



# 2017 Annual Report



THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

COLUMBUS  
PUBLIC HEALTH



## A Message from Our Health Commissioner

In 2017, I was honored to be appointed the first African American Health Commissioner at Columbus Public Health. Protecting the health and improving the lives of nearly 1 million Columbus and Worthington residents is a privilege and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I am pleased to work with Mayor Ginther, all our partners and stakeholders, and my Columbus Public Health colleagues to tackle our community's greatest public health challenges, including the social determinants of health, the opiate epidemic, infant mortality, and gun violence. It will take all of us working together to positively impact these areas and improve health outcomes for all residents. As we continue these important efforts, I am pleased to share with you highlights of our work in 2017.

Best of Health,

Mysheika W. Roberts, MD, MPH  
Health Commissioner

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## A Message from Our Mayor

Columbus Public Health is a strong partner as we work together to ensure all residents have the opportunity to thrive by creating healthier, stronger and safer neighborhoods. Columbus Public Health provides leadership to help us address some of the greatest public health challenges impacting our residents and neighborhoods. And, through programs that promote active living, healthy local food, chronic disease prevention, and access to quality, affordable health care, Columbus Public Health also plays a critical role in the health of our residents, visitors and entire community. I am proud to have them on my team!

Best regards,

Andrew J. Ginther  
Mayor

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# Improved the Health of Mothers, Babies & Families

In support of CelebrateOne, we are helping all babies live to celebrate their first birthdays by improving all areas that impact health. Our community's goal is to reduce infant mortality by 40% and cut the racial disparity in half.

## 2017 Highlights:

- Served 33,954 WIC clients.
- Distributed 1,396 pack 'n plays for infants without a safe sleep surface.
- Distributed 1,120 child safety seats.
- Trained 628 Safe Sleep Ambassadors.
- Completed 8,200 home visits for pregnant and newly parenting families.
- Provided 530 Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs) - a 75% increase.
- Completed 4,000 visits of women, partners and teens at the Women's Health and Wellness Center.
- Reduced the number of sleep related infant deaths by 50% - from 26 in 2016 to 13 in 2017.



# Prevented the Spread of Infectious Disease

We worked with local emergency responders, health care providers and community organizations to protect health by stopping the spread of deadly diseases. **2017 Highlights:**

- Administered 29,879 immunizations.
- Conducted 17,000 inspections of 7,700 food facilities.
- Treated 171,294 acres of land to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.
- Investigated 10,470 reported infectious diseases.
- Investigated 1,422 reported animal bites.
- Served 9,200 clients in the Sexual Health Clinic.
- Provided HIV care to more than 2,500 low-income HIV positive residents.
- Implemented an electronic app to conveniently and efficiently monitor and observe TB patients and reduce costs.



# Addressed Disparities to Achieve Health Equity

Columbus Public Health addressed the social determinants of health such as jobs, education, access to care, housing, safety and where you live which impact health. We worked to achieve health equity so all residents have the opportunities they need for good health. **2017 Highlights:**

- Developed 2018-2020 Health Equity Plan for Columbus Public Health.
- Conducted Health Equity Training for 395 participants in 4 sessions.
- Provided cultural competency training to over 500 health care and social service workers.
- Named a leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality by the Human Rights Campaign.





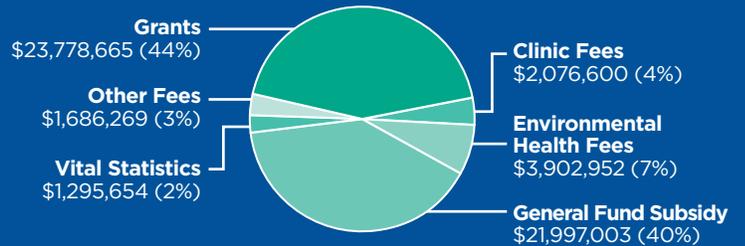
Family selecting fresh produce at a Columbus Public Health Farmers Market.



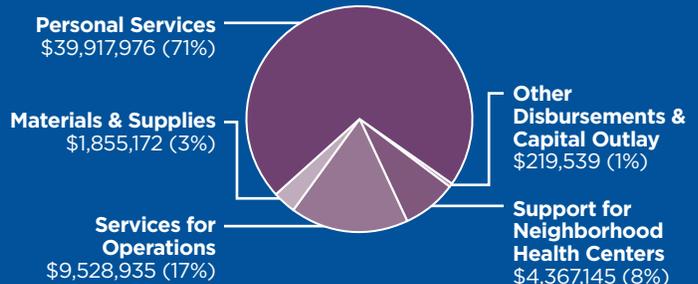
Participants at the 2017 Bike To Work day held at Columbus City Hall.

