

2010 Annual Report



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Budget Cuts

The ZMCHD budget showed a deficit of \$210,662 in January. Significant adjustments of more than \$200,000 were made to save funding and maintain staff.

However, in June, ZMCHD estimated a shortfall of more than \$300,000 by the end of December 2010. Several options were approved to cut costs. The Board of Health eliminated six full-time positions and two part-time positions, created three part-time plumbing positions so a reduction in the hours worked would contribute to cost savings, reduced employee work hours from 38.75 to 37.5 hours per week, required six furlough days for

each employee and eliminated a scheduled 3-percent pay increase.

With job losses, remaining staff assumed additional workload. Staff worked hard to get everything done to expected standards with fewer hours in the week and fewer staff in most departments.

In August, the budget reflected a deficit of approximately \$100,000 and did not include all the budgeting saving provisions which were made.

Finances were behind budget approximately 25% in September.

Our adjusted budget income

for October was \$15,166, which was close to breaking even.

In November, we showed a budget profit of \$66,841. A balanced ZMCHD 2011 final budget was approved by the Board of Health.



Expenses outpaced revenue & personnel costs increased from 2006-2009.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

ZMCHD took over as administrator of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program. The Board of Health approved application for the \$470,635 grant and hiring nine employees who have worked in the program. The WIC program provides

nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, as well as nutritious foods and iron fortified infant formula to income-eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women, who recently had a baby and infants and children up to 5 years old

who are at health risk because of inadequate nutrition. Those receiving services also are offered referral to prenatal and pediatric health care programs. The WIC office is located at the Muskingum Valley Health Centers building on Adair Avenue.

Environmental Health

ZMCHD contracted with the Ohio Department of Health to begin lead hazard investigations: assessing homes of children with elevated blood lead levels. If lead hazards are found, the property owner will receive a lead hazard control order, requiring lead hazards to be controlled by a licensed lead abatement contractor.

ZMCHD began inspecting semipublic sewage systems: sewage disposal systems that treat the sewage (less than 25,000 gallons per day) discharged from publicly or pri-

vately owned buildings or places.

The Board of Health approved a resolution to reduce vertical separation distance (VSD) between sewage treatment systems to ground water from 24 to 18 inches. VSD is depth of usable soil from the bottom of the leach line to a limiting layer.

Sewage permit fees were adjusted because of state changes to the program resulting in additional inspections of each system and more time being spent in the review process. Water permit fees were ad-



ZMCHD hosted a public meeting to discuss bed bugs.

justed to reflect the current cost for providing these services.

Charlie McNaught, Chief Plumbing Inspector retired after 17+ years of service.

This year's flu vaccine contained components of the 2009 H1N1 flu virus.

Public Health Nursing

The H1N1 vaccination campaign continued through March. Public health nurses administered vaccine in 23 school clinics during January. Nurses completed second doses of H1N1 vaccine in the schools for children under age 10 bringing the total number of doses administered to 6,726. Nurses also administered H1N1 vaccines in various sen-

ior centers, local businesses and nursing homes.

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Changes in state law related to school vaccine requirements required 7th graders to have a Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination effective beginning the 2010-2011

school year. Nurses offered Tdap vaccines to 6th grade students in Zanesville, Tri-Valley, West-Muskingum, Franklin and Maysville school districts in May. Additional immunization visits were seen among this age group as they prepared to return to school.

Gloria Kieffer, Director of Nursing retired after 22+ years of service.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

ZMCHD completed a continued quality improvement team project on vaccine management at Ohio State University.

Nine new members were recruited and oriented for the local Medical Reserve Corps.

ZMCHD collaborated with state partners on an H1N1 After-Action Report.

Nurses vaccinated 5,730 people using four point of dispensing (POD) locations during the

community Flu Clinic exercise.

ZMCHD purchased new refrigerated nursing workstations for PODS, and new audio-video equipment for the conference room.

A Critical Incident Stress Management two-day Robin Rose retreat for more than 25% of staff was funded by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

Academic coursework in epi-



A nursing student administers a flu shot during the drive-thru clinic at the County Fairgrounds.

demiology and financial management for selected staff at OSU was also funded.

Community Health Promotion & Planning

ZMCHD developed a 3 year Strategic Plan to guide the agency in collaborating with community partners and to align our services with national and state public health initiatives. ZMCHD continues to prepare for voluntary accreditation by following a community health planning tool to assess community needs and to develop a community health improvement plan.

Tobacco prevention activities are largely funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Centers for

Disease Control (CDC). In 2010, ZMCHD explored the feasibility of collaborating with worksites to develop tobacco-free workplaces. Collaboration will continue in order to provide resources and technical assistance as necessary to interested worksites.

Many nutrition and physical activity initiatives through ZMCHD are funded by the Child and Family Health Services Grant from ODH and CDC. ZMCHD collaborates with school personnel to plan nutrition and physical activity

opportunities for students and staff. Staff also provide resources and technical assistance to 4 Districts' School Wellness Teams.

ZMCHD maintains the Regional Resource Center for Healthy Homes and Lead for an 18-county region in south-eastern Ohio. Activities include providing educational resources and professional development opportunities to medical providers and health and social service providers related to Healthy Homes lead poisoning prevention.



Beverly Huth, Community Health Planner leads a planning activity.

Birth & Death Records

Our office issues certified copies of certificates for births regardless of the county where the birth occurred and certified copies of certificates for deaths occurring from December 20, 1908 to present in Muskingum County only.

- Registers all births, deaths and fetal deaths occurring in Muskingum County.

- Issues burial transit permits.
- Helps unmarried parents with completing "Acknowledgement of Paternity Affidavits."
- Assists customers with correcting information on birth and death certificates issued in Muskingum County.

2010 Statistics

County Births: 1466

County Deaths: 1030

Fetal Deaths: 7

Birth Certificates Issued: 5842

Death Certificates Issued: 3531

Burial Permits: 805

Popular Names: Carter (Boy), Addison and Emma (Girl)

You can now obtain

certified Ohio

birth certificates

regardless of the

county where the

birth occurred.

Board of Health

ZMCHD is administered by a 7-member Board appointed by Zanesville City Council, the District Advisory Council and the Health District Licensing Council. Each member serves a 6-year term and is eligible for reappointment.

The Board develops policies and long-range plans, approves procedures and regulations for the operation of ZMCHD and monitors finances, programs

and performance of the health department.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm

Members include: Jennifer Agin, Bill Bird, James Brown, Nathaniel Norris, Lee Roach, Thomas Ruggles, MD and James Shepherd.

Dr. Dan Scheerer's term expired in March. ZMCHD welcomed Thomas Ruggles, MD as new board member. Dr. Ruggles was appointed by the Mayor of Zanesville and is a retired anesthesiologist.



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Budget

In 2010, ZMCHD had an operating budget of \$4,486,302.

Nearly half of our budget \$2,198,681 or 49% is supported by the health levy and other local funding sources. Revenue is also collected through charges for services, licenses and permits. In addition, the Health Department receives \$778,621 in state and federal grant monies. Because of generous community support, we are able to apply for 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.

