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Perry County
Health Department

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Greetings from your Perry County Health Commissioner!

The Perry County Health Department works to make Perry County a healthier and safer place to live, work, and play. We play a critical role in protecting, promoting, and improving health while striving to implement evidence-based solutions to address Perry County's most pressing public health challenges. Over the past year we have focused our efforts around public health modernization, addressing health equity, and implementing performance management and quality improvement strategies which you will see embedded throughout our programs and the services that we offer.



15 years of service at PCHD

I invite you to read through our 2023 annual report which highlights the work and data for each of our health department divisions:

- Nursing
- Health Education
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Administration

Additionally, our report highlights the work that we have done to modernize our health department, enhance our community engagement efforts, and shines a spotlight on some of our most notable accomplishments.

As you read through the Perry County Health Department's 2023 annual report, I hope you are inspired by all the services provided and achievements made last year by our staff. Thank you for supporting our efforts in improving and sustaining the health of Perry County residents and may 2024 bring health and happiness to you, your family, and friends.

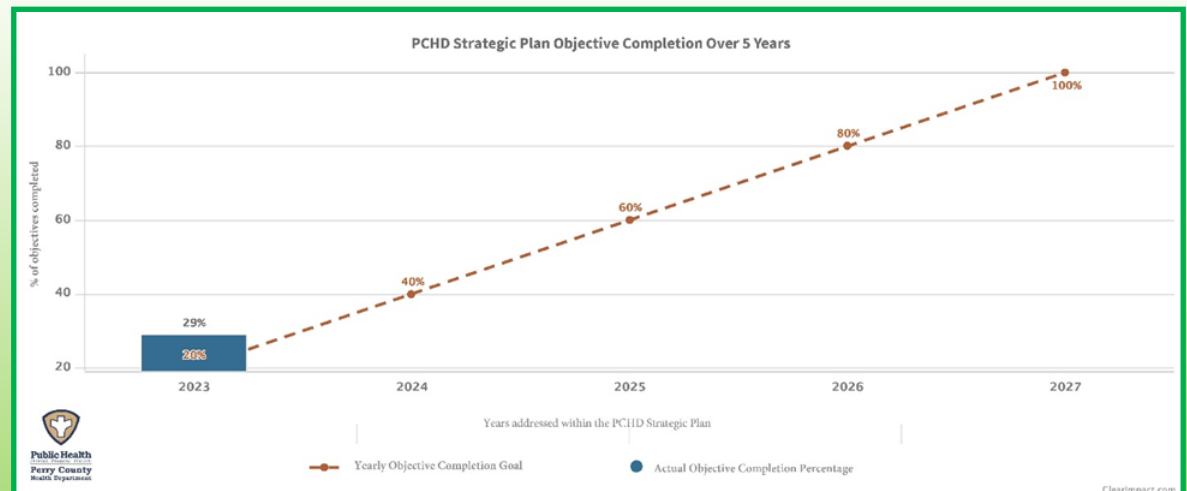
Sincerely,
Angela DeRolph, MPH
Health Commissioner



Strategic Plan

The PCHD Strategic Plan was adopted in January 2023 by the Perry County Board of Health and serves as our roadmap detailing our goals and strategies over the next 5 years. In 2023 PCHD began plan implementation around our 5 priority areas:

1. Public Relations
2. Community Engagement
3. Compliance/ Reaccreditation
4. CHIP Priorities
5. Build Health Equity



To stay on track during our 5-year period our goal for 2023 was to complete at least 20% of our total number of objectives. We completed 9 objectives for a 29% completion rate as shown above.

Community Health Improvement Plan

CHIP Highlights

Increasing access to care and addressing chronic disease have been identified as the top two health priority areas in the Perry County Community Health Assessment (CHA). Using the data in the CHA, workplans have been created with objectives and strategies to guide the work of the committees working to address these two priority areas. To access the Perry County Community Health Assessment and additional community health data reports visit: <https://perrycountyhealth.info/community-health-assessment/>



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Somerset Heart Safe Park Accreditation (left to right): Tim Emmert (Reading Township Trustee), James Emmert Jr. (Reading Township Trustee), Robert Schons (Somerset Police Chief), Jason Adams (Perry County Genesis Emergency Department), Angela DeRolph (Health Commissioner), William Barker (Perry County Sheriff), Jim Mickey (Health Department), and Resa Tobin (Fairfield Medical Center)

Somerset Memorial Park became the first Heart Safe Park in Perry County after being accredited by Community Heart Watch last May. Community Heart Watch is a collaboration of first responders, healthcare providers, health department staff, educators, and civic leaders whose mission is to improve cardiac arrest survival in Perry, Fairfield, and Hocking Counties.

