



Director's Office Report

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Acting Director &
Chief Operating Officer



ADMINISTRATION

- McKeesport rental space is in the architectural drawing space. Will allow for expansion of services such as STI services and shared spaces amongst a variety of programs



Consider a Career in
Public Health!



- Administration
- Clinical Services
- Community and Family Health
- Data Reporting and Disease Control
- Environmental Health
- Food, Housing, Overdose and Policy
- Public Health Laboratory



ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES

Metric	2021	2022	2023	2024
Applications	145	343	293	393*
Interviews	N/A	N/A	99	97*
New Hires	15	16	24	21*
Separations	10	16	18	7*

Turnover Rate

Year	Q1
2021	2.79%
2022	4.91%
2023	5.28%
2024	2.59%*

*as of March 4th, 2024

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The mission of the Allegheny County Health Department is to protect, promote and preserve the health and well-being of all Allegheny County residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY



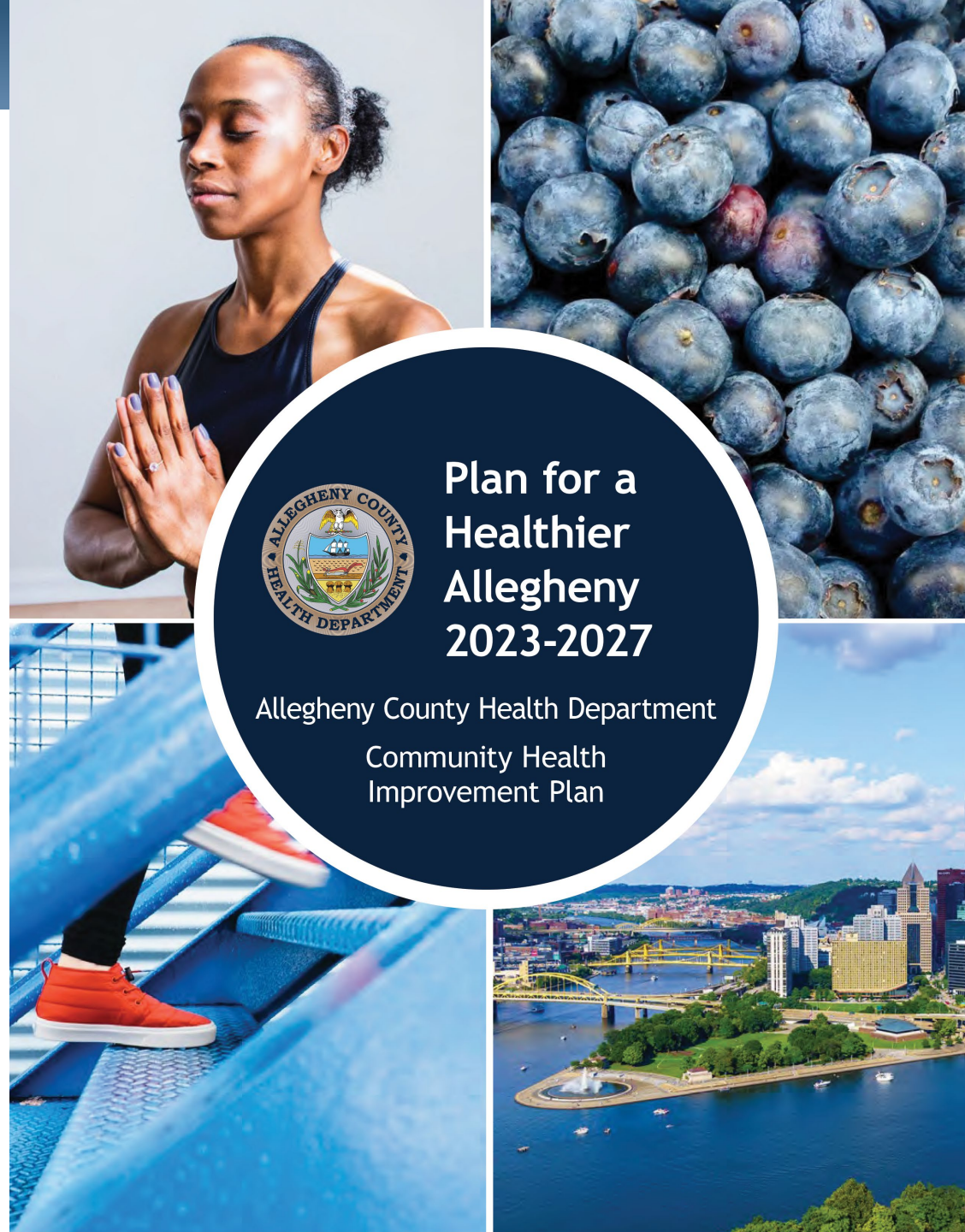
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- New Leadership
 - Dr. Robert Wadowsky, Sc.D., D(ABMM)
 - Dr. Ejoke Dosunmu, Ph.D., D(ABMM)



