



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Mission Statement



The New Philadelphia City Health Department is working to promote better health for our citizens, to provide personal and community health services; to maintain a healthful environment and is desirous of cooperating with other community and State agencies in the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities.





From the Health Commissioner Desk

Healthy Greetings All,

Our health department was established in 1854. I can only imagine what disease and outbreaks our department must have seen throughout those 168 years! Looking back at 2022, I can recall many events, including some good memories and some losses. In January of 2022 we were in the height of COVID-19 response activities. We had followed more resident COVID-19 cases than in any other month since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. After a surge of COVID-19 cases in January 2022, we began getting back to the basics of public health. In addition to responding to other infectious diseases, public health offers many other vital programs. We had paused some of these programs when the pandemic began in early 2020.

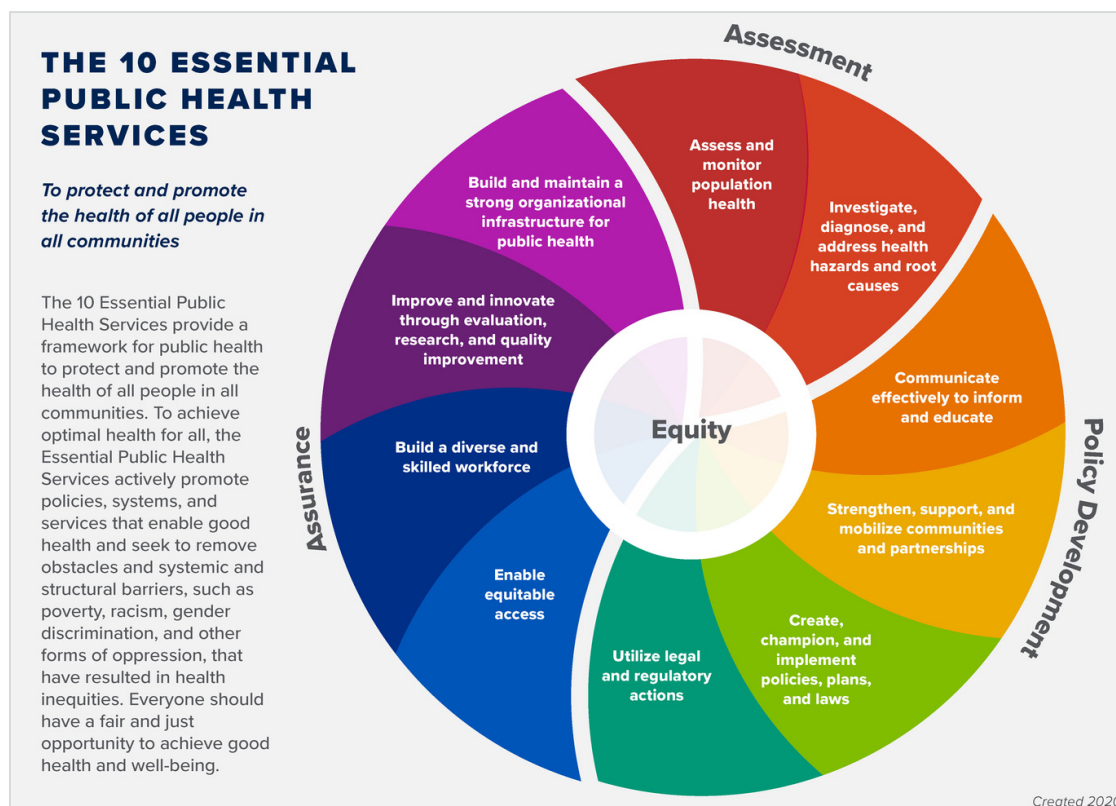
In 2022, we updated our Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plans with input from our community stakeholders. These plans guide our actions to address the top health issues in the City of New Philadelphia. We also updated our Strategic Plan and defined strategic priority areas. These priorities are also incorporated into our Performance Management and Quality Improvement Plan, and Workforce Development Plan. These plans are essential in our pursuit to become an accredited public health agency.

Health equity has always been a focus of NPCHD, but the pandemic highlighted health inequities and barriers to healthcare that many people face. We made visits to homebound residents that had barriers of transportation or were physically unable to go out to seek vaccines. We also continued our harm reduction program in 2022 and continued to offer free HIV and hepatitis C testing. These tests are vital to public health and offer help to find treatment for people living with these diseases and reduce the spread in the community.