The Increasing Access to Care Committee objectives align closely with Community Heart Watch initiatives as we work together to expand access to AEDs in the community and provide AED and CPR training opportunities for the public.

Increasing Access to Care

Many people in Perry County do not get the health care services they need and therefore the goal of the Increasing Access to Care Committee is to improve health by helping people get timely, high-quality health care services. This may include providing more resources to the community like bringing mobile screening units to Perry County or working to address barriers to health access such as transportation or lack of medical providers.

Increasing the proportion of females who get screened for breast cancer was identified as a priority objective for improving Access to Care within the county. The Perry County Health Department partners with The James to provide close-to-home mammography services for women in Perry County. Since 2021, 269 women have been screened utilizing this partnership.



Reducing drug overdose deaths by increasing access to naloxone (Narcan) was identified as a priority objective for improving Access to Care within the county. The Perry County Health Department has significantly increased the number of naloxone kits distributed within the county since 2021.



Chronic Disease

The Chronic Disease Community Health Improvement Plan was completed in 2023 with four objectives created to address chronic disease. Objectives for the work plan include:

- Neighborhood walking audits aimed at completing marked walking areas throughout the county to increase options for physical activity.
- Cooking classes completed throughout the county to provide nutrition education while demonstrating healthy cooking techniques.
- Providing tobacco cessation for all Perry County residents wanting to quit using tobacco products.
- Increasing mobile health services county-wide through partnerships with other entities who offer mobile intervention services.

Public Health Nursing



PROJECT
DAWN

416

kits distributed in 2023

177

kits distributed in 2022

239 more naloxone kits were distributed in 2023.



Around 118 Perry County children were enrolled in the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program in 2023. Through PCHD's work with this program, families can be linked to a network of quality providers and can help obtain payment for the services their children need.



2023: **4,061** vaccines administered

2022: **3,023** vaccines administered

**Covid-19 vaccine counts omitted*

1,038 more vaccines were administered in 2023.

2023: **120** head lice prescriptions called in

2022: **78** head lice prescriptions called in

42 more head lice prescriptions in 2023



52

mammograms through James Cancer Center Mobile Mammography Units.



Jenna Cannon, MPH, BSN, RN
Director of Nursing & Epidemiologist
4 years of service at PCHD



Jake Baker, BSN, RN
Public Health Nurse
Started April 2023 at PCHD



Bailey Vandagriff, RN
Public Health Nurse
1 year of service at PCHD

Epidemiology

Reported Infectious Diseases: Perry County 2021- 2023

Reported Condition	2021	2022	2023
Campylobacteriosis	4	10	10
CP-CRE	2	2	0
Chlamydia	83	84	63
Covid-19	4374	3936	905
Cryptosporidiosis	3	9	8
E-coli	3	1	3
Giardiasis	3	4	1
Gonococcal Infection	20	18	8
Haemophilus influenza	1	2	2
Hepatitis A	1	3	0
Hepatitis B	12	7	7
Hepatitis C	32	32	22
Hepatitis E	1	0	0
Influenza associated hospitalization	3	27	9
LaCrosse virus disease	0	1	1
Legionnaires' disease	1	0	0
Lyme disease	1	2	11
Meningitis	2	1	2
Pertussis	4	1	2
Salmonellosis	5	3	2
Streptococcal disease, Group A	7	2	5
<i>Strep. pneumoniae</i> , invasive	7	6	5
Syphilis	2	4	1
Varicella	3	1	1
Yersiniosis	0	1	1
Total	4,574	4,157	1,069

Includes Confirmed and Probable Case Classifications

Case counts reflect individuals residing in Perry County, Ohio at the time of identification.