DATA, REPORTING & DISEASE CONTROL

- Behavioral Risk Factor Survey



Plan for a
Healthier
Allegheny
2023-2027

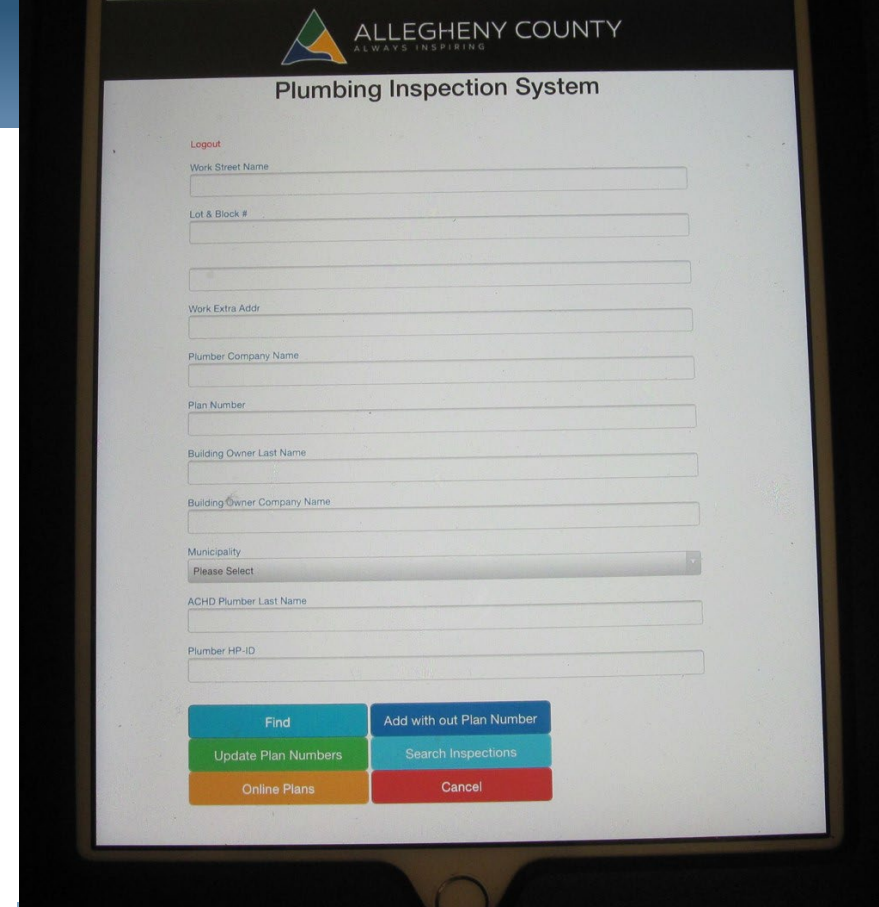
Allegheny County Health Department
Community Health
Improvement Plan





ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Plumbing
 - Starting to pilot the Contractor Scheduling portal for inspections and automated itineraries for inspectors
 - Starting the process of revamping the Plumbing Certification test based on recent Article XV modifications
- Air Quality
 - New PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

- Asbestos
- Food Safety
- Housing
- Plumbing
- Wastewater & Solid Waste Management



FOOD, HOUSING & POLICY

- Housing & Community Environment
 - 214 total no-heat complaints received this heating season and serviced so far.
 - Our new Senior Sanitarian completed his Lead Paint Inspection and Lead Risk Assessor required certification classes.
 - 1,791 flyers distributed to date.



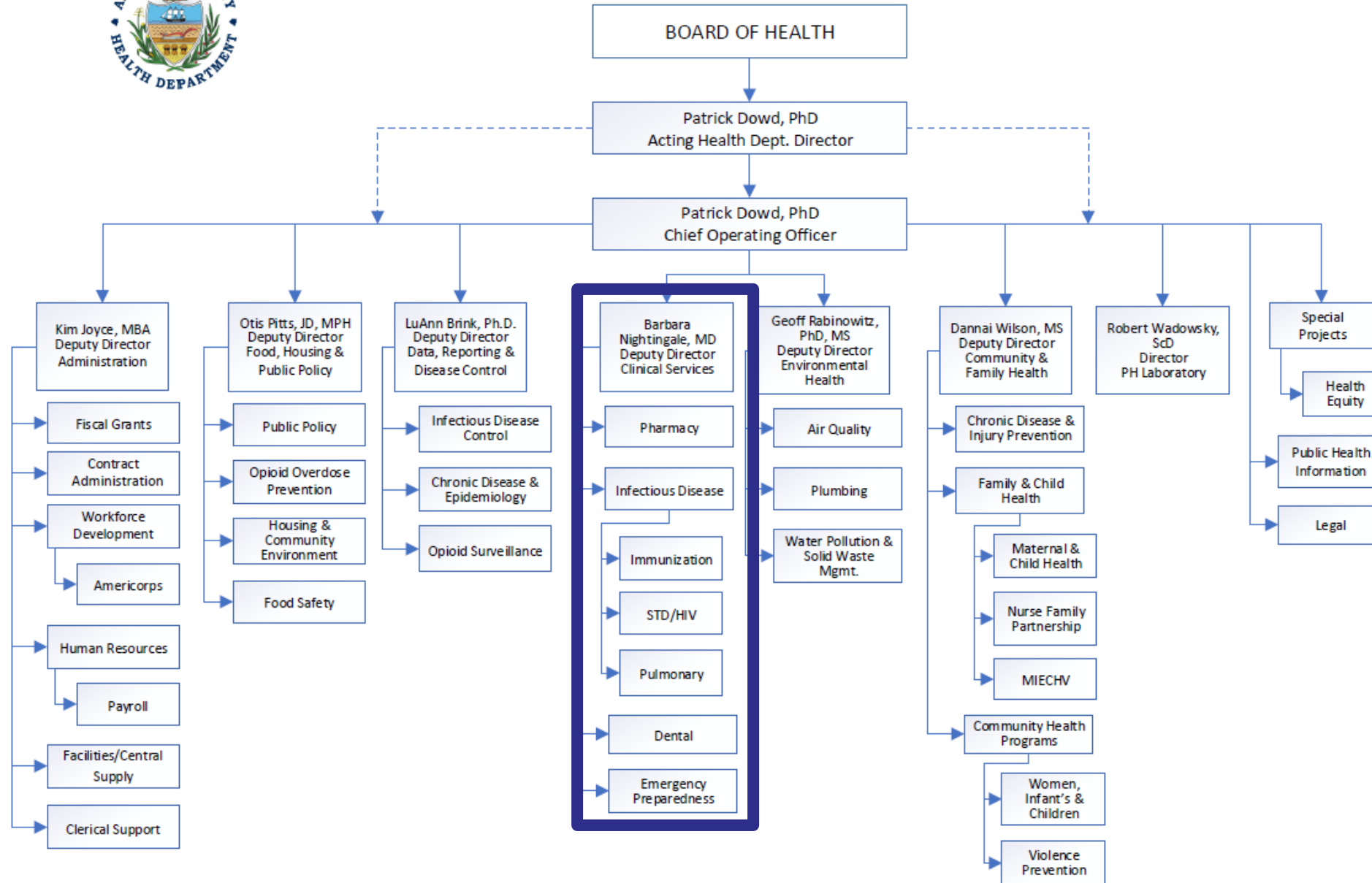




Clinical Services Bureau Update

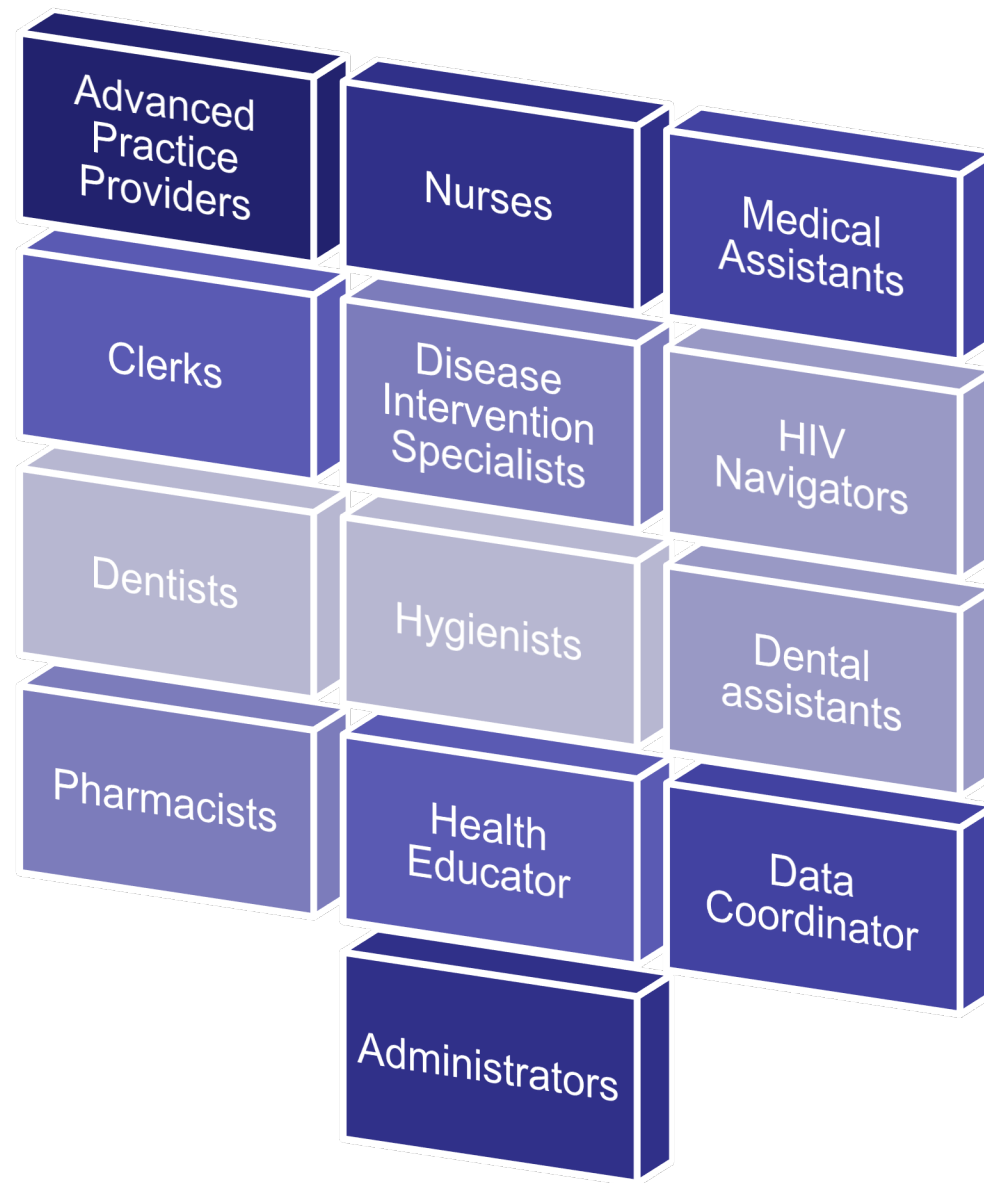
Barbara Nightingale, MD
Deputy Director
Bureau of Clinical Services







