



# Health Department Board Meetings Quarterly Review

Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department

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## Administration News

- The Board of Health recommended the hire of Corey Y. Hamilton, MS, RD, LD on October 12, 2004 to fill the Health Commissioner position. Hamilton accepted an offer of employment as Health Commissioner effective December 6,



*The health department welcomes Corey Hamilton as new Health Commissioner.*

2004. She has worked with the Ohio Department of Health for seven years, most recently as Nutrition Services Bureau Chief. Hamilton lives in Zanesville. She worked alongside Robert Titko until he retired December 31, 2004.

- In honor of Titko's retirement, the Health Department Board and Muskingum County Community Foundation established the Robert & Arlene Titko Donor Advised Fund. The fund may be added to at any time.
- The Board cancelled the

Perry County Administrative Services Contract.

- The Muskingum Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition grant was refunded. As a result, the Board approved 2005 Tobacco Grant Service Contracts with Muskingum Behavioral Health, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Rambo Health Center, Coshoc-ton Behavioral Health Choices, & Morgan Behavioral Health Choices.
- Bioterrorism planning staff were trained on how to access the Strategic National Stockpile for medicine & supplies.

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### Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

- *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.*
- *Put your used tissue in the waste basket.*
- *Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing.*
- *Wash hands with soap and warm water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.*

## Environmental Health News

- The Board of Health approved the second reading of Resolution 04-15 Food Service Fees.
- The Board approved the Hickory Creek III Subdivision in Springfield Township.

- The health department now offers mercury spill kits to homeowners including instructions on how to clean up a small mercury spill.
- Sanitarians successfully completed ServSafe

Food Protection classes from the National Restaurant Association.

- Plumbing inspectors, at the request of the state, presented code classes to Southeast Ohio plumbers in Marietta.

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## Personal Health News

- Because there was not enough flu vaccine for everyone who wanted to get it this year, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said certain people should have priority getting a flu shot this season. The flu shot was given to protect people who are most likely to have serious health problems if they get the flu. The Health Department received a limited supply of flu vaccine for adults and children who fall into high risk categories by age or medical condition.
- A former Maysville kindergarten student was diagnosed with viral meningitis in October. The student was diagnosed after withdrawing from school. Viral meningitis is the more common and less serious form of meningitis. It often carries flu-

like symptoms including headache, drowsiness, fever, vomiting and stiff neck. The best way to prevent the spread of the disease is to regularly wash hands and not share drinking glasses.

- The Zanesville Fraternal Order of Eagles #302 donated \$2,600 including a new EKG machine to the health department adult clinic. An EKG (electrocardiography) machine measures electrical signals that control the rhythm of your heartbeat. The machine enables clinic staff to evaluate a patient's unexplained chest pain and monitor the heart's activity.
- The Board of Health approved nursing service contracts for Tri-Valley Local Schools, Maysville



*The 2004-05 flu vaccine shortage restricted shots to those most at risk.*

Local Schools, and Starlight School.

- The Board also approved a Memo of Agreement with Ohio University Zanesville which allows nursing students to use the health department as a clinical site.