Lyme Disease Cases, Including Suspected Cases Perry County 2023

Lyme Disease Case Classification	Number of Cases Reported in 2023
<i>Confirmed & Probable Cases</i>	11
<i>Suspected Cases*</i>	78
Total	89



In 2023 PCHD obtained their first on-site Epidemiologist to assist with public health surveillance of infectious diseases and epidemiologic investigations.

*Jenna Cannon, MPH, BSN, RN
Director of Nursing & Epidemiologist*

*Suspected Lyme disease cases are not traditionally included in reporting of Lyme disease case rates in a community. Though these cases may offer some laboratory evidence of infection or show the presence of erythema migrans (bull's-eye rash), they often lack the necessary testing, clinical evidence, and patient follow-up required to be classified as current confirmed or probable cases of the disease, leading to low data reliability. However, suspected case rates have been provided in this report as they may offer greater understanding of the burden of tickborne disease in our county.

Health Education



Perry County Tobacco Prevention, Education & Cessation

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of disease, disability and death in the United States. An average of **20,000** people die each year in Ohio from tobacco related illnesses.

In 2021, **18%** of Perry County adults were current smokers and **25%** were considered former smokers. **8%** of adults used e-cigarettes or vapes in the past year.

We are dedicated to promoting healthy outcomes in adults, children and babies by limiting the effects of tobacco and tobacco smoke by lowering smoking rates.

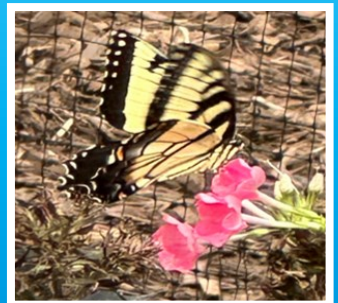
Ohio Health Improvement Zone (OHIZ)

The OHIZ grant is from the Ohio Department of Health to fund a project to address Social Determinants of Health and improve health behaviors of residents through meaningful community engagement and cross sector collaborations. Census tract 9663 in Southern Perry County with a social vulnerability index of .78 was identified as the project area. This includes Shawnee, New Straitsville and Hemlock. Communities with social vulnerability scores of over .75 often have families with limited employment opportunities, fewer options for safe housing and less access to medical care.

Creating Healthy Communities

Mission: Activating community-led solutions to create sustainable change in policies, places, and population health.

Healthy Eating Projects	Active Living Projects
Produce Rx	Thorn Township Multi-use trail
Community Gardens	Board of DD Walking Trail
Perry Neighborhood Connection Coalition	Active Transportation Complete Streets Policies



The Hunter Run Wetlands Project was completed in 2023! Located at 6919 Hunter Drive in New Lexington and funded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the boardwalk and pollinator area are open to the public.

Health Education Injury Prevention

Child Injury Prevention

PCHD's Child Injury Prevention program focuses on child passenger safety through partnership with local law enforcement and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) through partnership with Perry County Children Services.



69 Families received car seats through our partnership with Ohio Buckles Buckeyes and Job and Family Services.



35

Families were educated on safe sleep practices and received a portable crib through our Cribs for Kids grant program.

Youth Tobacco Prevention Education & Cessation

All four Perry County school districts participate in an alternative to suspension program that educates youth on the decision to stop using tobacco and vape products in lieu of traditional suspension. Youth can text 36072, call 855-891-9989 or visit www.mylifemyquit for free confidential help quitting.

Perry County Child Injury Prevention Coalition

The Child Injury Prevention Coalition was established in December 2023 to address Adverse Childhood Experiences and Child Passenger Safety within Perry County. The coalition will be planning a Distracted Driving Event, a National Child Mobilization Awareness Event, and an ACEs Event in 2024.