Clinical Services Bureau



STI/HIV Program Expanded Services

Prevention

- Vaccines
- Viral hepatitis screening
- Cervical cancer screening
- Emergency contraception
- Doxy-PEP (*post-exposure prophylaxis*)
- HIV PrEP/PEP (*pre/post-exposure prophylaxis*)



DoxyPEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) Patient Information

What is DoxyPEP?

- Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (DoxyPEP) means taking the antibiotic doxycycline after sex, to prevent getting a sexually transmitted infection/disease (STI/STD).
- It is similar to a 'morning-after pill' for certain STIs.
- DoxyPEP has only been studied in men who have sex with men and transgender women (people assigned male at birth now identifying as women.)
- If you are not a man having sex with other men or a transgender woman you should not take DoxyPEP.
- Do not take this medication if you are allergic to doxycycline.



Does doxyPEP work?

- A 2023 study found that doxyPEP reduced infection rates of syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea by about two-thirds.
- Doxy-PEP doesn't protect against mpox (monkeypox), HIV, or other viral infections.
- You will need to continue to get tested for STIs every 3 months and whenever you have symptoms.

How do you take doxyPEP?

- TWO 100 mg tablets of doxycycline (total of 200 mg) should be taken ideally within 24-hours after condomless oral, anal, or vaginal/front-hole sex, but no later than 72-hours after.
- No more than 200 mg of doxycycline should be taken in a 24-hour period.
- If you have sex more than once in 24 hours, only one dose of doxycycline should be taken.
- Take doxycycline with a full glass of water and do not lay down for 30 minutes after to avoid throat irritation.
- Take doxycycline with food to help with upset stomach.
- Do not take supplements containing iron or calcium, multivitamins, antacids, or laxatives within 2 hours before or after taking doxycycline.
- Please do not share doxycycline with others.



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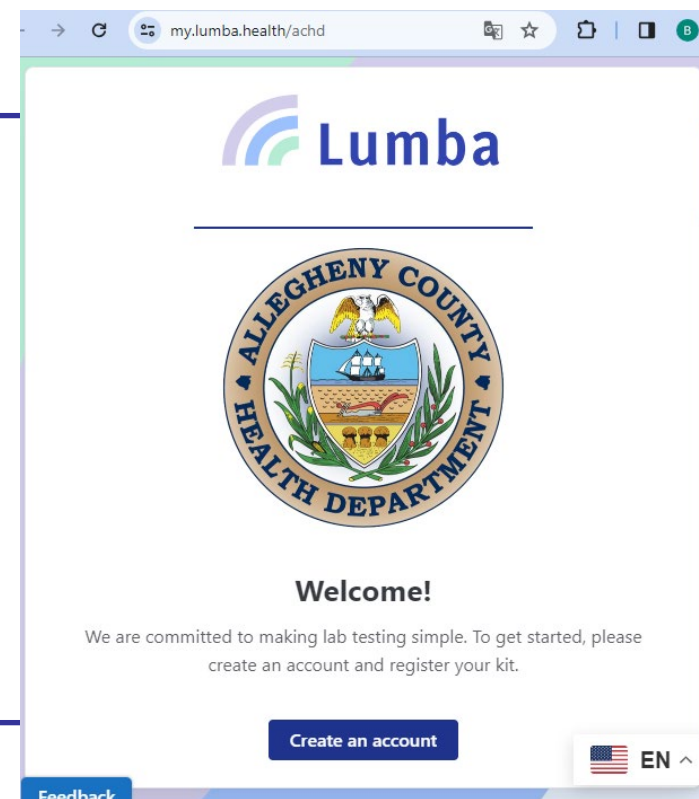
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STI/HIV Program Expanded Services

Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment

- McKeesport satellite clinic
- Expedited partner therapy
- Home STI testing
 - Partnership with community pharmacies
- Hepatitis C treatment



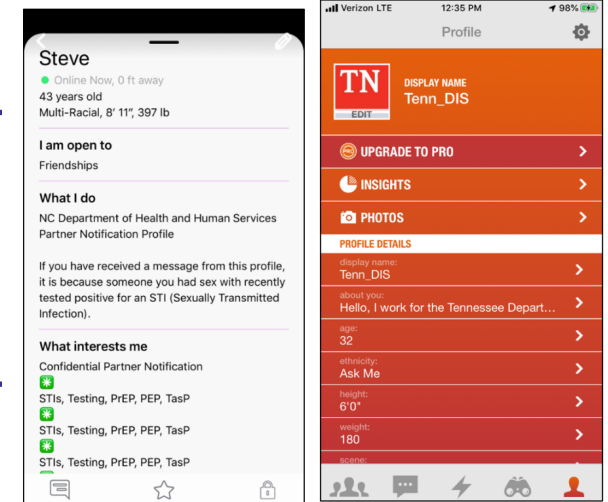
STI/HIV Program Expanded Services

Disease Investigation and Intervention

- Internet partner services policy

Promotion and Education

- Case management (insurance sign-up, referrals)



*Example from Tinder App, Courtesy of North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services*

Other Program Developments

Immunization

- Vaccine misinformation evaluation
- In-school vaccine services

Tuberculosis

- Public Health Laboratory testing

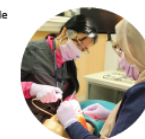
Pediatric Dental

- Scheduling software
- Dental assistant apprenticeship program



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 month paid training program
- Comprehensive career path
- Earn an average of \$15/hr while you learn
- Continued growth opportunities
- Allowance for books, scrubs, and other costs