We also reflect on 2022 as a year of loss and change. We want to honor long-standing Board of Health member, Donna Moore who passed in 2022. Donna brought her expertise as an educator to work toward improving the health of our residents. In addition, our Director of Environmental Health, Lee C. Finley retired. As we said goodbye to Lee, we wished him well and thanked him for his many years of dedication and service. Lastly, I want to thank each and every member of my staff for going above and beyond during this very difficult time of a pandemic...and every day! You all shine!

In this coming year, I want to use all the lessons we learned and continue to offer our many programs and services to help improve the health and lives of our residents.

Vickie Jonno RN, Health Commissioner



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Environmental Health is the branch of public health that: Focuses on the relationships between people and their environment; promotes human health and well-being; and fosters healthy and safe communities. Environmental health is a key part of any comprehensive public health system. The field works to advance policies and programs to reduce chemical and other environmental exposures in air, water, soil and food to protect people and provide communities with healthier environments.

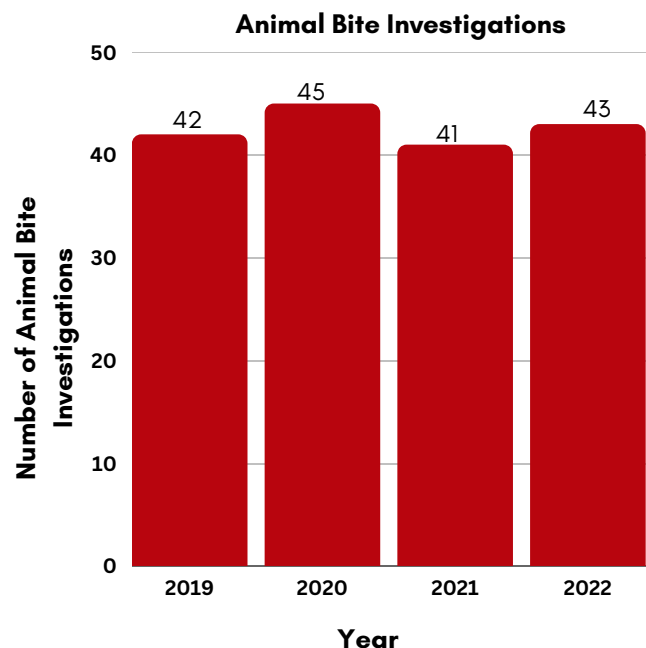
—American Public Health Association

2022 saw the retirement of long time Environmental Health Director Lee Carly Finley, RS, REHS and the welcome aboard of Zachary Phillips, RS, REHS as the new Environmental Health Director for NPCHD.

The NPCHD Environmental Health (EH) Division is responsible for a number of programs including the Food, Public Swimming Pool & Spa, Body Art and Mosquito Control programs. A full list of programs can be found on the NPCHD website.

2022 saw many opportunities for NPCHD EH Division including:

- Continuing work implementing the state mandated Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program for sewage treatment systems including holding a public hearing in December.
- Presented to Buckeye Career Center's Culinary Arts career program students, teaching students about food safety and a typical health inspection at a food establishment.
- Initiated work on a scrap tire recycling program for the City of New Philadelphia in conjunction with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District. The full program is expected to be operational in 2023.
- Sprayed 4883 acres throughout summer breeding months as part of our mosquito abatement program. Collected 300 mosquitoes for testing. Zero mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Disease.



CLINICAL DIVISION

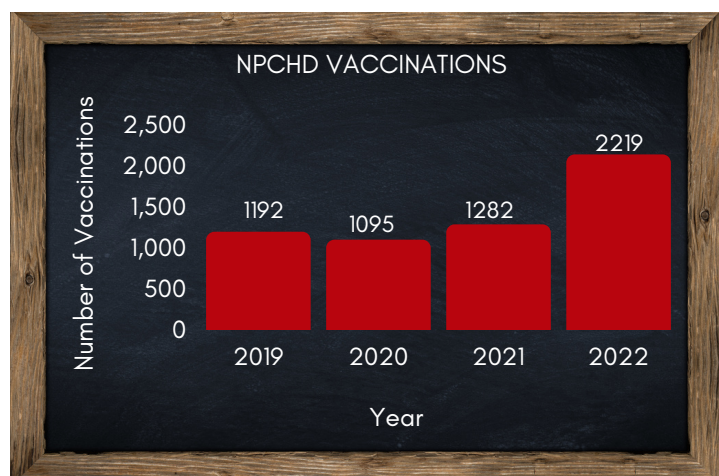
Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social and public health sciences. Public health nursing aims to improve the health outcomes of all populations. Public health nursing focuses on improving population health by emphasizing prevention and attending to multiple determinants of health.

