

2024 Annual Report



Knox PUBLIC HEALTH



From the Health Commissioner



Zach Green, MBA
Health Commissioner

Knox Public Health is dedicated to fostering a healthier community through education, innovation, and quality care in all aspects of our work. In 2024, we achieved those goals by conducting a Community Health Assessment (CHA) to determine the needs of the community and work towards addressing the social determinants of health. A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was developed to guide local agencies to help address the health concerns through 2026, as identified in the CHA.

Our commitment to improving access to care for the community was strengthened in 2024 with the opening of the Mount Vernon Health Center at 202 West Vine Street in downtown, which began offering medical services in March. Additionally, the Behavioral Health branch of the Mount Vernon Health Center opened its doors at 206 South Mulberry Street downtown at the start of the new year, expanding our behavioral health reach and services. Lastly, our Women, Infants, and Children division moved back to our main site at 11660 Upper Gilchrist Road after five years at 809 Coshocton Avenue, giving WIC participants essentially a “one-stop shop” for WIC services and programs such as Complex Medical Help (CMH), Cribs for Kids, and Car Seat Safety.

Knox Public Health also delivered impactful programs and services to the community over the past year. We reopened our Breast Milk Drop Site at the Upper Gilchrist location, conducted monthly Person-in-Charge trainings, and hosted Emotional Health Forums that allowed community members to engage and explore various mental health topics.

We are deeply grateful to our community partners, volunteers, local agencies, and hardworking staff for making 2024 an outstanding year. A special thanks goes to Dr. Dan Saale, who retired in 2024 after years of dedicated service with the agency.



Dr. Dan Saale, Dentist Retired

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Accreditation & Badges of Excellence

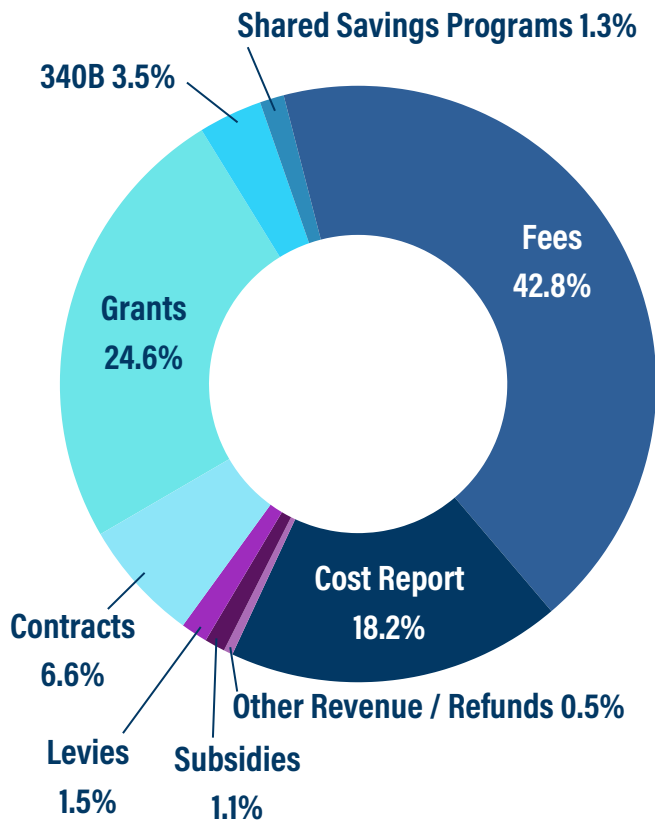


Knox Public Health is nationally accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). By achieving this designation, KPH has demonstrated that we meet national standards for performance and quality; have the capacity to provide core public health services; and are continually striving to improve service, value and accountability for our community.

The Knox County Community Health Center received the Advancing HIT for Quality, Health Disparities Reducer, and Access Enhancer badges of excellence from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2024.



