

 **Knox**
PUBLIC HEALTH
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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Knox Public Health is proud of our commitment to ensure all residents experience optimal health and a safe environment. In 2023, we launched an equity toolkit designed to educate agencies and communities on the critical issues of the social determinants of health and health equity. The toolkit has been shared with six county agencies and 13 local health departments statewide. Our internal health improvement goals continue our focus on equity into the future.

Access to medical, dental and behavioral health services in Knox County were expanded with renovations completed on the Danville Health Center location and our Knox County Dental office. While renovations on the Strang Glass building were started in July 2023 with plans to be fully operational in 2024. The new facility will provide convenient downtown medical and behavioral health services.

Funding secured from the Ohio Traffic Safety office allowed us to provide 45 scholarships totaling \$15,000 for driver's education training to income-eligible students. With expectations of these funds being awarded in 2024 for a continuation of support to families. We committed to creating spaces to encourage children and families to live active lifestyles. Monetary and planning support was provided to Centerburg's Memorial Park playground project. New equipment purchased with the Creating Health Communities grant fund is scheduled to be installed in the summer of 2024. And we dedicated efforts to implement the Healthy Eating Research Guidelines at ACTS Pantry in Mount Vernon to help pantry visitors easily identify healthy food options by looking for the green or "choose often" labels. These foods have been ranked according to their sodium, added sugar, and saturated fat content, three nutrients that are known to contribute to increased risk for heart disease.

We must acknowledge we cannot do this alone. We are grateful for our volunteers, healthcare providers, first-responders, community partners and residents who are dedicated to addressing critical health issues affecting Knox County. Lastly, I would like to personally thank Pam Palm, our PIO, who retired in 2023 after 25 years of dedicated service. She is a true public health advocate.



**Zach Green, MBA
Health Commissioner**



**Jeff Harmer, BOH President
Pam Palm, PIO Retired**



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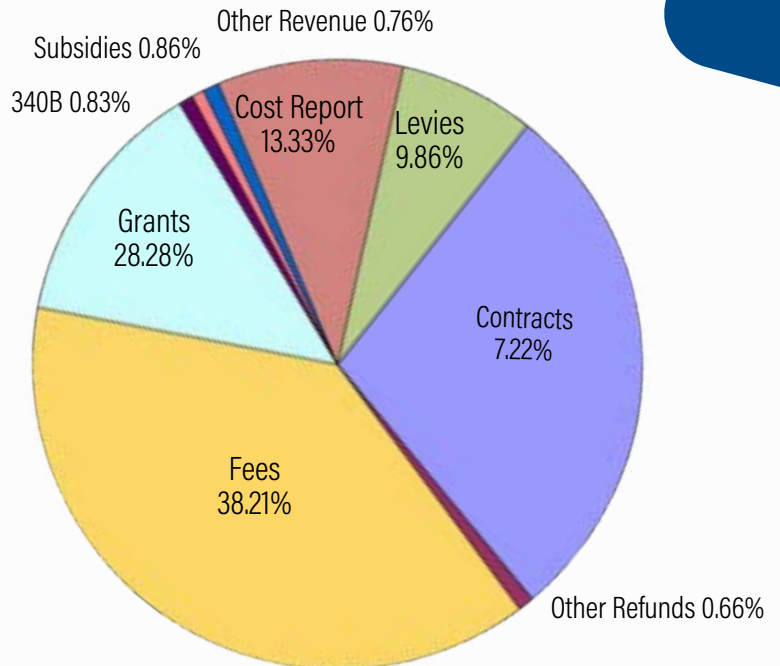
Eric Helt
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The Board of Health for the Knox County General Health District meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:30pm in the KPH conference room. The meetings are open to the public and there is a time allocated at the beginning of every meeting 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.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