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The NPCHD Clinical Division is responsible for a number of programs and services including immunizations, medically handicapped children's services (CMH), HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis testing. A full list of programs and services can be found on the NPCHD website.

2022 saw many opportunities for the NPCHD Clinical Division including:

- 60% increase of immunization patients served through the clinic over the previous year.
- 530 translation services provided by the bilingual health educator to clinic patients.
- 1706 communicable disease investigations completed.
- Participated in the New Philadelphia City Fire Department Fire Safety Open House and were able to speak to community members about the programs and services offered by NPCHD.



VITAL STATISTICS

Vital statistics refer to data about life events that are reported locally and become compiled into national data. This statistical information helps determine public health and policy decisions. It provides a broad perspective on the population's health, influences on health, and health outcomes.

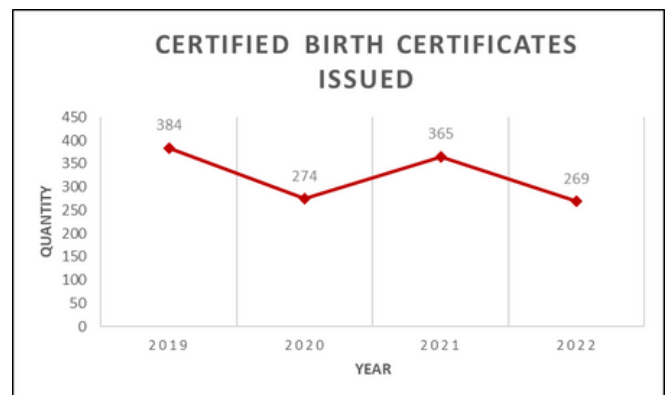
Life events recorded as vital statistics include:

- Numbers and rates of births.
- Key characteristics of births, such as births by sex, location, and maternal age.
- Numbers and rates of deaths.
- Deaths by characteristics such as age, sex, location, and cause of death.
- Fetal deaths.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are available for purchase at NPCHD. Necessary forms can be found on the NPCHD website.

NPCHD is able to issue birth certificates for an individual born anywhere in the State of Ohio from 1908 to present but can only issue death certificates for those that expired within NPCHD jurisdiction.

Registered Deaths	
YEAR	TOTAL
2019	396
2020	391
2021	396
2022	407



FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial stewardship and fiscal accountability are key priorities of NPCHD.

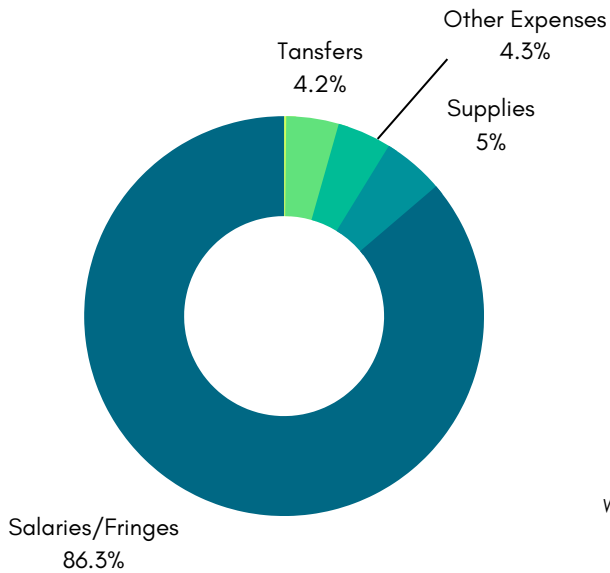
During 2022 NPCHD was able to secure over \$300,000 in grant funding to help sustain its programs and staff.