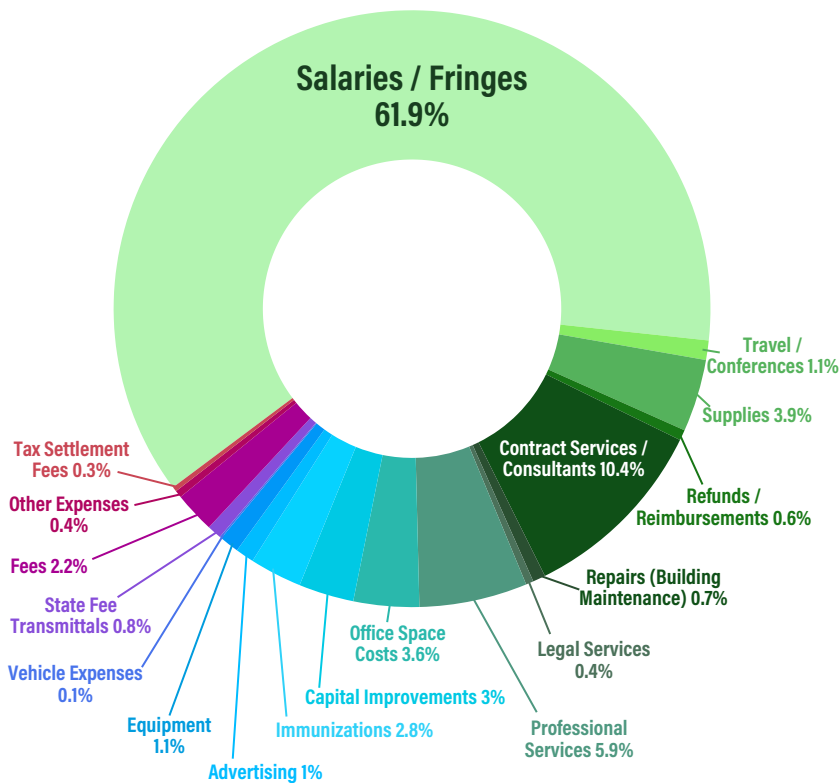
2024 Financial Report



Revenue Breakdown

Grants	\$2,844,315
340B	\$400,000
Shared Savings Programs	\$151,677
Fees	\$4,947,777
Cost Report	\$2,098,966
Other Revenue / Refunds	\$57,499
Subsidies	\$128,546
Levies	\$1,698,101
Contracts	\$764,141

Total Revenue - \$13,091,023



Expenses Breakdown

Salaries / Fringes	\$7,179,663
Travel / Conferences	\$122,045
Supplies	\$455,461
Refunds / Reimbursements	\$66,111
Contract Services / Consultants	\$1,206,443
Repairs (Building Maintenance)	\$79,466
Legal Services	\$47,926
Professional Services	\$678,882
Office Space Costs	\$412,022
Capital Improvements	\$346,453
Immunizations	\$328,065
Advertising	\$116,575
Equipment	\$122,946
Vehicle Expenses	\$11,324
State Fee Transmittals	\$90,010
Fees	\$257,206
Other Expenses	\$45,398
Tax Settlement Fees	\$30,009

Total Expenses - \$11,596,007

Board of Health & Co-Applicant Board

Board of Health Members:

Jeff Harmer, President
Jason Whaley, President Pro-Term
Barb Brenneman

Daniel Brinkman
Barry George, MD
Diane Goodrich

Megan Rice
Amanda Rogers, DVM
Eric Siekkinen

The Board of Health for the Knox County General Health District meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:30pm in the KPH conference room. The meetings are open to the public and there is a time allocated at the beginning of every meeting for public participation. Board meeting dates occasionally change due to holidays and other events. If you plan to attend, please call 740-392-2200, Ext. 2221, to verify location and start time.

Co-Applicant Board Members:

Jay Nixon, President
Mike Wythe, President Pro-Term
Kelly Bailey

Tonya Boucher
Todd Hawkins
Linda Hillier
Jeff Laughlin

Jim Lenthe
Peg Tazewell
Bruce White

Since the Knox County Community Health Center is a branch of Knox Public Health, it has to meet the needs, goals, and regulations of both the health department's board and the board of the Center. The term "Co-" indicates that business functions are decided upon by the Health Center Co-Applicant board members and then approved for implementation by the health department's Board of Health. This relationship between FQHC and public health agency is unique to only a small fraction of health centers in the country.

2024 Community Outreach

In March, we opened our NEW location, the Mount Vernon Health Center, and held an open house to welcome patients and the community to tour our new facility.

Knox County Community Health Center held a free pool party at Hiawatha Water Park in August to celebrate National Health Center Week.

May 8th, 2024

WALK BIKE & ROLL
TO SCHOOL

Emotional Health

Stacy Gilley, Behavioral Health Director

April 18, 2024

Throughout 2024, our Environmental Health team led a "Person In Charge" certification class for community members to learn and get certified to take the next step in managing restaurants.

We helped coordinate an Emotional Health Forum in April, talking about services the local agencies provide, and talk directly to those who had questions about all things mental health.

