

# Health Department Board Meetings Quarterly Review

Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

### OHIO IS SMOKE-FREE:

- “No Smoking” signs are available by visiting the Health Department or [www.odh.state.oh.us](http://www.odh.state.oh.us)
- For general information concerning the law, you can call toll-free: 1-866-634-7654.
- Questions and answers regarding the SmokeFreeOhio law: [www.odh.state.oh.us](http://www.odh.state.oh.us)

- Ohio voters passed issue 5 on November 7, 2006 creating Ohio’s smoke free workplace act under a new chapter of the Ohio Revised Code. This new law requires “public places” and “places of employment” be smoke free by December 7, 2006. These businesses and organizations must also post “No Smoking” signs including the telephone number 1-866-599-6446 for reporting violations; and remove all ashtrays and other smoking receptacles. More than 600 letters were sent to businesses for information.

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.



*Everyone has the Right to Breathe Clean Air*

- Rambo Memorial Health Center and the Health

- ZMCHD hosted an awards ceremony to recognize the City of Zanesville and 28 local schools for receiving Governor Bob Taft’s Buckeye Best Healthy Schools Awards through the Healthy Ohioans initiative at the Ohio

Department of Health.

- The Board of Health approved ZMCHD 2007 Final Budget of \$4,720,813.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NEWS

- New Ohio household sewage treatment system rules take effect in January. The Board of Health approved local fees on December 16 after three readings.
- The Falls Township

household sewage disposal system survey report was presented to the Board. No formal decisions were made concerning enforcement options for those properties identified as unsatisfactory.

- The Board of Health appointed Jason Tilton, RS to the Solid Waste District’s Policy Advisory Committee. It reviews and recommends district solid waste facilities, disposal and recycling options.

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### PERSONAL HEALTH NEWS

- The Board of Health approved the Unison Health Care Agreement and the negotiation of Molina and Care Source Agreements to coordinate coverage for Ohio Medicaid consumers.
- The Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Nursing Services Contract was approved by the Board.
- The Board of Health accepted with regret the resignation of Kathleen Seiler as West Muskingum Care Team Nurse.
- ZMCHD welcomed Amy Beth Wright as West Muskingum Care Team Nurse.
- Tristan Wayne was welcomed to the Health Department as Dental Assistant and Vicki Kokensparger was welcomed as Dental Clinic Clerk.
- The Dental Clinic is hosting a continuing education seminar sponsored by Ohio Department of Health presenter Dr. Paul Casamassimo. The course was developed by Columbus Children's Hospital for safety net clinics to increase awareness of den-



*Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you **Cough** or **Sneeze**, and **Clean your Hands** after coughing or sneezing.*

tal professionals in treating children 0-3 years-old. Regional and local dentists and staff will be attending.