2024 Annual Report







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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.



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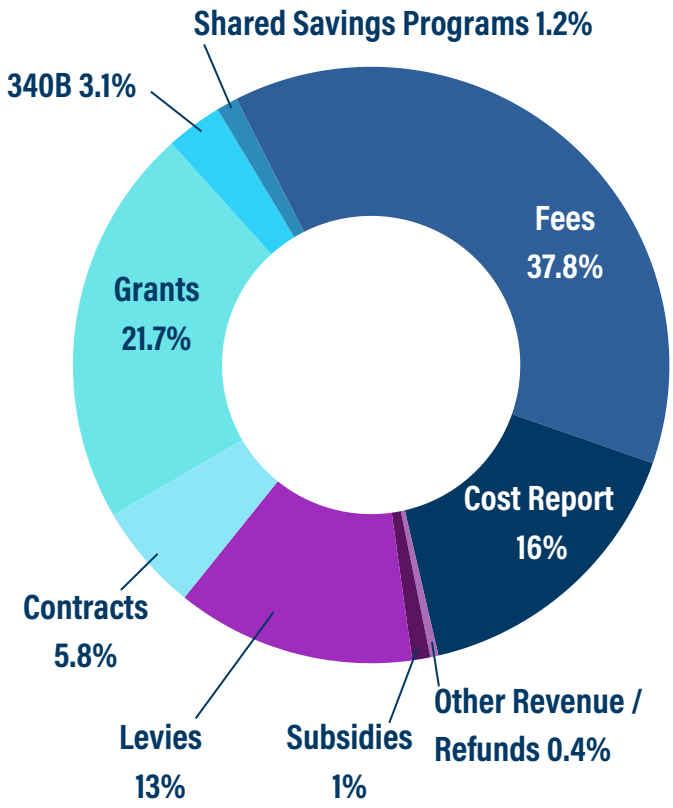
Dr. Dan Saale, Dentist Retired

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.

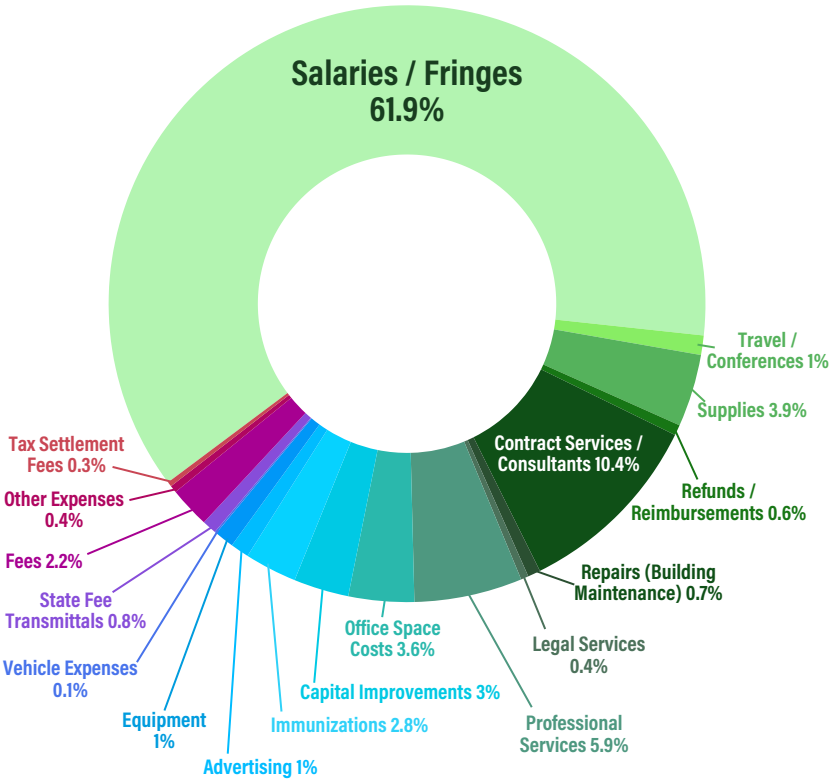
2024 Financial Report



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







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.

Knox PUBLIC HEALTH

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 (Vivitrol)
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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