



The year in numbers...

Births Recorded	426
Certified Copies Issued	2,047
Teen Mother Births	49
Unwed Mothers	193
Deaths Recorded	479
Certified Copies Issued	1,574
Animal Bites Reported	159
Positive Rabies Test	0
Food Service Licenses	549
Food Service Inspections	805
Private Water Permits	75
Private Water Inspections	85
Water Samples	391
Sewage Permits	117
Sewage Inspections	105
Sewage Consultations	913
Nuisance Investigations	220
Medical Clinic Patients	1,600
Medical Clinic Visits	1,711
TB Tests Given	576
Patients Vaccinated	4,824
Seasonal Flu Vaccine	1,653
Dental Clinic Patients	3,736
Dental Clinic Visits	3,974
WIC Caseload	1,394
WIC Certified Visits	2,992
BCMh Cases	225
BCMh Consultations	2,065
Home Health Patients	267
Home Health Visits	7,379
Presentations	154
Publicity Efforts	621

**Promotion, Prevention and Protection...
 We ARE Public Health**

A year of planning and transition

We knew 2013 was going to be a tight year financially with funding from the health levy passed in 2012 not available until 2014. So we tightened our budgets, delayed some needed purchases and concentrated on how to creatively and resourcefully best serve the community.

During the summer months we continued to host a monthly farmer's market. Vegetables from a staff-maintained community garden were shared weekly with visitors to the Health Department.

Working with community partners we established Project Lifesaver for families with a loved one prone to wandering; and to help patients at risk of hospital re-admission, our Home Health staff started a program that provides patients with equipment to monitor vital signs at home under the supervision of a registered nurse.

The clinic staff visited the Ohio Statehouse to discuss the importance of immunizations; the



Health Commissioner Julie Miller presents Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Mavis with a Healthy Ohio Healthy Community Award.

health commissioner was chosen for a national leadership program; and the city of Mount Vernon received a Healthy Ohio Healthy Community Award from our nomination for the Ohio Department of Health's annual recognition.

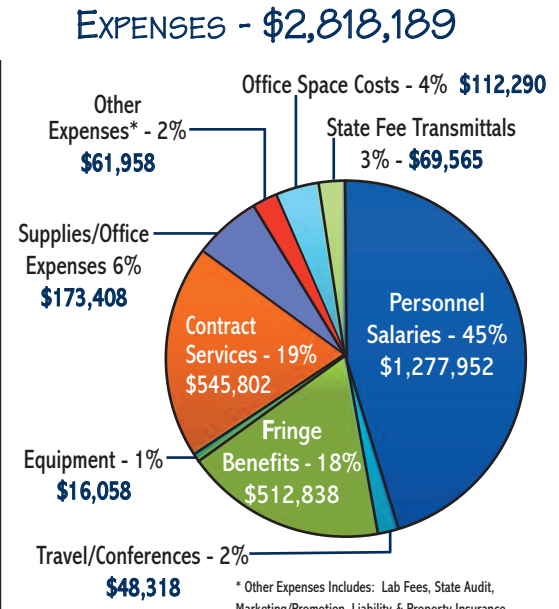
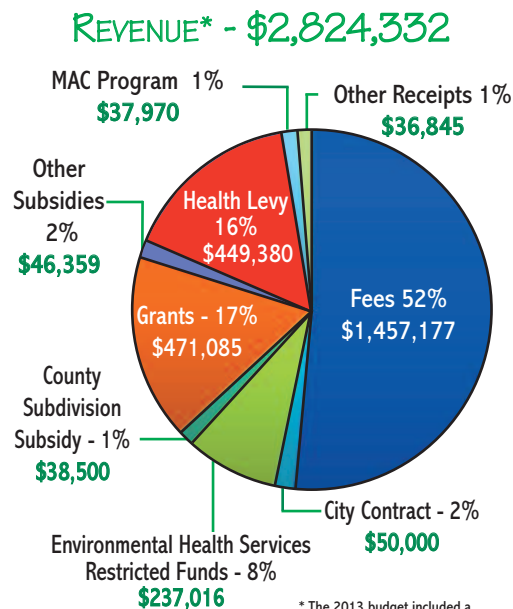
We sprayed for mosquitos, inspected child car seats, offered free smoking cessation classes, educated food service workers, and started a facebook page for breastfeeding mothers.

