Board of Health Quarterly Review

Resolutions, Contracts, Agreements

The Board of Health approved the following:

- Variance for Continuing Education for Sewage Contractors & MOU Family Health Services
- Lactation Consultation Service Agreement & COTS Agreement
- Action Total Staffing Contract & Red Sky Technology Network Agreement
- Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Agreement & Business Associate Addendum Unite Us
- 1st Reading Resolution 22-09-02 Food Service License Fees & Social Media Policy
- Tobacco Health Equity Agreement

Professional Development

Lakyn Craig presented education on the 2022 Community Health Assessment.

The Healthier Muskingum County Network includes community partners from 45 local agencies. This group met to review data and develop the 2022 Community Health Assessment. Currently, ZMCHD staff facilitate the Healthier Muskingum County Network.

Based on the data from this assessment, the group also develops and evaluates the Community Health Improvement Plan. The 2022 Community Health Assessment is available online at www.zmchd.org/community-health-planning.

Get Vaccinated

- It's the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (Flu).
- Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.
- Call 740-454-9741 to schedule your flu vaccine today!

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Drive-thru the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department parking lot located at 205 N. 7th Street.

Prescription and over the counter tablets, capsules, liquid dosage, intra-venous solutions, injectables and needles are accepted.

Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not accepted.

Medications may be left in original containers, but it is not necessary. Personal information will be destroyed.

This event is sponsored by the Muskingum County Sheriff’s Office, Muskingum Behavioral Health, Genesis Healthcare System, Northside Pharmacies, and the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department.

ZMCHD: An Investment in Your Health

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department is seeking renewal of a 1 mill levy that expires in 2022. This is the same millage voters approved in 2012 and THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX. The cost to homeowners is $20.57 per $100,000 home or $1.71 per month.

The levy funds daily services and operations including food safety inspections, disease investigations, vaccinations, mosquito control activities, plumbing and sewage system inspections, home visiting, nutrition education, care coordination, and linkage to resources.

Everyone who lives in or travels through Zanesville and Muskingum County benefits from Health Department programs and services.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Infant Safe Sleep

Infant caregivers and service/healthcare providers can join Safe to Sleep and its partners to encourage safe infant sleep and help raise awareness about ways to reduce the risk of SIDS.

Despite decreases in rates of SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths, more than one-third of sudden unexpected infant deaths that occur in the United States each year are from SIDS.

Research also shows that unsafe sleep areas, such as those that include non-fitted sheets, blankets, or stuffed toys, remain a leading cause of infant death.

Help spread the word about safe infant sleep!

**Cribs for Kids** provides Graco Pack-n-Play cribs to families who do not have a safe place for their baby to sleep. The mission of this program is to prevent infant deaths that occur due to accidental suffocation, asphyxia, or other undetermined causes during sleep. Cribs are provided through the Prenatal and Maternal/Newborn Home Visiting Program after a safe sleep assessment is completed.

For more information, contact Tabby Jackson at 740-450-3275 extension 305.
Personnel Update

The Board of Health approved the following:

Retirement
Bonnie Kirsch, Director of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention & Control

Reclassification/Promotion
Katie Eltringham, Program Assistant to Administrative Assistant 2

ZMCHD welcomed the following employees:
Connor Tyo, Social Work Intern
Tamala Marshall, Public Health Nurse

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ZMCHD Awarded National Accreditation

The Zanesville Muskingum County Health Department announced it has been awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Established in 2007, PHAB is the nonprofit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation.

"We are so pleased to be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement," said Corey Hamilton, MS, RD, LD, Health Commissioner. "We hope this announcement will reassure our community, our partner organizations, our funders and our elected officials that the services we provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. By continuing to improve our services and performance, we can be sure we are meeting the public health needs of those we serve as effectively as possible."

The national accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation’s governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. More than 80 percent of the U.S. population now reap the benefits of being served by a health department that has undergone PHAB’s rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets a set of quality standards and measures.

Public health departments are on the front lines of communities’ efforts to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury. Health departments provide services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.
Upcoming Events

November Events
Nov 3, 10 & 17: Parental Support, 9:30-11:30am
Nov 5: Free Car Seat Check Event
Nov 8: Election Day
Nov 11: Closed Veterans Day
Nov 17: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet
Nov 21: Public Health Thank You Day
Nov 24 & 25: Closed for Thanksgiving

December Events
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Parental Support, 9:30-11:30am
Dec 15: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Microsoft Teams
Dec 22: Breastfeeding Café, 1:00pm
Dec 26: Closed for Christmas

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