

ANNUAL REPORT

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MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Deputy Health Commissioner RYAN TEKAC

In November of 2019, the Mahoning County Board of Health promoted Mr. Ryan C. Tekac MS, REHS, RS, to the position of Deputy Health Commissioner. Mr. Tekac is very well suited for this role having worked with MCPH for more than 16 years as a Registered Sanitarian in the Environmental Health Division and having served the last four years as the Environmental Health Division Director and the Director of the Quality Improvement Program. Mr. Tekac also actively serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee as well as the agency's Public Information, Labor /Management and Emergency Preparedness Teams. In his new role, Mr. Tekac will assist the Health Commissioner by assuming additional administrative duties and will support agency operations, finances, and human resource and public information activities. Welcome Deputy Health Commissioner Ryan Tekac!

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2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Public Health in Ohio



Dear Mahoning County residents,

Historians report that between 1918 and 1919, Spanish Flu claimed 25-50 million lives globally, with 500,000 deaths in the US alone. To ensure that Ohio could effectively respond to this public health crisis, during 1919 the Ohio legislature passed the Hughes-Griswold Act establishing health districts across every Ohio municipality. At that time, life expectancy in the US was 53.5 years for men and 56 years for women.

During the ensuing 100 years, as a result of local, state and federal public health efforts life expectancy in the US has increased by nearly 25 years. Babies born in the US in 2019 have a life expectancy of 78.8 years thanks to the policy, systems and environmental public health efforts.

Indeed, the past 100 years have seen momentous public health achievements. However, as is evidenced by the 2014-2019 Community Health Improvement Plan Report Card published herein, and the 2019 Community Health Assessment Data available at: <https://www.mahoninghealth.org/community-health-assessment-and-planning/>, despite the progress of the last 100 years, the health status of Mahoning County residents falls short when compared to many other communities across the state and nation. This is particularly true for Mahoning County residents of color, individuals earning an annual income of \$25,000 or less or residents feeling marginalized such as members of the LGBTQIA+ and Latinx communities. Mahoning County health assessment data reveals disproportionately poorer mental and physical health outcomes for members of these communities.

As a result of the Community Health Assessment, the Mahoning County Community Health Improvement Planning Team (CHIP Team) identified the following health priorities for Mahoning County:

1. Improving mental health status and reducing substance abuse and addiction
2. Reducing chronic disease
3. Improving maternal and infant health
4. Improving the economic and social issues impeding health (the social determinants of health)
5. Improving health equity

Currently, the CHIP Team is working with community partners to develop strategies to address each of these critical priorities. The community is invited to review the DRAFT Community Health Improvement Plan and provide feedback by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZCYKBV2>.

This annual report is provided to highlight examples of the work that the team of Mahoning County Public Health professionals has undertaken during 2019 to further advance the successes of the past 100 years and to fulfill our mission to promote and protect the health of individuals and communities by educating, mobilizing, and collaborating with the public to prevent disease, reduce health disparities, and enhance the quality of life in Mahoning County.

Respectfully,
Patricia McGovern Sweeney, JD, MPH, RN

2019 REPORT CARD | DATA EVALUATION OF CHIP IMPLEMENTATION

Selected Annual Indicators Denoting Progress Toward Goals established in the 2019 Revised Mahoning County Community Health Improvement Plan

GOAL MET = ● | GOAL NOT MET = ● | MOVING AWAY FROM GOAL = ● | DATA NOT AVAILABLE = ●

PRIORITY ONE: HEALTHY EATING/ACTIVE LIVING

GOAL	Increase the number of adults and children regularly engaged in healthy eating and active living	
INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adults not Eating 5 Servings of Fruits or Vegetables / day ● WIC Breastfeeding Rates ● Minutes / Week Children Active in School ● Mercy Health Breastfeeding Initiation Rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mercy Health Exclusive Breastfeeding Rates ● Adult Obesity ● Adults Who are Physically Inactive