## Our Budget

### 2017 Total Receipts By Source - \$54,737,143



### 2017 Total Expenditures By Category - \$55,888,767



## Reduced Chronic Disease

We combated obesity and chronic diseases through active living features such as protected bike lanes, CoGo stations, walking maps, community gardens and farmers markets. **2017 Highlights:**

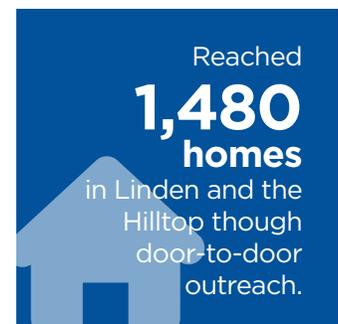
- Over 1,200 walkers participated in Art Walks and Landmark Talks.
- Provided 3,939 WIC vouchers at 3 signature CPH Farmers Markets.
- Named a Silver-level Community by Walk Friendly Communities.
- Named a Bronze-level Bike Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists
- Provided smoke-free housing options to 12,426 residents.
- Received Best Practices in Planning Award from the Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Action Plan.
- Introduced 4,000 students to Safe Routes to School programming at 30 Columbus City Schools.
- Engaged 2,000 walkers who joined 60 Walk With a Doc neighborhood walking clubs.
- Supported 36 community gardens.
- Launched Tobacco 21, an initiative that protects youth by reducing the devastating health and economic consequences of tobacco use.



## Responded to Violence

Columbus Public Health provided leadership and worked with community partners as part of the Mayor's Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy to understand and develop strategies to make our neighborhoods safer. **2017 Highlights:**

- Convened and launched the Violent Crime Review Group.
- Developed new neighborhood surveillance of gun violence.
- Supported and educated residents who experienced trauma through the Columbus CARE Coalition by:
  - Reaching 1,480 homes in Linden and the Hilltop through door-to-door outreach.
  - Training nearly 100 health care and social service professionals in trauma-informed care.
  - Holding 2 mental wellness events serving 205 people in Linden and the Hilltop after traumatic events.
  - Holding a Community Remembrance Vigil for those who lost a loved one to violence.



## Prepared for and Responded to Emergencies

We protected the community from disease and other public health threats by analyzing health indicators, investigating infectious diseases, and implementing public health interventions. **2017 Highlights:**

- Conducted 38 presentations on emergency preparedness to community partners, private businesses, partner agencies and national/international audiences.
- Planned and completed a full-scale medical distribution exercise with first responders.
- Investigated 69 outbreaks, including the largest outbreak of typhoid fever in Ohio during the past 25 years.



**Columbus Public Health is nationally accredited**

and has an Office of Planning & Quality Improvement to continually improve services to residents.