Deborah Raney
Director of Health Education
19 years of service at PCHD



Jenny LaRue
Health Educator
24 years of service at PCHD



Lesa Garey
Health Educator
8 years of service at PCHD



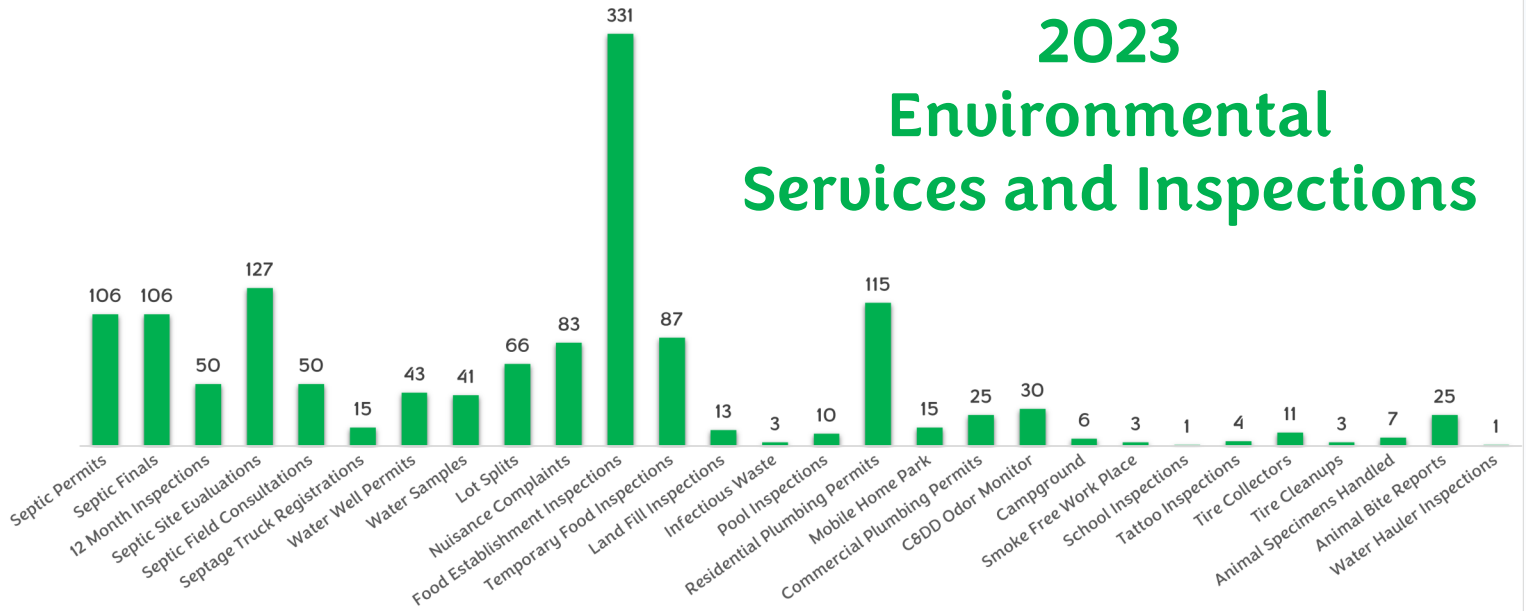
Haley Randolph
Health Educator
Started November 2023 with PCHD



Chad Seurkamp
Health Educator
8 years of service at PCHD

ENVIRONMENTAL Health

2023 Environmental Services and Inspections



Cary Bowers
Director of
Environmental Health
12 years of service at
PCHD



Josh McClure
Registered
Environmental Health
Specialist-in-Training
Started May 2023
at PCHD



Brooke Howell
Registered
Environmental Health
Specialist-in-Training
1 year of service at
PCHD



3,000+
scrap tires
collected at 3
collection
events



Chad Cook
Registered
Environmental
Health Specialist
24 years of service at
PCHD



Susan Kinney
Environmental
Admin Assistant
25 years of service at
PCHD

Environmental Program Highlights



In 2023, an Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training was hired to help increase monitoring and inspection frequency at Perry County landfill facilities.

Landfill Inspections

11	43
2022	2023



Inspections increased by **32** between two landfill facilities.



In 2023, **282** food establishments were licensed and inspected,

including **4** new establishments:

- New Straitsville Moonshine Bar
- Thiago's Italian Restaurant
- Perco Inc moved to a new location
- Café Grind Coffee

In addition, **49** mobile food establishments were licensed and inspected, including **11** new mobiles.