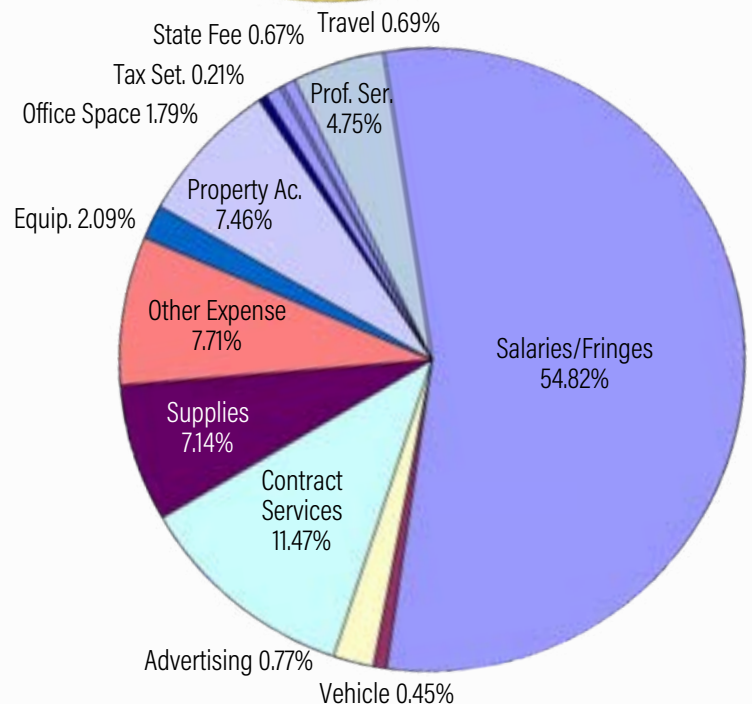
Total Revenue - \$12,111,953*

Other Refunds	\$80,500.96
Other Revenue	\$91,793.39
340B	\$100,000.00
Subsidies	\$103,960.08
Contracts	\$874,145.69
Levies	\$1,194,307.63
Cost Report	\$1,613,951.41
Grants	\$3,425,057.09
Fees	\$4,462,236.64



Total Expenses - \$12,088,008

Tax Settlement Fees	\$25,213.00
Vehicle Expenses	\$54,127.00
State Fee Transmittals	\$80,414.00
Travel/Conferences	\$82,866.00
Advertising	\$93,372.00
Office Space Costs	\$215,931.00
Equipment	\$252,183.00
Professional Services	\$574,100.00
Supplies	\$862,966.00
Property Acquisition	\$901,838.00
Other Expense	\$931,984.00
Contract Services	\$1,386,539.00
Salaries/Fringes	\$6,626,475.00



*The 2023 budget included a carryover of \$3,274,120 from 2022.

**Other expenses include Lab Fees, Membership Fees, Liability Insurance, State Audit and Capital Project Expenses.



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 was awarded the Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality badge in 2023. The badge recognizes health centers that meet all criteria to optimize HIT services. Health centers must meet the following five criteria:

- Adopted an electronic health record (EHR) system
- Offers telehealth services
- Exchanges clinical information electronically with key providers health care settings
- Engages patients through health IT
- Collects data on patient social risk factors

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Knox County Community Health Center celebrated National Health Center Week with a free pool party at Hiawatha Water Park in August 2023.



Creating Healthy Communities partnered with the Knox County Local Food Council to offer an eight-week youth development garden program. Teens learned various skills, including gardening, cooking, nutrition basics, banking basics and budgeting.



WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL



Knox Public Health coordinated Danville's Amish Health and Safety Evening in May 2023.



First Friday is a staple event for outreach. KPH provides a Free Bike Valet and engaging activities to educate the community on important health topics.



Families attending the annual WIC Baby Shower receive education on Sleep Safety and Car Seat Safety.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

Vital Statistics



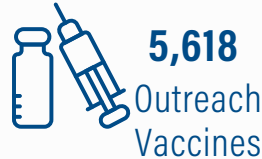
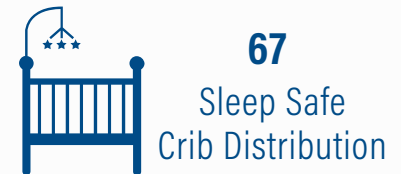
Environmental Health



Women Infant & Children



Public Health Education & Nursing



Community Health Center



Record number of visits serving
over 10,000 patients



Health Center Healthcare for Everyone

A full listing of programs and services are highlighted on the final page of this report.

*Visit number includes immunizations administered at the Knox County Community Health Center

Mission

We are committed to the health of the community by **promoting** healthy lifestyles, **preventing** illness, and **protecting** the community.

Vision

To continue to be a leader in public health by addressing community issues through proactive and innovative solutions so that all residents may experience optimal health and a safe environment.

Agency Programs and Services

Animal Bite Investigation

Bed Bug Identification and Education

Behavioral Health Providers

Birth Certificates (from any Ohio county)

Breastfeeding Support and Education

Campground Inspections

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

Health Education and Promotion

Immunizations for Children and Adults

Lead Testing & Education

Medication Assisted Treatment (Vivitrol)

Mosquito Control and Spraying

Narcan Education and Distribution

Nuisance Investigations

Ohio Buckle Buckeyes Car Seat Distribution

OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank Drop Site

Patient Navigation

Physical Exams (DOT, school, sports)

Primary Healthcare Providers

Project ChildSafe Gun Lock Distributor

Public Pools and Beaches 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 Disorder Treatment Providers

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

Women's Health

 **Locations**

MOUNT VERNON

KNOX PUBLIC HEALTH
11660 UPPER GILCHRIST ROAD

Immunizations
Dental, Medical & Counseling Services

MOUNT VERNON HEALTH CENTER
202 WEST VINE STREET
Medical & Counseling Services

WALK-IN CLINIC
207 WEST HIGH STREET
Medical Services

DANVILLE

DANVILLE HEALTH CENTER
12 EAST MAIN STREET
Medical & Counseling Services

KNOX COUNTY DENTAL
706 SOUTH MARKET STREET
Dental Services



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



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