



2007 Annual Report

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ZMCHD Revises Website:

- All content has been reviewed and updated as well as new content and sections added.
- The latest public health news is available along with information about the vast array of programs and services offered by ZMCHD.
- The website is an excellent resource for the public and may be accessed by visiting www.zmchd.org.

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Emergency Preparedness Planning

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department (ZMCHD) and Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) teamed up to launch the School Public Health Disease Surveillance System beginning September 1, 2007.

Public Health Infrastructure funds are being used to support the cost of maintaining a website to trace K-12 school building absenteeism data in Muskingum County. MVESC supports the system and provides access for public health disease surveillance.

The website features Muskingum County School Attendance Graphs and Data for Maysville, West Muskingum, Tri-Valley, Franklin, East Muskingum local school districts. Information includes the total number of daily student absences along with school contact information

and enrollment.

ZMCHD is alerted when the absentee rate reaches three standard deviations above the norm.

Surveillance (monitoring) allows us to catch an outbreak of disease early and prevent an epidemic.

Rambo Memorial Health Center and the Health Department along with community partners sponsored the 2nd Annual Mass Flu Shot Clinic October 4, 2007 at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds.

Nearly 4,000 people received free immunizations during the event to protect against influenza and exercised the agencies' emergency response plans.

ZMCHD along with community



Daily bulletins between ZMCHD and schools alert us to unusual illness patterns.

partners participated in a full-scale emergency exercise October 16, 2007 at the Zanesville McIntire Post Office and at the ZMCHD. The event tested local emergency response plans in the event of a biohazard alert. ZMCHD established a Point of Dispensing (POD) site to provide prophylaxis to postal employees suspected with possible biological contamination.

Smoke Free Ohio Workplaces Go Into Effect

Enforcement of Ohio's Smoke Free Workplace Act began on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

ZMCHD received 118 reported violations of the smoking rules from May through December of 2007.

Of these reports, 90 were dismissed because of

insufficient information or no violations were observed.

Seven facilities were issued warning letters and two were issued fines.

The remaining were still under investigation pending follow up visits to the establishments at the end of 2007.

Health Department staff spent over 300 hours investigating smoking complaints in 2007.



New sewage treatment systems rules are established.

Environmental Health: New Sewage Rules

New sewage rules took effect on January 1, 2007 as Revised Chapter 3701-29 Administrative Code. This chapter replaced the 1977 rules. However, industry and several state legislators felt the rules were too restrictive and cost prohibitive.

In July, as part of the state budget bill, an amendment was added to rescind the sewage rules that took effect January 1, 2007.

Governor Strickland rescinded the 2007 sewage regulations because they did not contain language addressing the

economic impact of the rules as required by House Bill Number 119 by the Ohio General Assembly.

As a result, each county was forced to act at the local level. The Board of Health approved to establish rules for household sewage treatment systems to go into immediate effect on September 20, 2007.

Resolution 07-4-1 Septage Disposal Options was approved regarding possible options to land application of septage. The ruling amended Sections 3 and 4 of Resolution

06-6-2 concerning locations and existing field usage. Septage shall not be land applied during December, January, February or March and not to ground that is frozen or covered with ice or snow.

Staff performed 1,465 residential and commercial plumbing inspections, 155 private water well inspections, 277 private sewage system inspections, 1,277 food service inspections, 66 school inspections, 162 animal bite/rabies investigations, 89 pool/spa inspections, 43 camp inspections, and 89 mobile home park inspections.

“Don’t give bacteria a free ride. Washing your hands with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent diseases.”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Community Health: MRSA in Schools

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in the school environment received considerable media attention in 2007.

MRSA is a type of bacteria that is resistant to treatment with certain antibiotics. These antibiotics include methicillin and other more common antibiotics. Staph infections, including MRSA, occur most frequently among persons in hospitals and health care facilities who have weakened

immune systems. MRSA infections that occur in otherwise healthy people are known as community-associated (CA)-MRSA infections. These infections are usually skin infections, such as abscesses, boils, and other pus-filled lesions.

In 2007, the communicable disease clinic served 3,054 clients. The department gave 4,664 immunizations to children last year. The pediatric clinic provided 905 visits for children of all ages. We had

2,426 visits for adults that probably wouldn’t have been able to get care anywhere else other than emergency medical care. 934 senior clients were seen at 20 wellness clinics throughout Muskingum County. The dental clinic had 2,768 visits in 2006 for people who had nowhere else to seek treatment. Three hundred Muskingum County families enrolled in the (BCMh) program in 2007. Nurses made 245 visits with these families.

New Health Centers Open in Two Locations

The Board of Health approved to move forward with the Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC) project. An opportunity to partner in this effort with Morgan County was reviewed and determined to be a win-win opportunity for both Morgan and Muskingum Counties. The application for federal funding was submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration on May 22.

In August, the MVHC was designated a Federally Qualified Health Center and received \$600,000 in FQHC funding.