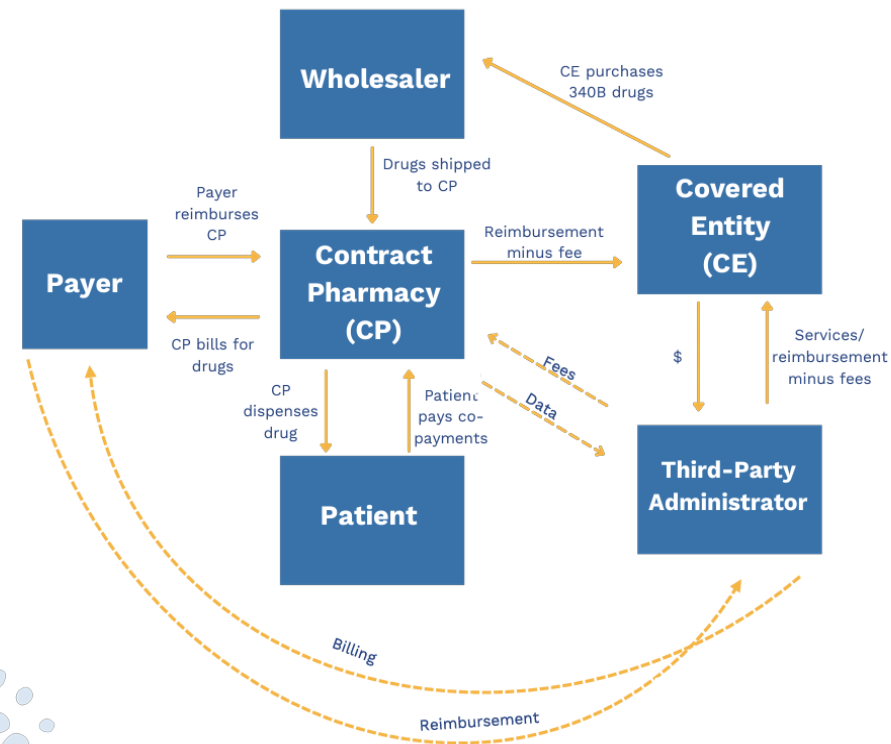
Other Program Developments

Emergency Preparedness

- Revision and systematization of ACHD Outbreak Response Plans
- Revision of ACHD All-Hazards Plan

Pharmacy

- Fulltime pharmacist
- Medication tracking via barcode scanning
- 340B contract pharmacy partnerships



Billing for Clinical Services



Increase access to comprehensive services for uninsured patients



Support services that decrease disparities in sexual health-related conditions



Ensure sustainability of STI/HIV and tuberculosis programs



Assure proper stewardship of federal, state, and county funds





Article VI Regulatory Update

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**ACHD Deputy Director
Bureau of Food Safety, Housing & Policy**

Tim Murphy

**Program Manager
Housing and Community Environment**

March 6, 2024 Board of Health Meeting
Presentation and Vote to Approve





Intent of Article VI Regulatory Update

- Update is necessary to:
 - Align Allegheny County housing standards with those found in other jurisdictions.
 - Promote better understanding and readability for landlords and tenants.
 - Improve safety standards to reduce and prevent injuries.
 - Clarify the roles that both tenants and landlords have in keeping dwellings safe and healthy.



Timeline - Today's Article VI vote in context

- May 10, 2023- July 10, 2023: Public Comment Period
- July 6, 2023: ACHD held a public hearing to collect public testimony
- July- August 2023:
 - ACHD reviewed public comments and drafted the public comment response document
 - ACHD incorporated public comment input as appropriate
- March 6, 2024: BOH Vote to Approve
- Upon BOH favorable vote, ACHD will send Article VI proposal to County Council for final approval
- October 1, 2024: Proposed effective date for updated Article VI provisions



Safety Improvement Review

Deadbolts- § 624

- Required on all entry doors. In line with the IPMC.

GFCI outlets- § 630

- Required in all bathrooms, within 6 ft of any sink, all exteriors.
- In line with HUD and National Electrical Code.

Sufficient Garbage Containers- § 655

- Owners required to provide sufficient capacity to store trash. In line with the IPMC.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors- § 643

- Where there is fuel burning appliances, renovations, fireplaces, garages.
- In line with Consumer Product Safety Commission and International Fire Code.



Changes Since Public Comment Period

- **§606 Entry and Inspection of Dwellings and Premises Subsection A:** language was added to further avoid any potential violation of the constitutional rights of owners and occupants.

Such language includes: “When a premises is occupied and the occupants refuse entry, the Department is authorized to gain entry upon showing a proper inspection warrant or by any remedy provided by law. In such cases where a premises is found to be unoccupied, except for emergencies, the Department shall make a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or operator of the premises and request entry.”



Key Changes Since Public Comment Period (cont.)

- **§608** Subsection E. was added to include Other Remedies Provided by Law, in addition to the remedies already included within Subsections A-D.

The language reads: “In addition to the penalties provided in this Section, the Department may institute any appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity to prevent or restrain a violation of this Article and in furtherance of the Department’s mission to protect public health.”



Questions





Request Permission To Go To Public Comment



Public Comments

- Commenters will be allowed 3 minutes each to address the Board