In 2023, a temporary mosquito technician was hired to assist with implementing mosquito control activities in villages and public spaces throughout Perry County.

6 different traps were collected, bringing the total number of mosquitos collected to **63** in 2023. Of those 63, 36 mosquitos were tested for West Nile Virus, none of which tested positive. There was **1** confirmed case of La Crosse virus in Perry County.

Adult mosquito control spray was applied in over **50** different sessions across the incorporated villages of Perry County. Larvicide was also applied to standing water in over **12** locations.



Emergency Preparedness

The Perry County Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator continued efforts during 2023 to help improve public safety and health in Perry County.

The PHEP Coordinator is responsible for providing disaster/emergency preparedness awareness, education, information, outreach trainings, and understanding in the event of natural disasters, infectious diseases, and biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological events.



Jim Mickey
Emergency Response
Coordinator
7 years of service at PCHD



345 flu shots were given and **16.65 pounds** of prescription medications were collected at the annual drive-thru clinic in October.

Training in CPR/AED use for cardiac emergencies was provided to **536** individuals at various events throughout Perry County.



The health department coordinated efforts with the Perry County Fair to deploy and demobilize the Blu Med Emergency Facility. The Blu Med facility was used during fair week to offer an air conditioned space, blood pressure checks, free bottled water, a changing/feeding station for infants, and training in CPR, AED use and airway obstructions.



vital Statistics

2023

Certificates Issued

967 birth 994 death

21 Homebirths were registered in Perry County

298 Perry County deaths*

16 Deaths were overdoses*



Leann Shafer
Registrar
3 years of service at PCHD

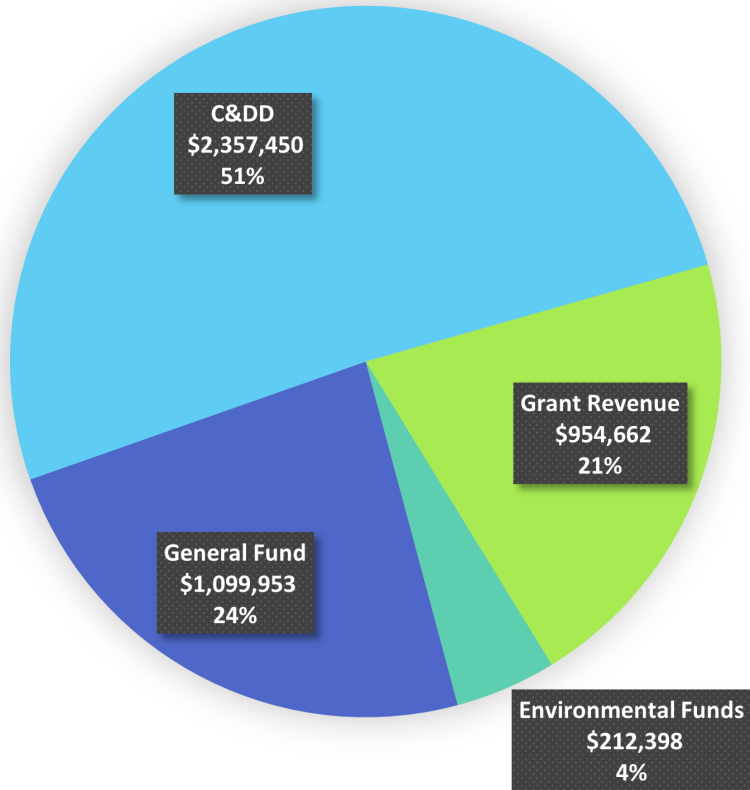
Mindi Wycinski
Deputy Registrar
9 years of service at PCHD



*Although more incidents may have occurred in Perry County, many individuals are transported to out-of-county hospitals before being pronounced deceased.

Fiscal Report

2023 Perry County Health Department Revenue



Revenue includes: intergovernmental (ie: levy), contracts, charges for services (ie: birth certificates), license/permit fees, grant funding and landfill tipping fees.



