs. Henry and Judy Allos and Dr. Laurie Nickel. This annual event in May is an opportunity for people to protect their dogs and cats from rabies and provide a barrier of protection for their families.

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