PRIORITY TWO: INFANT MORTALITY AND BIRTH OUTCOME INEQUITY

GOAL	Infant mortality in Mahoning County will meet national goals and the disparity between black and white birth outcomes will be eliminated	
INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Births with First Trimester Prenatal Care ● Progesterone Education ● Number of Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Recommendations ● Low Education Infant Mortality Rate/ 1,000 Live Births 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Live Births, Deliveries Paid by Medicaid ● Number of Deaths Due to Unsafe Sleep Environment ● Low Birth Weight ● Pre-Term Births ● <18 Month Inter-Conception Spacing ● Tobacco Use During Pregnancy

PRIORITY THREE: CHRONIC DISEASE

GOAL	Fewer residents of Mahoning County will be diagnosed with diabetes and those with diabetes currently will experience reduced morbidity	
INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program Participants ● Mercy Health Primary Care Practices Meeting Primary Care 6 ● Adult Smoking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diabetic HbA1c Monitoring ● Tobacco Cessation Program Enrollee ● YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program Evaluation ● Incidence of Diabetes / 1,000 Adults

PRIORITY FOUR: SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (HEROIN AND OPIATES)

GOAL	Decrease deaths from Substance Use Disorders	
INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prescription Drug Overdose Coalition Creation ● SBIRT Implementation ● Access to Medical Detox ● School Systems Using Evidence Based Prevention Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drug Poisoning Deaths ● Students Reporting Prescription Opiates Heroin Use ● Naloxone Prescriptions ● Newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome ● Opiate Prescriptions Per Capita

PRIORITY FIVE: HEALTH INEQUITIES

GOAL	Reduce Racial And Ethnic Health Outcome Disparities	
INDICAT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foundations Prioritize Funding ● Individuals Trained in Cultural Competency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rate of Completion of Dialogue on Racism Action Plan ● Formal Linkages Created

100 YEARS OF **PUBLIC HEALTH** LESS DISEASE FROM SAFER DRINKING WATER



The first outbreak of a waterborne disease was cholera that occurred in London, England in 1854 from the consumption of water from a sewage contaminated public well. John Snow was the leading physician in this Victorian time period who discovered the linkage between the disease outbreak and the town's sewage contaminated water pump. John Snow can be considered one of the founders of modern epidemiology in public health and today's protection of water sources could be contributed to his discovery. Throughout the 20th century, sanitary practices were established in the United States which currently provide one of the cleanest and safest supplies of drinking water in the world; i.e., Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Clean Water Act of 1977 & Water Quality Act of 1987. U.S. public health has heavily relied on coliforms as the indicator organism to detect the possible presence of microbial contamination of drinking water by human waste. The testing for bacterial presence in conjunction with chlorination has decreased waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever.

Mahoning County Public Health continues to prevent waterborne diseases and protect private drinking water sources through a number of programs within the Environmental Health Division. The Private Water Well Program ensures that new and altered drinking wells meet today's regulatory standards when installed. This is performed through the permitting process which also requires sampling by the local health board for total coliform bacteria prior to a final approval for drinking use. Homeowners with existing private water wells are encouraged to continue monitoring their wells on a yearly basis or during a change in odor, taste, or color. Mahoning County and surrounding communities can contact Mahoning County Public Health Laboratory (330-270-2841) for pricing and sampling information.

Water Pollution Control Loan Funds

The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is a federal revolving loan fund designed to provide low interest rate loans for water resource protection and improvement projects. The fund provides financial assistance for eligible low-to-moderate income (LMI) residents who have a documented failing Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS). MCPH received nearly \$348,000 in funding which enabled 28 Mahoning County residents to repair or replace their failed septic systems during the 2011-2013 program years. A federal decision to not allocate funding in years 2014 and 2015 caused hardships to those LMI homeowners with failed HSTS. In 2016, the Ohio EPA reinstated funding for the WPCLF program due to local and state health department requests. Since 2016, MCPH has successfully secured \$950,000 in WPCLF funds to repair and replace a total of 57 HSTS. For the 2020 installation year, MCPH is projected to support 7-10 LMI eligible residents with repairing and replacing their failed HSTS as the maximum allowable amount (\$150,000) of WPCLF funds were secured. Health Commissioner Ryan Tekac stated, "MCPH is pleased that we can continue to secure WPCLF funds as this funding not only benefits the LMI homeowners with a functioning HSTS, but the surrounding residents and their environments are positively impacted as well."



