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2006 Annual Report

Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department



Public Health
 Prevent. Promote. Protect.

From the Health Commissioner

“To Promote, Protect and Improve Public Health in Muskingum County.”

Our mission Statement summarizes the objectives of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department in serving the city of Zanesville, incorporated cities, villages and townships in Muskingum County.

When you think about it, our mission is HUGE!

But, that’s okay because we have several partners in our efforts.

You see, that’s where “**Public Health**” is different from “**Health.**”

We depend on the **Public** to participate in the mission because there is no way we can accomplish it alone.

Thank you to our “**Public!**”

It is only **because of you and in partnership with you** that

we work to fulfill our Mission.

I hope you are encouraged by our annual report.

I think it demonstrates that our Mission **IS** our priority.



Jenny Murrey, RN provides a flu shot to an adult.

Yours in Health,

Corey Hamilton, MS, RD, LD
 Health Commissioner

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Emergency Preparedness Services

ZMCHD is key to Muskingum County’s comprehensive public health preparedness effort. The Health Department works closely with the County Emergency Management program, the City of Zanesville, Genesis Healthcare, and many others to plan and practice

coordinated responses to potential public health emergencies.

Rambo Memorial Health Center and the Health Department along with community partners sponsored a Free Flu Immunization Clinic November

30, 2006 at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. The event protected 683 adults and children from influenza and exercised the agencies’ emergency response plans. This was a collaborative effort with Muskingum County businesses and organizations.

Smoke Free Ohio Workplaces



The public enjoys a smoke free place.

Ohio voters passed Issue 5 on November 7, 2006, creating Ohio's indoor smoke free workplace act under a new chapter of the Ohio Revised Code effective December 7, 2006. This new law requires "public places" and "places of employment" to be smoke free as of that date. Although the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) cannot levy fines until the rules are adopted, businesses must do three things to comply: prohibit smoking; post no-smoking signs with the toll-free enforce-

ment number: 1-866-559-6446; and remove ashtrays and other smoking receptacles.

ODH has begun the formal process of adopting enforcement rules for Ohio's new indoor smoke free workplace act. Draft rules have been filed with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Service Commission, triggering a 65-day process that provides for public comments, a public hearing and a final hearing before the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). ODH has sought to create rules

within the parameters of the law that 58 percent of Ohio voters approved on Election Day. ODH will also take into account comments from nearly 4,000 Ohioans and members of ODH's smoke free workplace act advisory committee. The proposed rules can be viewed online at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx> or request a copy by phone (614-466-4882).

More information can be found by visiting www.odh.ohio.gov or by calling 1-866-634-7654.

Environmental Health Services

Staff performed 1,667 residential and commercial plumbing inspections in 2006.

The mission of environmental health is prevention. Staff provides inspections of both residential and commercial plumbing systems in all new homes or businesses built or remodeled in Zanesville and Muskingum County. Improperly installed plumbing can be the cause of bacteria contamination and serious illness. We ensure that sewage systems are properly installed and maintained in

subdivisions and dwellings. ZMCHD inspects restaurants, grocery and convenience stores to protect the community against food-borne illness from the improper handling of food. We treat habitats and neighborhoods to reduce mosquitoes that can spread disease. We respond to public health nuisance conditions, animal bite complaints, rabies control and prevention, housing and prop-

erty maintenance complaints, and rodent control. We inspect public and non-public schools to ensure, maintain, and improve environmental conditions relating to public health. Staff performed: 106 private water well inspections, 393 private sewage system inspections, 1,223 food service inspections, 41 school inspections, 169 animal bite/rabies investigations, 85 pool/spa inspections.

Personal Health Services



Immunizations protect against diseases.

One of ZMCHD's most important tasks is controlling the spread of communicable diseases. Laws require that over 50 communicable diseases be reported to the local health department. Employees conduct investigations, provide treatment, trace contacts and take other measures to prevent these diseases from spreading

to others. In 2006, the communicable disease clinic served 3,049 clients. The department gave 4,355 immunizations to children last year. The pediatric clinic provided 1,240 visits for children of all ages. We had 1,945 visits for adults that probably wouldn't have been able to get care anywhere else other than emergency medical

care. 1,514 senior clients were seen at 20 wellness clinics throughout Muskingum County. The dental clinic had 2,172 visits in 2006 for people who had nowhere else to seek treatment. Three hundred Muskingum County families enrolled in the (BCMH) program in 2006. Nurses made 9,000 patient contacts with these families.