Receipts	
Fees	\$35032.54
Other Receipts	\$3235.96
Program Fees	\$96661.43
Grants	\$301,132.10
General Fund	\$303,805.37
State Subsidy	\$3,235.96
Contracts*	\$543.20

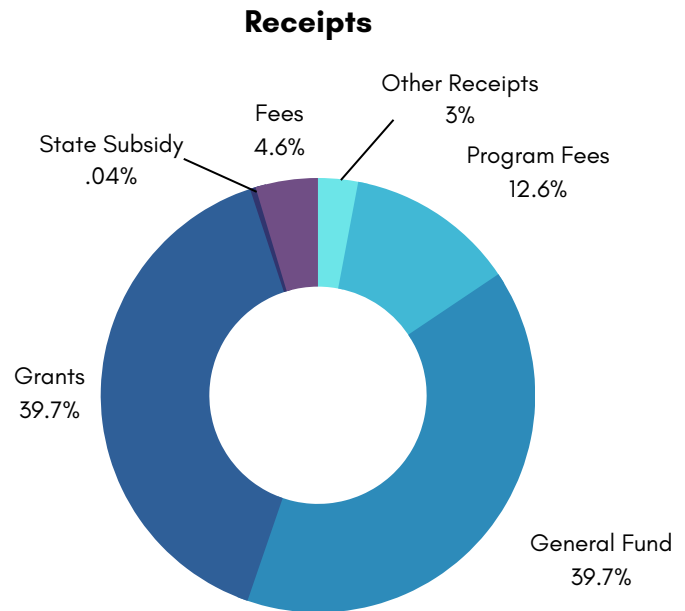
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Expenses	
Travel*	\$1286.86
Transfers	\$32,363.80
Other Expenses	\$33,340.45
Supplies	\$37,917.57
Salaries/Fringes	\$658,232.57

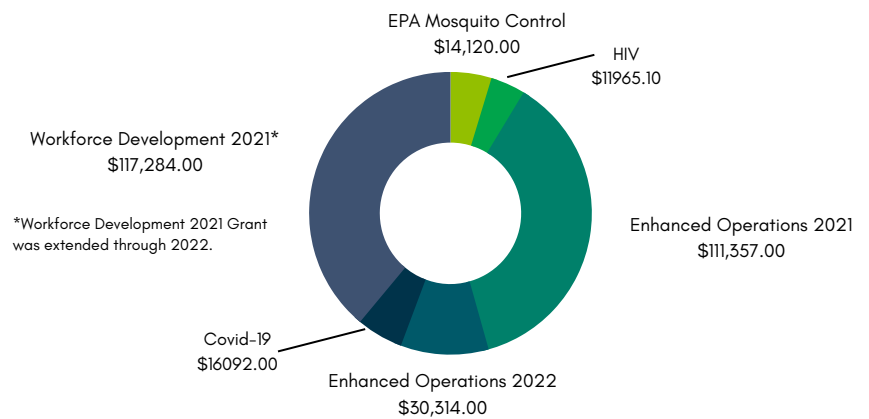
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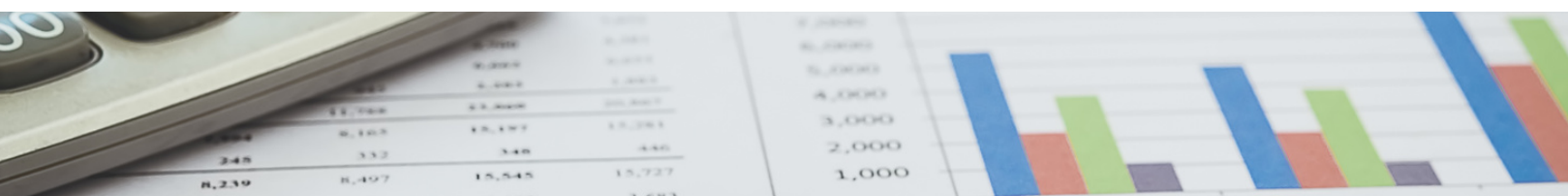


Receipts



*Workforce Development 2021 Grant was extended through 2022.