Lead

A neurotoxin that can damage the brain and nervous systems

As the United States industrialized, lead became prominent all across society. The US was consuming roughly 40% of the world's lead supply by the 1970s and early 1980s. The use of lead in gasoline, paint, and pipes caused public health issues that are still being dealt with today.

Reduction in lead exposure is one of the greatest achievements in recent public health history. The push for stronger regulations by environmental and public health officials in the 1970s and 1980s led to the banning of lead in paint, removal of the majority of lead from gasoline by the 1980s, and establishment of stricter standards for blood lead levels. As a result, blood lead levels have declined by more than 90 percent since the 1970s. Despite these successes in reducing sources and exposure to lead, it remains a problem today, especially in low-income and minority communities.

The lead crisis in Flint, Michigan, which began in 2014, brought national attention to the problem many areas of the country face with aging lead-based drinking water infrastructure and inadequate funds to replace it. In our local community, the Village of Sebring had their own lead crisis in 2016 after many homes were found with elevated lead levels due to poor corrosion control procedures.

The Mahoning County Public Health Laboratory is certified to do lead testing for water, soil, and dust. The MCPH Laboratory was instrumental in the response to the Sebring lead crisis by providing rapid response testing for lead. Mahoning County Public Health also partners with the Mahoning County Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control program to provide inspections and lead testing services with a primary focus on reducing or eliminating lead hazards in low-to-very-low income housing. The Mahoning County Public Health Laboratory provides testing for other housing agencies and numerous public water systems in our region. On average the laboratory performs about 3,700 lead tests a year.

REVENUES

LOCAL REVENUES	
Environmental Health License, Registration, and Permit Fees	\$1,454,128
Local Taxes: Inside Millage and Tuberculosis Levy	\$1,114,953
Laboratory Services Fees	\$272,203
Contracts with Governmental Agencies/ Non-profits	\$211,205
Insurance Reimbursements	\$200,965
Rental Income	\$55,980
Personal Health Services Patient Paid Fees	\$33,359
Donations	\$17,155
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$14,652
SUB-TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	\$3,374,600

EXPENDITURES			
	FEDERAL STATE	LOCAL	TOTALS
Personal/ Community Health Services	\$3,408,739	\$806,538	\$4,215,277
Environmental Health Services	\$559,910	\$1,955,092	\$2,515,002
Administrative & Support Services	\$86,299	\$658,993	\$745,292
Laboratory Services	0	\$429,017	\$429,017
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,054,948	\$3,849,640	\$7,904,588

STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES

Ohio Department of Health Funded Grants/Project

STATE FUNDED DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$215,168
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal and Child Health Program Grant • Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant • Ohio Equity Institute 2.0 Grant • Moms Quit for Two Grant • Cribs for Kids Safe Sleep Grant • Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Funds 	
FEDERAL FUNDED DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$1,574,911
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal and Child Health Program Grant • Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant • Ohio Equity Institute 2.0 Grant • Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant • Cribs for Kids Safe Sleep Grant • Integrated Naloxone Grant • Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Grant • Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Grant 	
MEDICAID/MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES	\$216,566
OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$1,275,101
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MY Baby's 1st Program – Ohio Dept. of Medicaid • HUB Grant – Ohio Commission on Minority Health • Health Education Grants – Ohio Dept. of Aging • Water Pollution Control Loan Fund – Ohio EPA 	
STATE SUBSIDIES	\$79,136
SUB-TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES	\$3,360,882
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,735,482

Mahoning County Tuberculosis Program Data

TB skin tests administered	1,300
Laboratory samples obtained	136
New active TB cases	5
Active TB cases discharged from clinical care	0
Clients evaluated and started on treatment for Latent TB infection (LTBI)	23
LTBI cases discharged from clinical care	38
TB skin tests administered out of the office for community based testing	270