## Want More?

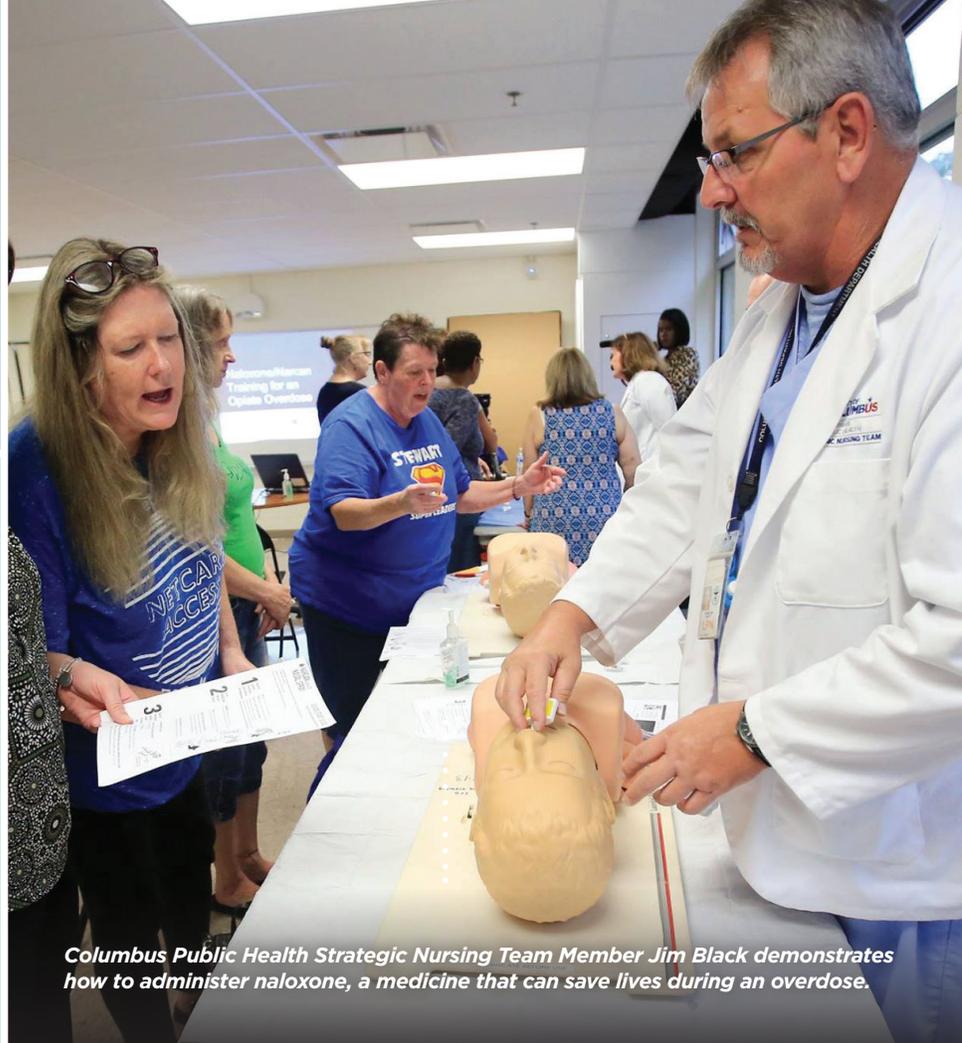
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*Columbus Public Health Strategic Nursing Team Member Jim Black demonstrates how to administer naloxone, a medicine that can save lives during an overdose.*



## Our 2017 Board of Health

*Pictured from left to right:*

**Karen Jefferson Morrison, JD, MS** • President, OhioHealth Foundation • Senior Vice President, External Affairs

**Chad Braun, MD** • Medical Director, Equitas Health, Inc. (*sworn in September 2017*)

**Karen S. Days, MBA** • President, The Center for Family Safety and Healing

**Stephen P. Samuels, JD** • Frost Brown Todd LLC, Columbus Office

**Mary Ellen Wewers, PhD, MPH, RN** • Professor Emerita, College of Public Health, The Ohio State University

*Not pictured:* **Augustus G. Parker III, MD** • Medical Director, Molina Healthcare of Ohio (*resigned May 2017*)

**Mayor Andrew J. Ginther** • President, Ex-Officio

# Addressed the Opiate Epidemic

Columbus Public Health helped lead a multifaceted community response to the opiate epidemic by collecting and reporting data; educating residents on the dangers of opiates and available resources; providing comprehensive harm reduction programs; improving access to naloxone; and, advocating for expanded and coordinated treatment services. **2017 Highlights:**

- Collected 152 pounds of medication and an estimated 10,400 syringes at 2 drug take back events.
- Held 4 community naloxone trainings and distributed 118 boxes of Narcan.
- Launched the citywide Columbus Syringe Disposal Initiative.
- Worked with the Safe Point Program at Equitas Health to provide comprehensive harm reduction including:
  - Risk reduction screening, counseling and treatment referrals
  - Syringe access and disposal
  - HIV/hepatitis C testing and linkage to care
  - Overdose prevention education and access to naloxone
- Monitored emergency runs and ER visits 24/7 through the Opiate Overdose Surge Notification Team to protect the community.
- Developed a new opiate dashboard to increase transparency and inform the public.

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# Monitored the Community's Health Status

We monitored and identified public health priorities and mobilized resources and community partnerships to address them. **2017 Highlights:**

- Produced and published:
  - Quarterly reports on syphilis, opiates and infant mortality.
  - Monthly reports on infant mortality.
  - Weekly reports on opiates.
- Completed the 2017 Community Health Assessment which includes health and demographic data on residents and identifies health priorities.

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# Increased Access to Health Care

Columbus Public Health protected health by increasing residents' access to quality, affordable health care. **2017 Highlights:**

- Provided 4,592 health screenings at community sites.
- Provided 16,703 dental sealants in schools.
- Enrolled 261 patients in Medicaid on site at CPH clinics.



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