Health Promotion Services

ZMCHD provides a wide variety of prevention and health promotion services. Two major grants are Cardiovascular Health Grant and Tobacco Prevention Grant. The Cardiovascular Health project is funded by the Ohio Department of Health. The project is a collaborative effort of many agencies throughout Muskingum County. The collaborative group is called Healthy Ohioans of Muskingum County to reflect the statewide initiative. The project continues to focus efforts on encouraging the com-

munity to take steps to create systems changes that encourage individuals to make healthy choices. These systems changes include developing policies in schools, medical systems, workplaces and other community sites that will help individuals increase physical activity and improve nutrition choices. The Muskingum Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition, under the leadership of the Health Department, receives funds from the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation. This collabora-

tive project funds tobacco education activities in Coshocton, Morgan and Muskingum Counties. In 2006, ZMCHD provided funding to Muskingum Behavioral Health and Big/Brothers/Big Sisters of Zanesville. Each of these agencies along with the Health Department provided a variety of services to prevent tobacco use in teens, to help adults to quit, and to increase awareness about the dangers of secondhand smoke and the importance of smoke-free workplaces.



School officials develop wellness policies.

Vital Statistics Services

The Vital Statistics office is responsible for filing all births, deaths and fetal death certificates in Muskingum County.

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department holds all records of Zanesville and Muskingum County births and deaths beginning with December 1908.

Staff also notarize documents pertaining to vital records such as amending a birth or death certificate, filing a delay birth certificate or Acknowledgement of Paternity.

Muskingum County Births:
1,523

Muskingum County Deaths:
1,031

Fetal Deaths (Still Births): 6

Birth Certificates Issued: 7,929

Death Certificates Issued:
3,903

There are three ways to obtain a vital record in Muskingum County: walk-in service (Monday-Friday 8am-4pm), mail service and online service.

Board of Health

The Board of Health consists of seven members who are each appointed to a five-year term. All members must reside within the General Health District, may not hold an elected office, should be knowledgeable in the field of public health, and at least one member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine within the state.

The Board must meet at least once a month and may hold special meetings as it deems necessary. The Zanesville-Muskingum County Board of Health meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 205 North Seventh Street in Zanesville. All meetings are open to the public. To carry out day-to-day functions, the Board

appoints a Health Commissioner who is the executive Officer and Secretary of the Board. Corey Hamilton has served as Health Commissioner since January of 2004. Board Members: Eleanor Bowman, Jim Brown, Mike Lynch, Nate Norris, Lee Roach, President; Carl Spragg, and Shelly Temperley.



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Our Budget

In 2006, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department had an operating budget of \$4,227,890.

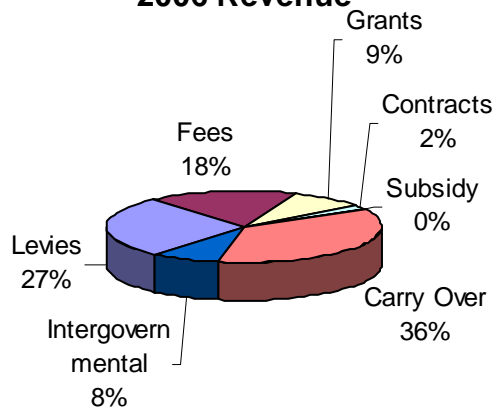
Our revenue for the year was \$4,593,098 and our expenditures were \$4,070,440.

Being a service-based agency, the majority of our expenditures were for personnel services.

Other expenditures included materials and supplies, services and charges, and capital outlays.

Our revenue is collected through several avenues including property taxes, intergovernmental charges, charges for services, licenses and permits, and fines.

2006 Revenue



2006 Expenditures

