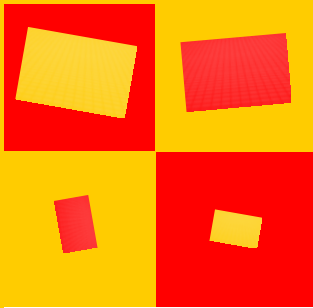


Health Department Board Meetings Quarterly Review



Administration News

- A community discussion on Clean Indoor Air was held March 16. A transcript of the discussion, clean indoor air facts, the dangers of second-hand smoke and Muskingum County's smoke-free restaurants may be found by logging on to www.zmchd.org.
- The Tobacco Prevention Grant 2005-2008 will focus on increasing awareness of secondhand smoke.
- The Board of Health approved the resignation of Brenda Fox as CVH Program Coordinator and approved posting the position.
- The Board approved the Public Health Infrastructure Renewal Contract for Dr. Whitacre.
- The Board of Health approved \$0.37 million reimbursement for the health department.
- The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health District Advisory Council met March 2. Dr. Lee Roach was reappointed to a six-year term as Board Member.
- The 2005 Health Fair featuring Clifford the



Make health a priority.

Big Red Dog was a success. Dozens of children received free immunizations and several adults received free health screenings.

- Watch the Times Recorder Tuesdays for Kids Concerns with Dr. Whitacre. She answers health questions from local school students.

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Take the Steps to Live Stronger and Longer

- *Make health a priority.*
- *Become physically active.*
- *Eat nutritious foods.*
- *Take control of your weight.*
- *Quit smoking or never start.*
- *For information, log on to www.healthyohioans.org.*

Environmental Health News

- The Health Department issued a well water advisory as a result of flooding in early January.
- The Board of Health approved the renewal of the Solid Waste Contract. It will help activities involving solid waste nuisances.
- A survey report of the Camp Program was conducted by the Ohio Department of Health. All 23 licensed campground files were reviewed.
- The program meets the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Charlie McNaught, Chief Plumbing Inspector, has been named President of Ohio Association of Plumbing Inspectors.

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Personal Health News

- The 2004 Communicable Disease Report was shared. It was noted that there is a significant problem with STD's in Muskingum County.
- The Board of Health approved a renewal contract for nursing services at Juvenile Court.
- The Board approved Student Agreements with Ohio University & Technology Education Center which allow students to use the health department as a clinical site.



Vaccination is An Act of Love.

- The Board of Health approved with regret the retirement of Cherie Baesel, RN on May 31, 2005.
- The Board approved dental service contracts for continuation of services for the Dental Sealant Program for Dr. Bondy, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Detwiler, and Dr. Hawkins.

- A Head Start Dental Task Force has been formed to resolve the problem of a lack of pediatric dentists and a waiting list at Children's Hospital. Nearly 160 Head Start

students are waiting for initial exams or treatment. Several health Department staff are participating on the task force.

- Nearly 1 million children in the United States are not adequately immunized and each day 11,000 children are born in the US and they are in need of protection from twelve vaccine preventable diseases before the age of two.
- Immunizations are safe and protect our children, families and community making them one of our most cost-effective public health strategies.