



Stark County Public Health Report



The Stark County Combined General Health District, with the partnership and support of the townships, cities, villages, and community, has accomplished many vital projects as well as initiated the district's path towards Public Health Accreditation. The health district implemented a five year Strategic Plan in 2014 and by focusing on achieving those goals maintained the standard of excellence, responsiveness, and community focus in all of our public health services, which our townships and municipalities have come to expect from their local health department.

The department instituted Electronic Health Records (EHR) within the Nursing Services Area to assure clinics operate at a highly efficient level. The EHR system works to improve quality of patient care while allowing an increase in practice efficiencies and cost savings.

The department completed a scanning project to ensure public records protection and accessibility for the future. The project consists of three phases in which phase one was completed at the end of 2014. Phase one consisted of the scanning of over 600,000 general file documents into a cloud based program. This project allows for better response to public records requests as well as secures the integrity of the documents into the future. Phase two and three will be beginning soon and include the public being able to access public records on line, as well as, integrating the department's system with the Stark County Auditor's system to provide global information regarding a chosen property.

The road to Public Health Accreditation was also initiated in 2014. The benefits to Accreditation are well worth the path that we must travel. These benefits include: demonstrated accountability and improved quality, performance feedback and quality improvement, and national credibility and visibility. Together with our partners, stakeholders, and our community, we will work to make Stark County a better and healthier place to call home.

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