Several longtime employees retired including: Environmental Health Secretary Cindy Sperry after 16 years; Registered Sanitarian Jim Fridrich who had the distinction of having traveled every road in the county in his 22+ years with the agency; and Marcia Tidyman, a registered nurse with the Home Health Division for 23 years.

As we head into 2014, we are cognizant of being good stewards of the public's money and providing needed services to benefit the community.

Banner Photo ID: L. to R. Home Health Client Mary Ellen Wolfe and R.N. Judy Miller go over medication management; Attendees at October's First Friday event in downtown Mount Vernon learn about BMI and diabetes at a health fair coordinated by the Health Department; Chef Paul Higgins and Kenyon College student Casey Griffin demonstrate food preparation at the monthly Farmer's Market held at the Health Department; A member of the Eastern Knox County Joint Fire District demonstrates how the water hose works with children at the Amish Health and Safety Day in Danville.

Financial Overview



* The 2013 budget included a carryover of \$454,265 from 2012.

* Other Expenses Includes: Lab Fees, State Audit, Marketing/Promotion, Liability & Property Insurance, Staff Development/Recruitment, Vehicle Fuel/Maintenance.

Preventing & **Promoting**
illness and disease healthy lifestyles

Community Health Clinic

Immunizations for adults and children, including all childhood shots and all shots required for school.
Includes shots for Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles, Tetanus and Hepatitis A & B • TB Screening • **Blood Pressure Screening**
Diabetic Screening • **Pregnancy Testing and STD Counseling**
Sliding Fee Scale • **Medical Card and most insurances accepted**

Dental Clinic

Full-time dentist and dental hygienist
Routine dental care for **adults and children** including
Fillings, Sealants, Cleanings and Extractions
Sliding Fee Scale • **Medical Card and several insurances accepted**

Home Health Care

Skilled Nursing • **Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy**
Daily PT for joint replacement patients
Disease Management including Diabetes, Parkinson's, COPD, Cancer • **Home Health Aides**
Registered Nurse On Call 24 hours a day/7 days a week

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

Nutrition education for **Pregnant, Breastfeeding or Postpartum Mothers** and their **Children, up to age 5**
Breastfeeding Support • **Supplementary Food Coupons** for use at area grocery stores and farmer's markets

BCMh (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps)

Promotes **Early Identification and Treatment of Children who have Special Needs** • **Assists Parents** with Insurance, Schools, Physicians, Pharmacies, Hospitals and Medical Supplies
Includes **Diagnosis, Treatment, Service Coordination**
Helps Families Obtain Payment for Services

Health Education

Presentations for Classrooms, groups and organizations
Smoking Cessation Classes and One-on-One Counseling
Child Car Seat distribution, installation and inspections
Promote **traffic safety, environmental education, radon testing, nutrition** and other health and safety behaviors.
Ohio Benefit Bank Counselor onsite to help those in need access community programs and services.

Protecting our community
including food, water & the environment

Food Safety

Inspection and Licensing for all **food service operations** including food establishments, mobile units and vending operations;
Investigation of all reported **Foodborne Illnesses**;
Offer **ServSafe Classes** and **Person In Charge Training**

Private Water Systems

Issuing of **Permits, Inspection and Testing of New Water Wells**;
Water Sampling of existing **Private Water Wells**

Septic Systems

Issuing of **Permits, Approval, Consultation and Inspection of Home Sewage Systems**

Inspection & Investigation

Inspect all Public Swimming **Pools, Bathing Beaches and Spas, Tattoo & Body Piercing Parlors, Solid Waste Facilities, Manufactured Home Parks, Schools and Campgrounds**;
Investigate reported **Animal Bites, Nuisance Complaints**;
Coordinate **Rabies Control and Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Emergency Preparedness

Comprehensive Planning for **Public Health Emergencies** and Disasters;
Coordination of **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**;
Develop **Crisis Communication Plans and Procedures**;
Annual **Full-Scale Exercises and Drills** with Community Partners

Birth and Death Records

The Knox County Health Department has **birth and death records** for anyone who was born or has died in Knox County, **dating back to December 1908**.

Additionally, **birth certificates from other Ohio counties are now available** at the health department via online records through the Ohio Department of Health.

Only certified copies of birth and death records are available.
There is a fee. Payment is due at time of request.
Cash, check and credit/debit cards accepted.

There is a form to complete. Requests are fulfilled immediately.
The form can also be obtained on our website.

Public Health serves everyone
regardless of income, age, race or sex