Program Grant Funding

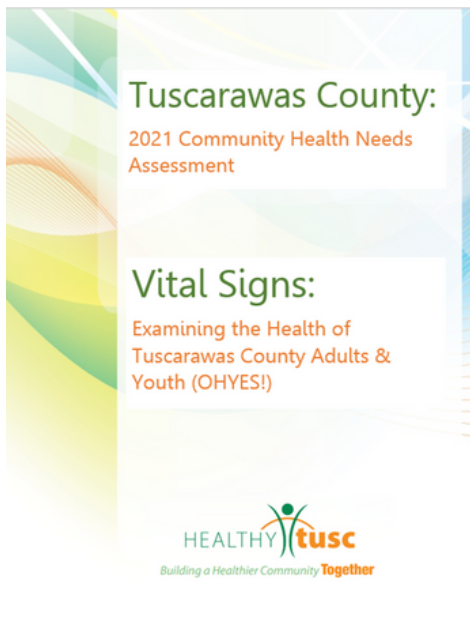


A sample of 2022 NPCHD workforce development activities include:

Director of Nursing Nichole Bache, BS, RN and Public Health Nurse Maegan Cummings, RN attended the Ohio Public Health Association (OPHA) 2022 Public Health Nursing Conference. The foundations of public health nursing practice were reaffirmed through sharing of ideas, experiences, and education on current topics. They expanded their public health nursing knowledge and networked with colleagues from around the state which will assist them to identify best practices and successfully develop and implement nursing interventions.

Workforce Development Coordinator and Accreditation Coordinator Dana Fischio MPH, MBA, EHSIT is a member of the 2022-2023 Leadership Tuscarawas Signature Class. The purpose of Leadership Tuscarawas is to develop passionate, visionary leaders to strengthen the community. Leadership Tuscarawas is preparing Ms. Fischio to be a good steward of the Tuscarawas Valley community. Program participants develop a strong commitment to community involvement ensuring that our region has a strong foundation of civic engagement and servant leadership.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN



The purpose of a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is to learn about the community: the health of the population, contributing factors to higher health risks or poorer health outcomes of identified populations, and community resources available to improve the health status.

With data gathering beginning in late 2021 and report writing continuing throughout 2022, NPCHD collaborated with community partners to identify and prioritize significant health needs of the community served by NPCHD and beyond. The priorities identified in this report help guide our community health improvement programs and community benefit activities.

The full CHNA can be found at:

<http://www.newphilaoh.com/health-department>



A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a community-driven, long-term, systematic plan to address issues identified in a CHNA. A CHIP is designed to set priorities, direct the use of resources, and develop and implement projects, programs, and policies.

Over the next three years, priorities and strategies will be implemented at the city and county level with the hope to improve population health and create lasting, sustainable change.

Key Priorities include:

- Health Behaviors
- Access to Care
- Mental Health and Addiction

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CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY FOOTPRINT

2022 YEAR END REVIEW AT A GLANCE

1680

Birth and Death
Certificates
Issued

4197

Vaccines
Provided

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470

Food Inspections
Performed

208

Workforce
Development
Training Hours

43

Animal Bite
Investigations

530

Spanish Translation
Clinic Services
Provided

1912

Medical
Clinic Visits

4883

Acres of Mosquito
Spraying Completed

1706

Communicable
Disease
Investigations

\$301,132.10

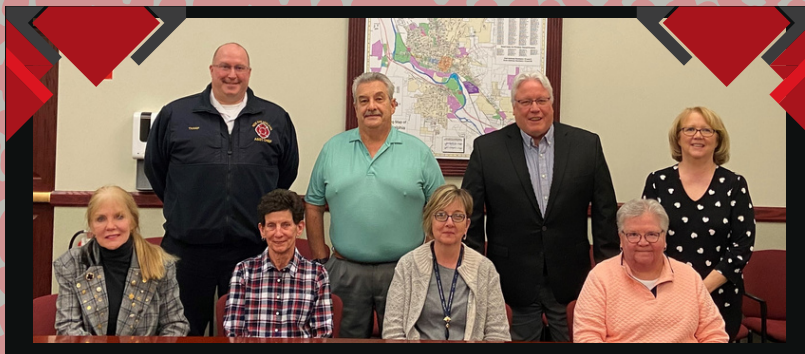
Grant Funds
Received





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