The Board of Health approved the following:

- Resolution 19-9-2 Food Fees—3rd Reading
- Resolution 19-10-2 Public Swimming Pool & Spa License Fees—3rd Reading
- Data Use & Services Agreement with University of Pittsburgh
- Cribs for Kids MOU with Licking County Health Department & Coshocton County Families & Children First
- Information Services Contract with Muskingum County
- MOU with Hopewell Health Centers Early Childhood Programs and Muskingum County EI
- Ohio Board of Pharmacy Services Agreement Renewal
- ODH Medicaid Administrative Claiming Process Contract
- MOU with Muskingum Behavioral Health
- ThinkFast Interactive Contract for Safe Communities Grant
- 2020 Final Budget
- ODH Help Me Grow Home Visiting Provider Agreement
- Genesis Healthcare Facility Transfer Agreement
- MOU with Access Tusc Bridges to Wellness HUB

Board of Health By Laws

Corey Hamilton shared proposed changes to the By-Laws for the Board members to review.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.41 was specifically reviewed for the change of requirement of a board member that represents the district licensing council.

Review was made of the governing entity and how the board positions are brought into appointment.

In an effort to keep the positions on the board as positions that are appointed by the city and county elected officials, the board position that represents the district licensing council will not be renewed in the upcoming term.

The by-laws include the board’s name, mission and purpose; board of health duties; membership; meetings; committees; liability insurance; and amendments.
Safe Point, Bloodborne Infectious Disease Prevention Program

On September 20th, we received a letter from the Muskingum County Prosecutor’s Office advising the Board of Health to immediately cease needle exchanges until we could document that we are in full compliance with Section 3707.57 of Ohio Revised Code, which gives local Boards of Health the authority to operate such a program. As of that date, we immediately ceased needle exchanges and began reviewing our program planning and implementation documentation to determine what tasks needed to be completed in order to resume operations. We did identify two errors in our process and have corrected them.

Health Commissioner, Corey Hamilton and Dr. Butterfield prepared and presented program information to Zanesville City Council and in a public forum. The Health Commissioner also met with Police Chief Tony Coury, had phone calls with Sheriff Matt Lutz and with City Law Director, David Tarbert’s Administrative Assistant to make sure we had covered all of the groups specified in Ohio Revised Code. We presented a program to the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and had a meeting with the Prosecutor’s office to complete our obligation. One of the Board’s action items for November’s meeting was to determine if this program would reopen.

After much discussion and review, it was agreed that the Board of Health and the Health Department has completed all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code to conduct the Safe Point, Bloodborne Infectious Disease Prevention Program. The Board approved to continue and reopen the program with the understanding that a follow up letter will be going to the Prosecutor’s office.

Food Safety Education

Two food safety presentations were put on during October, one at Mid-East Career Center and one at Maysville Schools.

The presentation at Mid-East was standard while the one at Maysville was a different format.

Since some food workers have seen the presentation multiple times, this time we did a more interactive presentation.

The highlights in the PowerPoint were covered and then the workers were taken on a tour of their kitchen so they could see what we look for on inspections and why it is important.

They also learned about some of the procedural questions we may ask.

Registered sanitarians will provide a FREE Person-In-Charge (Level One) Food Safety Workshop on February 19, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency, 2215 Old Adamsville Road, Zanesville, Ohio. Every Level III and IV food facility is required to have at least one person with this food safety certification in the facility at all times. Food inspectors will ask about this requirement during inspections. This training is a great opportunity to educate your staff on the importance of good food safety practices and developing good habits.

The workshop is limited to 25 spots which will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. RSVP to Dalton Kirkbride at (740) 454-9741 ext. 226 to reserve your seat.

Billion Steps Challenge

The goal is to collectively walk 1 billion steps beginning January 1 and ending April 12, the last day of National Public Health Week. Click on the following link:

https://aphabillionsteps.walkertracker.com/

You will be instructed to register now, join TEAM ZMCHD, and connect your tracking device.

If you have a device that counts steps (Fitbit, Garmin) you can sync up your device and start submitting steps.

If you don’t have a fitness tracker: For iOS devices that support Apple Health, use your device’s internal pedometer to send steps directly to Walker Tracker.

For Android devices that support Google Fit, Send steps directly to Walker Tracker.

Together, let’s take the Billion Steps Challenge by National Public Health Week!
Building Renovation Update

The Board of Health approved the James Electric Estimate for Access System and Estimate for Surveillance System.

The Construction Testing Proposal from Terracon was also approved by the Board.

The County Commissioners signed the construction contract for the building renovation project.

Pre-construction work began in mid-October with Phase 1 of the 3-Phase project beginning at the end of October.

During the first phase, construction will be done to enclose and roof the space between the two existing buildings, adding 3,800 square feet.

In November, we explored additional furnishing options for the office.

As a result, we hope to keep some of the business local and also bring down the cost by reusing some of our existing furniture that is in good shape.

The construction schedule is still on track. The project completion date is the end of December 2020.

Accreditation Update

We survived our Accreditation Site Visit.

The Board of Health and our community partners said wonderful things about our agency during their meetings with the site visitors.

Our community partners were asked to share any areas of improvement.

Some responses included, "They don't have any shortfalls," and "They never say no when asked for something."

During the exit interview, the site visitors described ZMCHD as a high functioning health department who is considered a leader and data source for Muskingum County.

The official results of our accreditation status will be shared as soon as they are available.

Personnel Update

Resignations
Alisha Hughes
Public Health Nurse

Amanda Goldsmith
Community Health Planner

Reclassification & Promotion
Amanda McPeck: Promotion from Community Health Worker to Health Educator

ZMCHD welcomes the following employee:
Kaitlyn Scheiderer
Public Health Nurse
Mission:
Prevent. Promote. Protect. Public Health is Our Passion!

Vision:
For Our Agency: One team, striving for excellence, educating and empowering with every encounter.
For Our Community: Muskingum County is the healthiest place to live, learn, work and play.

Values:
Work Together: We engage with our community to establish common goals and achieve desired results.
Help Others: We are helpful, adaptive, and take pride in providing excellent service.
Do the Right Thing: We are fair, honest, ethical, and accountable.
Improve: We continually look for ways to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.
Respect: We accept diversity and practice kindness.

Upcoming Events

January Events
Jan 1: Closed New Year's Day
Jan 8: Evening Breastfeeding Café at Health Department, 5:30-7:30pm
Jan 16: Board of Health Meeting at Health Department, 6:00pm
Jan 20: Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 22: Morning Breastfeeding Café at Muskingum County WIC, 10:00am-Noon
Jan 23: Project DAWN Naloxone Training at Health Department, 4:00pm
Jan 28: Closed Staff Meeting at Health Department, 3:00

February Events
Feb 3: SEO Healthcare Coalition Subgroup at EMA, 1:30-3:00pm
Feb 5: Evening Breastfeeding Café at Health Department, 5:30-7:30pm
Feb 7: National Wear Red Day
Feb 13: Project DAWN Naloxone Training at Health Department, 4:00pm
Feb 17: Closed Presidents' Day
Feb 19: Morning Breastfeeding Café at Muskingum County WIC, 10:00am-Noon
Feb 20: Board of Health Meeting at Health Department, 6:00pm

March Events
Mar 4: Evening Breastfeeding Café at Health Department, 5:30-7:30pm
Mar 18: Morning Breastfeeding Café at Muskingum County WIC, 10:00am-Noon
Mar 19: Project DAWN Naloxone Training at Health Department, 4:00pm
Mar 19: Board of Health Meeting at Welcome Center, 5:00pm; Health District Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00pm