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Greene County Public Health Earns Recognition for Innovative Financial Planning Model

XENIA, OHIO — Greene County Public Health (GCPH) was recently recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) as a Model Practice Award Recipient for developing an innovative financial strategic planning model that has strengthened the department's long-term financial stability, protected essential public health services, and saved taxpayers millions of dollars in interest costs.

The award was presented to Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner for Greene County Public Health, during the NACCHO 360 annual conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, July 14-17, by Lori Freeman, Chief Executive Officer of NACCHO, and Dr. Patrick McGough, NACCHO's newest President.

The NACCHO Model Practices Program recognizes local health departments that create outstanding public health programs. These successful programs are shared in the Model Practices Database so other health departments can learn from them. By submitting a program, local health departments help improve public health by sharing ideas and proven ways to solve community health problems.

Model Practices are given to local health departments across the country that create programs with strong results that other communities can use. Promising Practices recognize new and creative programs that show great potential to become future Model Practices. Each winning program is reviewed by a team of public health professionals from other local health departments and selected through a competitive review process.

Developed in 2013, the financial planning model helps GCPH make informed decisions about budgeting, program costs, and future investments. The approach allows the department to better prepare for changes in funding while ensuring residents continue to receive high-quality public health services.

The planning process includes multi-year financial forecasting, detailed program cost analysis, revenue diversification, and ongoing performance monitoring. By integrating financial planning into everyday

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operations, GCPH has improved its financial resilience, decision-making, and ability to respond to changing community needs.

One of the most significant results of the initiative was the early payoff of capital improvement debt, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in interest over the life of the loans. In addition, the department identified new revenue-generating programs that now fully cover their operating costs while expanding services that meet documented community health needs.

"Strong financial planning allows us to focus on what matters most—protecting and improving the health of our community," said Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner. "By planning ahead and using taxpayer dollars wisely, we can continue providing high-quality public health services today while preparing for tomorrow's challenges."

The financial planning model now supports every program within GCPH, including disease prevention, environmental health, maternal and child health, emergency preparedness, and community health initiatives. The department serves approximately 174,000 residents throughout Greene County.

Greene County Public Health's work has also received statewide and national recognition. The department has partnered with local health departments across Ohio to improve financial planning practices and has been featured in a NACCHO case study. Department leadership also serves on NACCHO's Financial Strategic Planning Subcommittee, helping share best practices with public health agencies nationwide.

GCPH officials say the financial planning model is designed to be practical and adaptable, making it a valuable resource for other local health departments seeking long-term financial sustainability while maintaining high-quality public health services.

For more information or questions about Greene County Public Health, call **937-374-5600** or visit www.greenecophoh.gov.

About Greene County Public Health

Greene County Public Health serves approximately 165,000 residents throughout Greene County, Ohio. The department provides a full range of public health services, including disease prevention and control, environmental health, maternal and child health, emergency preparedness, and community health improvement programs. Greene County Public Health is committed to protecting, promoting, and improving the health of everyone in the community through innovation, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

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