CAUSE OF DEATH	MAHONING COUNTY		OHIO	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
Diseases of the Heart	921	240.4	29,219	191.1
Cancer	481	130.5	25,172	165.3
Unintentional Injuries	179	75.8	7,758	63.8
Alzheimer's Disease	179	43.0	5,396	34.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	160	41.4	7,520	49.0
Stroke	140	36.7	6,525	42.6
Diabetes	92	26.7	3,845	25.4
Diseases of the Kidneys	62	16.5	2,202	14.5
Influenza and Pneumonia	56	15.4	2,396	15.7
Septicemia	54	16.1	2,077	13.8

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Leading Causes of Death

Number and Average Age-Adjusted Death Rates per 100,000

MAHONING COUNTY
**COMMUNICABLE
 DISEASES TOTAL**

Mahoning County townships, villages, and cities of Canfield, Campbell and Struthers (does not include Youngstown City)

Campylobacteriosis	11
Chlamydia Infection	473
CP-CRE	13
Cryptosporidium	10
Ecoli (non O157) shixa toxin	3
Giardia	2
Gonococcal Infection	144
Haemophilus Influenza	3
Hepatitis A	10
Hepatitis B Acute	2
Hepatitis B Chronic	30
Hepatitis C Chronic	113
Influenza-associated hospitalizations	203
Legionella	8
Listeria	0
Lyme Disease (Suspect)	22
Lyme Disease (Confirmed)	4
Meningitis-Aseptic/Viral	5
Meningitis- Bacterial (Other)	2
Meningococcal Disease (N. Mening)	0
Mumps (suspected)	0
Q Fever	0
Pertussis	7
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1
Salmonella	21
Shigella	7
Streptococcal-Group A invasive	19
Streptococcal-Group B-Newborn	1
Streptococcal Pneumoniae	11
Tuberculosis	2
Tulerimia	0
Varicella	4
West Nile Virus	0



Rabies Clinics

Rabies can be considered one of the older recorded infections of mankind. A renowned French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist by the name of Louis Pasteur developed the first vaccine in hopes of eliminating or significantly reducing its prevalence. The notable goal of eliminating rabies has never been achieved since rabies is maintained in many wild animals. According to CDC statistics, in 1938 most cases of rabies occurred in domestic animals (9,321) and some in wild animals (44). These numbers have been reversed in 2017 as 399 cases occurred in domestic animals and 4,055 were reported in wild animals. In the 1900s there were more than 100 fatal human cases reported each year and that number has significantly been reduced to one or two cases a year. Public Health has played a significant role in the reduction of rabies in domestic animals and fatal human cases through a number of initiatives. One of those highlighted initiatives is a domestic animal vaccination program offered through local health departments and community partnerships.

Mahoning County Public Health (MCPH) Rabies Regulations require every dog, cat and ferret be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian at the age of three months. In order to offset the expense for rabies vaccinations of pet animals, MCPH offers low cost rabies vaccination clinics to the public. In 2019, in conjunction with the voluntary services of veterinarians, MCPH offered three rabies vaccination clinics. In April a clinic was held at Damascus Fire Department in conjunction with the Damascus Ruritan Club where Dr. Lisa Kurtz of East Park Veterinary Clinic vaccinated 115 animals. In June a clinic was held in the gazebo at the Poland Village Town Hall where Dr. Courtney O'Neill of Austintown Veterinary Clinic vaccinated 79 animals. Finally, in November a joint clinic was held for the first time at Angels for Animals where in addition to Dr. Richard Nokes (of Angels) vaccinating 102 animals, the MCPH Nursing Division held a flu clinic. MCPH Public Health Nurses administered 26 influenza immunizations, provided education to the public on how to prevent the flu, and what steps to take if someone does get the flu.