Our Women, Infants, and Children division hosted "The Big Latch On" and the grand reopening of their breast milk drop site in honor of Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August.

For Halloween, we all dressed up and handed out candy to kids from Knox Educational Service Center who walked through our agency in October.

2024 Recap & Statistics

Vital Statistics



585 Births **+0.17%**



645 Deaths **+3.7%**



2,043 Birth Certificates
Issued **-1.45%**



2,219 Death Certificates
Distributed **+2.7%**

Environmental Health



921 Food
Inspections **+14.01%**



92 Nuisances
-21.37%



209 Sewage
Inspections **-35.49%**



194 Animal Bite
Investigations **+20.50%**



39 Spa/Pool
Inspections **-9.30%**



22 School
Inspections **-8.33%**



307 Sewage / Water
Permits **+14.55%**



12 Tattoo Shop
Inspections **+/- 0%**

Women, Infant, and Children (WIC)



1,730 Nutrition
Education Appointments
+27.39%



166 Avg Monthly
Women Participants
-2.92%



81 Avg Monthly
Pre-term Infants
+6.58%



788 Average
Monthly Participants
+1.29%



11,507 oz. Total
Mother's Milk Bank
Donations

Public Health and Nursing Division (PHEN)



1,227 Communicable
Disease Cases
-46.09%



544 Narcan
Dispensed **+98.54%**



58 Sleep Safe/
Crib Distributed
-13.43%



49 Car Seats
Distributed
-16.98%



69 Cessation
Enrollments **-36.11%**



20 Lead Reports
+17.65%



276 Home Visits
+5.75%



4157 Outreach
Vaccines **-26.71%**



75 Gun Locks
Distributed **-53.13%**

Community Health Center



30,042 Visits*
-27.70%



17,329 Medical
Visits **9.67%**



6,154 Behavioral
Health Visits **21.48%**



5,739 Dental
Visits **-19.54%**



514 Substance Use
Counseling Visits **-7.22%**

*Visit number includes immunizations administered at the Knox County Community Health Center
A full listing of programs and services are highlighted on the final page of this report.

Percentage Changes are relative to last year's statistics.



Mission

Promote a healthy community through **education**, **innovation**, and **equitable care**.

Vision

Inspire and **empower** healthy lifestyles for generations to come.

Our Agency Programs and Services

Animal Bite Investigation

Annual Wellness Exams

Bed Bug Identification and Education

Birth Certificates (from any Ohio county)

Blood Pressure Screenings

Breastfeeding Support and Education

Campground Inspections

Chemical Dependency Counseling

Child Car Seat Checks

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

Communicable Disease Investigation

Community and School Presentations

Creating Healthy Communities (Get Healthy Knox)

Cribs for Kids Distribution Site

Data Collection and Analysis

Death Certificates

Dental Clinic (children & adult)

Drug Free Communities (KSAAT)

Emergency Preparedness

Emotional Health Services

Health Education and Promotion

Immunizations for Children and Adults

Lead Testing & Education

Medication Assisted Treatment (Vivitol)

Mosquito Control and Spraying

Narcan Education and Distribution

Newborn Home Visits

Nuisance Investigations

Ohio Buckle Buckeyes Car Seat Distribution

OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank Drop Site

Patient Navigation

Physical Exams (DOT, school, sports)

Primary Care

Project Child Safe Gun Lock Distributor

Public Pool and Beach Inspections

Rabies Testing Surveillance

Radon Awareness

Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)

Restaurant Food Service Inspections

Safe Sleep Education

School Dental Screenings

Senior Health and Wellness

Substance Use Counseling

Tattoo/Body Piercing Facility Inspections

Tobacco Cessation (Knox Out Tobacco)

Traffic Safety (Safe Communities)

Water Well Permits, Water Testing

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Services

Locations

MOUNT VERNON

KNOX PUBLIC HEALTH

11660 UPPER GILCHRIST RD.

Immunizations & Dental Services

WALK-IN CLINIC

207 WEST HIGH ST.

Medical Services

MOUNT VERNON HEALTH CENTER

202 WEST VINE ST.

Medical Services

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - MVHC

206 SOUTH MULBERRY ST.

Behavioral Health Services

DANVILLE

DANVILLE HEALTH CENTER

12 EAST MAIN ST.

Medical & Counseling Services

KNOX COUNTY DENTAL

706 SOUTH MARKET ST.

Dental Services



740-392-2200 for Public Health Services and Programs
740-399-8008 for Medical, Dental or Counseling Services



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