Fund Breakdown

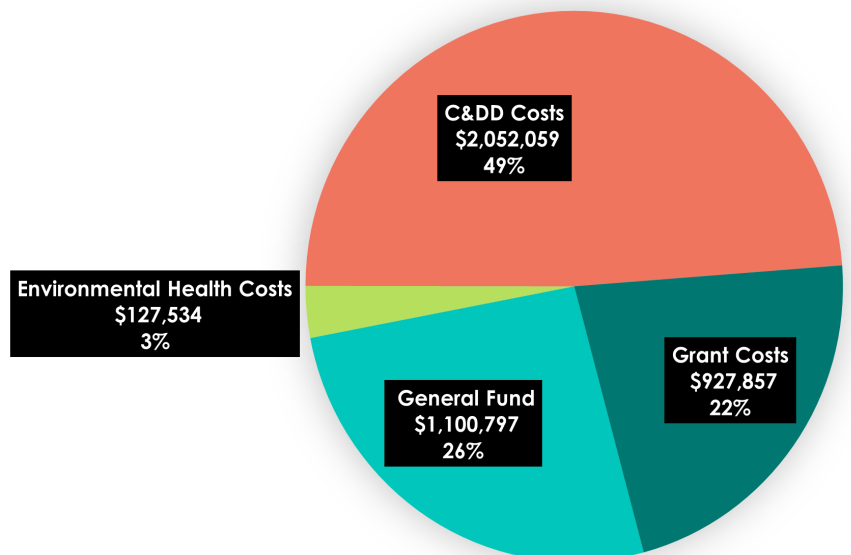
General Fund Costs include: personnel costs, operating costs, and mandated costs

Environmental Health Costs include: costs associated with the food program, sewage program, plumbing program, and pool program. This would include expenditures such as personnel, operating costs, contracts, and mandated costs.

Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) Costs include: cost associated with the C&DD Program and would include expenditures such as personnel, operating costs, contracts, and mandated costs. *C&DD fund balances are restricted by the ORC to be used solely for the purposes of the C&DD program.

Grant Costs include: expenditures associated with all of the PCHD grants and include items such as personnel, operating costs, and contracts. *Grant funding must be used for purposes specified by the grant.

2023 Perry County Health Department Expenditures





The 2023 EAGLE Award was presented during the Annual Groundhog Breakfast by the Perry County Chamber of Commerce for PCHD's economic achievement through growth, leadership, and excellence.



Angela DeRolph, Health Commissioner was elected as Vice President of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC). AOHC is the statewide association that represents the 112 local health departments in Ohio. The mission of AOHC is to promote strong local public health leadership, form meaningful relationships with local, state and federal public health stakeholders and advocate for an effective and efficient local governmental public health system.



Jenna Cannon, Director of Nursing and PCHD Epidemiologist was chosen as one of Ohio's Future Public Health Leaders. She participated in the first cohort of early career professionals and was recognized during the Ohio Public Health Conference.



Brooke Howell, Registered Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training, recently passed her Ohio Environmental Health Specialist Exam, allowing her to become registered with the State of Ohio. Brooke oversees the food safety program, inspecting all food establishments and mobile units.



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PCHD in the Spotlight

Our Mission

To improve Public Health in Perry County by preventing disease, promoting health and safety, and protecting our environment.

Our Vision

A motivated community uniting for health and prosperity where we live, work, and play.

The Board of Health:

Timothy Cotterman, President
James Clouse, R.Ph., Vice President

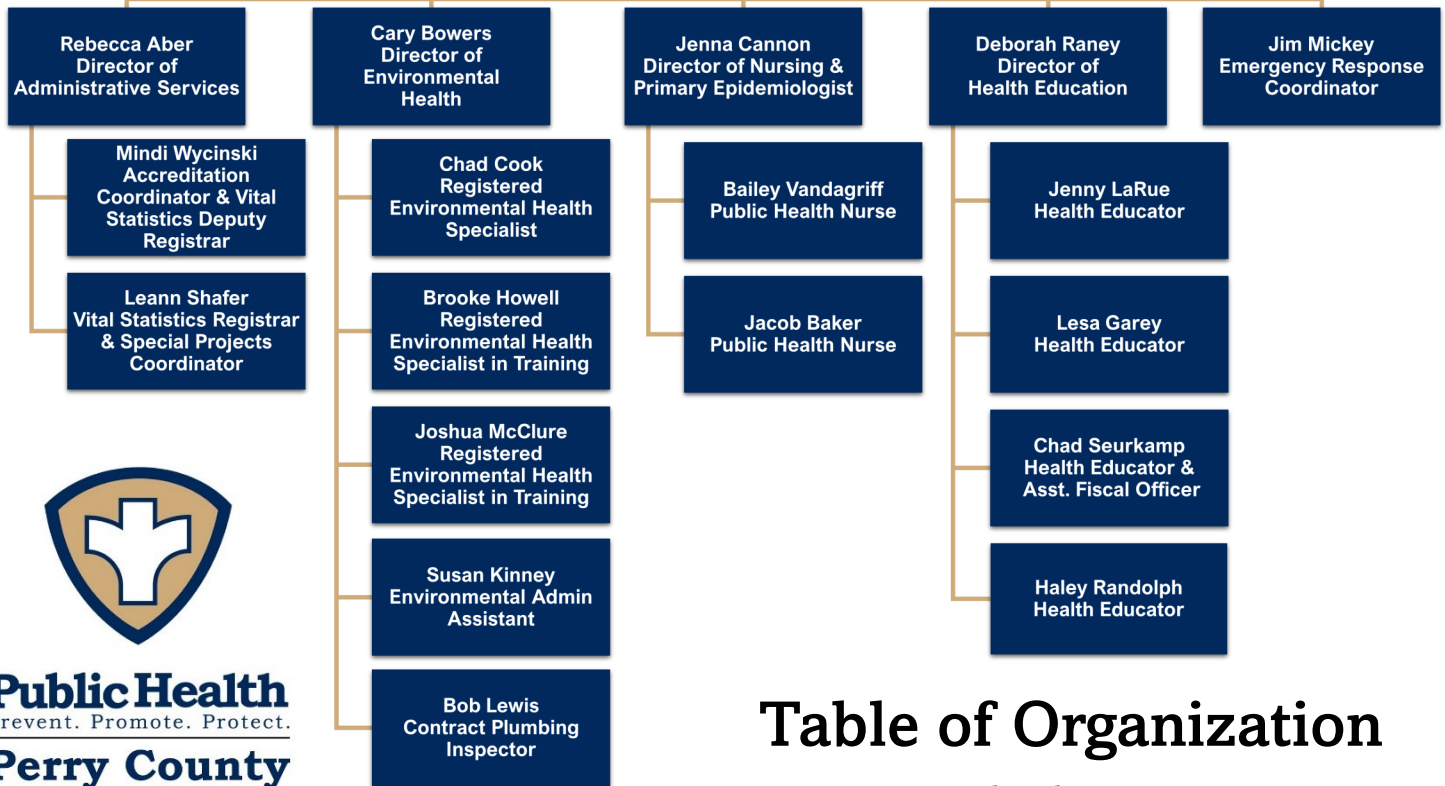
Kyle Eveland

Stephen Ulrich, MD

Jason Adams

Medical Director:

Dr. Bradley Wilson



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Table of Organization

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Our Core Values: WE CARE

<u>Willingness:</u>	We are ready to respond and eager to promote and protect the health of Perry county residents where they live, work and play.
<u>Excellence:</u>	We promote quality outcomes through learning and continuous quality improvement. We use scientific data and evidence-based strategies to build a strong foundation to address health needs and promote healthy living in Perry County.
<u>Collaboration:</u>	We value the diversity and unique contributions of our employees and partners. We develop positive relationships, foster innovative solutions, and use teamwork to solve problems and achieve common goals.
<u>Accountability:</u>	We operate with open communication, transparency, timeliness, and continuous quality improvement. We strive to do the right thing to achieve the best public health outcomes.
<u>Respect:</u>	We uphold a standard of conduct that recognizes and values the contributions of all. We value our employees and treat our clients, partners, and those we serve with respect by listening, understanding, and responding to their needs.
<u>Education:</u>	We are committed to empowering and enriching employees through workforce development in order to advance the practice of public health. We also strive to offer and promote quality programs for our community in an attempt to improve health outcomes.

PCHD Staff working to keep you
healthy where you **live, work**
and **play**



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