The pediatric and adult clinics moved to the Allied Health Pavilion on Adair Avenue on November 12-16. As a result, the dental clinic will be able to expand at 205 N. 7th Street. It is more cost effective to work together with MVHC

than it is for ZMCHD to provide primary health care.

The Muskingum Valley Health Centers opened their doors to the surrounding, medically underserved community on January 2, 2008. The centers are located in McConnellsville and Zanesville. They are the first of their kind in the area, providing a variety of primary health care services.



Morgan Family Health Center
(740) 962-6111

Muskingum Valley Health Centers
(740) 454-5239

Health Promotion: A Wide Variety of Services

School Health Education *Abstinence Works*

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department is collaborating with Genesis HealthCare System to provide schools with the opportunity for an educator to present the *Abstinence Works* Curriculum to students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The goal of this program is to present information to students to encourage them to make healthy choices especially related to early sexual activity. The program is an evidence-based curriculum that allows students to interact about sensi-

tive topics in a classroom setting with a health education professional. The process is non-judgmental and promotes abstinence as the only choice in developing a healthy lifestyle. More than 7,005 students have participated since September.

Childhood Lead Regional Resource Center

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department is now designated as the Resource Center for an 18-county region in southeast/southern Ohio. The Center maintains a full-time coordinator who is responsible

for providing training, support and information about lead to medical providers, health departments, media outlets, social service agencies and clinics. The Southeast Regional Resource Center supports the following counties: Athens, Belmont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Washington. The Regional Resource Center is working in conjunction with the state to meet the goals of Ohio's Plan to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning by 2010.



ZMCHD offers School Health Education and is designated as a Childhood Lead Regional Resource Center.

How to Obtain a Birth or Death Certificate

There are three ways in which to obtain a birth or death record in Ohio.

You can obtain birth and death records from ZMCHD for events that occurred within Zanesville-Muskingum County, provided there is no court or legal action.

Walk-in: Same day service is available to walk-in customers. This is the fastest way to obtain a birth certificate. When you arrive,

you will complete an application and pay the \$17.00 required fee. We accept cash or check only.

Mail: Turn around is also the same day. The day we receive the request with payment, the document is processed and sent out in that evenings mail. You are urged to allow sufficient time for delivery for all birth/death records. Mail money order of \$17.00 for each certificate.

VitalChek Network: Obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate via credit/debit card. Additional service charges will be applied to each order. Federal express delivery can also be selected. Turn around is estimated at 2 to 3 weeks from the day the request is received, not including additional time for mailing. Requests can be initiated online at www.vitalchek.com or by phone at 1-877-828-3101.

Zanesville-Muskingum County Board of Health

The Health District Advisory Council appointed the nomination of James Shepherd as new Board member replacing Dr. Carl Spragg who announced his retirement in March.

Dr. Shelly Temperley resigned from the Board of Health after 14 years of service.

Daniel Scheerer was recommended by Dr. Temperley to serve in her place and was approved by the Board.

The Board of Health consists of seven members who are each appointed to a six-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.

Board Members: Eleanor Bowman, Jim Brown, Mike Lynch, Nate Norris, Lee Roach, President; James Shepherd and Daniel Scheerer.

Muskingum County Births:
1,449

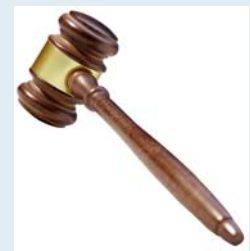
Muskingum County Deaths: 918

Fetal Deaths (Still Births): 3

Birth Records Issued: 7,565

Death Records Issued: 3,459

Burial Permits: 718



Board of Health Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room.



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Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

ZMCHD Will:

- Monitor the health of residents, environmental health and safety in Muskingum County.
- Anticipate, evaluate and respond to influences affecting public health.
- Gather public health data to serve as a resource for our community.
- Lead the way and inspire community leaders and partners to promote the best public health practices for optimal health of our community.

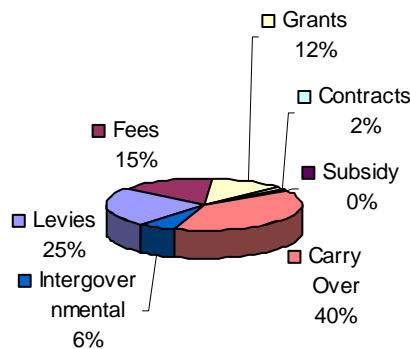
2007 Budget

In 2007, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department had an operating budget of \$4,238,124.

Nearly half of our budget \$1,942,305 or 46% is supported by the health levy and other local funding sources. In addition, the Health Department receives \$1,016,796 in state and federal grant monies to develop stronger public health programs for you.

Being a service-based agency, the majority of our expenditures were for personnel including the areas of Environmental Health, Personal Health and Vital Statistics. Our revenue is also collected through charges for services, licenses and permits.

2007 Revenue



2007 Expenditures