NURSING & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Infectious Disease Follow-ups	1,133
Immunizations Administered - Adults	1,355
Hours of Case Management for Medically Handicapped Children	532.58
Immunizations Administered - Children	1,945
Flu Immunizations Administered	1,670
Flu Clinics Held	36
Tobacco Cessation Program Participants	22
TB Skin Tests Administered	1,300
Wellness Class Participants	90
Pack-n-Plays Distributed through the Cribs for Kids Program	364
Naloxone Kits Distributed Through Project DAWN	347
Naloxone Kits Distributed to First Responders	293
At-Risk Pregnant Women Enrolled in the HUB	294
Percent of HUB Births Full Term and Healthy Weight	80.0
Number of Pathways Initiated	4,601
Number of Overdose Reversals/Lives Saved with Naloxone	93

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & LABORATORY

Lead Abatement/Interim Control Clearance	27
Lead Inspection/Risk Assessment	23
Private Water Well Inspections and Samples	181
School/Playground Inspections	146
Pools, Spas, Camps and Bathing Beach Inspections	192
Plumbing/Downspouts Inspections	1,211
Landfill Inspections/Sampling	184
Food Program Inspections/Sampling	3,053
Sewage Program Inspections/Sampling	1,022
Real Estate Transfers - Sewage and Well Inspections	2,132
Potential Rabies Exposures Due to Animal Contact	283
Rabies Specimens Sent for Testing	35
Positive Rabies Results from Specimens	2
Nuisance Complaints Investigated	635
Tattoo Registrants	53
Tattoo Establishments Permitted	19
Environmental Laboratory Tests Conducted	25,218
Shale Testing	4
Lead Testing	3,321
Spore Tests from Tattoo Parlors	331
Microbial Samples	5,582
Groundwater Monitoring Samples	232

WIC

Number of WIC Clients Served	4,658
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Working to improve maternal and infant health through good nutrition



MCPH WIC is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture to provide nutrition education, breastfeeding support and nutritious foods that promote good health for pregnant and parenting women, infants, and children up to five years of age. MCPH WIC currently services 4,658 customers, (2,338 children, 1,300 infants and 1,020 pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women) at four clinic sites located in Austintown, Boardman, Youngstown and Goshen.

Breastfeeding provides health benefits for both mother and baby. MCPH WIC offers monthly Breastfeeding Support Groups at each WIC Clinic site and at several local agencies to encourage breastfeeding. In 2019, in celebration of breastfeeding awareness month, 80 women attended the first breastfeeding conference titled, “Knitting a Better Breastfeeding Safety Net”. The goals of the conference were to demonstrate how important support is to make breastfeeding a positive experience and to increase understanding of how environmental stressors affect a woman’s choice and success with breastfeeding.

MCPH WIC distributed over 725 Farmers Market Nutrition Vouchers in 2019 to provide families an additional twenty dollars to shop with local farmers to purchase produce. This is a win-win scenario--- healthy eating for families and funds to support local farmers. MCPH WIC also partnered with Alta Head Start during their farmers markets to certify new and inactive children back onto the WIC Program.

MCPH WIC is proud to offer nutrition education activities for families. In 2019, pool parties were held to promote physical activity, and safety and literacy was promoted by celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and distributing books and applications for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Lastly, as a convenience for families, WIC continues to be a site for Voter Registration with all forms completed by customers forwarded to the Mahoning County Board of Elections.

Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB

The mission of the Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB is to address disparities for those at risk for poor health outcomes. The HUB had its highest enrollment to date in 2019, 362 clients! Additionally, women enrolled in the HUB continue to experience lower infant mortality, pre-term, and low birth weight rates. Engaging those we work with and serve with ...

- Sponsored a Health Forum for our CHWs with local providers who spoke on important health issues that impact our clients
- Hosted a CHW panel discussion on infant mortality and social determinants of health inequities
- Updated our name to reflect our growing service area (Mahoning and Trumbull)
- Provided testimony to Ohio legislators about the strength and challenges of our HUB families
- Continued to operate as a nationally certified HUB by successfully completing recertification

2018 African American Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births



Following an increase in hepatitis A cases, the ODH declared a statewide community outbreak in June of 2018.



Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable liver disease that generally spreads when a person ingests fecal matter (even in microscopic amounts), from contact with objects, food or drinks that have become contaminated by the stool of an infected person. Hepatitis A can also be spread from close personal contact with an infected person, such as through sex. The statewide community outbreak is spread through person-to-person contact.

