

# Board of Health Meetings Quarterly Review

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### May is National High Blood Pressure Month:

- Blood pressure is the force of blood against the artery walls in the body.
- It is important to know your blood pressure level and to check it regularly.
- Keep your blood pressure healthy by being physically active.

## Administration

- Enforcement of Ohio's Smoke Free Workplace Act, which voters approved in November, began on Thursday, May 3. Businesses and places of employment were required to prohibit smoking, remove ashtrays and post no-smoking signs with the toll-free enforcement number (1-866-559-6446 (OHIO) beginning December 7. ODH; however, was unable to levy fines until enforcement rules were in place.
- The Health District Advisory Council appointed the nomination of James Shepherd as new Board member replacing Dr. Carl Spragg who announced his retirement



**Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Enforcement Begins**

- in March.
- The Board 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. We will spend the summer months preparing to operate as a new entity and expect to be funded in the fall. MVHC will have primary care services sites in both Morgan and Muskingum Counties.

- ZMCHD received \$255,730 to continue tobacco prevention and cessation services in Coshocton, Morgan, and Muskingum Counties. ZMCHD sponsors the Muskingum Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition which was formed to provide these services in all three counties.

## Personal Health

- Vicki A. Whitacre, MD was named president of the Muskingum County Medical Society. Dr. Whitacre will serve as President until December 2007.
- ZMCHD welcomed Amy Beth Wright, RN as part-

time Tri-Valley School Health Nurse.

- The Board of Health approved the hire recommendation of Kris Medley as RxCue Client Service Coordinator.
- Donna White was

welcomed back to ZMCHD as Medical Clinic Coordinator.

- The Dental Clinic has been working with Head Start to see the rest of their children for cleanings and fluoride varnishes.

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## Environmental Health

- The Board of Health proceeded with Resolution 06-6-2 Septage Disposal. Staff monitored the situation and consulted with legal counsel about a variance related specifically to this resolution. The resolution was reviewed during the next Septage Advisory Committee meeting. It was open to the public to participate in the next round of decision-making.
- The final reading of Resolution 06-11-2 Food Service Operations Fees was approved.
- The Board approved the 2007 Solid Waste District Contract.
- The Household Sewage Treatment System General NPDES Permit Memorandum of Understanding was approved. The MOU between Ohio EPA, ZMCHD and ODH allows the EPA to issue NPDES permits required under the new sewage rules for any discharging sewage system.
- The Board approved the ODH Subsidy Agreement for implementation of Chapter 3794 ORC. This agreement designates ZMCHD as the local entity to enforce the Smoke Free Workplace Act.
- Resolution 07-3-1 Subdivision Review Committee was approved. This resolution is to update and revise the Subdivision Review Committee bylaws.
- The Board approved Resolution 07-3-3 One Acre Minimum Building Site First Reading.



**New Home Sewage Treatment  
System Rules in Effect**