The high-risk populations for hepatitis A in this outbreak include:

- People who use drugs (injection or non-injection)
- People experiencing unstable housing or homelessness
- People who are currently or were recently incarcerated
- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- People with chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C

To limit further spread of hepatitis A, MCPH Infectious Disease Control staff (epidemiologists, public health nurses, health educators) conducted outreach in the community to:

1. Ensure that all health care practitioners were aware of the state-wide outbreak, and were properly assessing individuals in their care
2. Provide accurate current information about prevention strategies available to the community
3. Offer hepatitis A vaccination opportunities to organizations serving individuals at risk

Beginning in October of 2018 and continuing throughout 2019, MCPH met with the Mahoning County Homeless Continuum of Care Coalition to discuss current outbreak, populations at highest risk and prevention efforts. MCPH outreached to substance abuse rehabilitation facilities, Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board and their Preferred Network of Care Providers, Mahoning County Justice Center, all Second Harvest Food Bank Member Agencies in Mahoning County, Mahoning County Licensed Retail Food Establishments and Motels and all Mahoning County Law Enforcement Personnel to increase vaccination efforts.

As a result, throughout 2019, 11 Immunization Outreach Clinics were held in collaboration with Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Youngstown Area Intergroup, private substance abuse treatment providers and a Second Harvest Food Bank Member Agency with over 70 immunizations administered.



Improving maternal and infant health

Data on Women Served by the OEI Infant Vitality Program (FY 19)				
	Black	White	Other	Total
# Women Screened	79	38	12	129
# Eligible Women	79	36	9	124
# Eligible Women Served	75	34	9	118
# Needs Identified	212	109	28	349
# Referrals Made	212	109	28	349
% Needs Met	100%	100%	100%	100%
# Referrals Utilized	161	84	20	265
% Referrals Utilized	76%	77%	72%	76%

For the past several years, MCPH has been providing safe sleep education and a safe sleep environment for infants and their families to be certain that the ABCs of Safe Sleep message is being spread throughout the community. MCPH also provides the Mom's Quit for Two program to help pregnant and new mothers quit and stay tobacco free. Since 2014, MCPH and the Youngstown City Health District have collaborated with community partners through a formed coalition named My Baby's 1st. My Baby's 1st is collaboratively working to reduce the rates of pre-term birth, low birth weight and infant mortality by improving birth spacing, working to improve overall maternal health, expanding access to best practice prenatal care and by working through the Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB and its partner organizations to address the social determinates of health that women are facing with poor birth outcomes.

In late 2018, with grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health, MCPH implemented a program to specifically work with pregnant women who are in need of support during their pregnancy but do not wish to participate in a home visiting program. The Program is called the Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) Infant Vitality Program. During 2019, the OEI Team learned that historically, upon placement in a secure criminal justice facility, no efforts were made to determine a female inmate's pregnancy status. Further, only when or if a woman revealed her pregnancy status would she receive prenatal medical care while incarcerated. This practice too often resulted in late prenatal care and poor birth outcomes. OEI staff shared Mahoning County's infant mortality rates with local criminal justice leaders, highlighting the specific demographic disparities that exist within our communities. They also presented services they could provide for pregnant women during their period of incarceration and upon release. As a result, the Mahoning County Justice System changed their intake procedure for female inmates and created a new system-wide policy.

The policy was developed by the Mahoning County Justice System in conjunction with Wellpath Care (contracted medical healthcare provider) and technical assistance provided by Mahoning County Public Health. The purpose of this new system wide policy is to improve the health outcomes of incarcerated pregnant women and improve birth outcomes, thereby improving infant mortality rates within our highest risk populations. The policy's framework is designed to connect high-risk women with healthcare, social services, public health educational programs and wrap-around services to ensure continuity of core determinants of health (e.g. housing, transportation, health care insurance, access to care) upon their re-entry into society. Highlights of the policy include the following:

- all women of childbearing age are tested for pregnancy upon intake
- all women identified as pregnant are referred for prenatal health care and offered OEI Program services to link the pregnant women to needed services

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