RESOLUTIONS/CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

The Board of Health approved the following:

- Variance Sewage Treatment System
- Access Tusc Bridges to Wellness Agreement
- ODH Lead Investigation Contract Amendment
- Perry County Plumbing Service Agreement
- Manufactured Home Park Inspections for FY2024-2025
- Mosquito Control Grant
- Ohio State University Student Contract
- Licking/Fairfield Community Action Agency Homeless Youth Services Project Contract
- Portsmouth City Health Department Memo of Understanding
- Early Intervention Service Coordination Grant Agreement
- Carry Over Funds Mini-Grant Memos of Understanding
- Amendment to HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Grant
- Variance Continuing Education for Registration Renewal
- ODH STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) Medication Program Amendment
- Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ann Hollingsworth presented the final 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

The priorities include Workforce Development, Community Engagement, and Program Evaluation.

The goals for Workforce Development are to build a team, enhance our leadership skills, and enhance staff competencies.

For Community Engagement, the goals are to enhance relationships with community partners, engage the targeted population, and monitor the Community Health Improvement Plan.

The Program Evaluation goals are to evaluate our programs in a more detailed way, and to make sure we use that evaluation to perform quality improvement.

A review of the objectives for each goal was discussed.
**LYME DISEASE**

Heading into warm summer months, Lyme Disease cases start to increase.

There were three (3) confirmed cases of Lyme Disease in April, six (6) confirmed cases in May, and one (1) confirmed case in June.

This does not include suspected cases. They are not included in our reportable counts, but those cases are still investigated to share education with the community.

Our environmental health staff provides tick identification at no charge to Muskingum County residents.

**Be TICK SMART**

**Protect Yourself Against Lyme Disease**

1. Walk in the middle of trails and stay away from doorknobs, brush, and leaf litter.
2. Use EPA-registered repellents with DEET according to label instructions.
3. Use permethrin for clothing according to label instructions.
4. Wear long pants, long sleeves and long socks; tuck pant legs into socks.
5. Wear light colors to make it easier to see ticks.

Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM.

**DROWNING: DID YOU KNOW?**

- There are about 4,000 drownings each year in the United States.
- Nearly half of drownings occur between 4 & 6pm, while parents are normally cooking.

**DROWNING PREVENTION**

Follow all steps for best water safety practices.

- Provide constant supervision. Designate a “water-watcher.”
- Install door and pool alarms.
- Include 4-sided fencing around pools.
- Avoid wearing blue while swimming.
- Enroll your child in swimming lessons.
- Do not rely on floaties.
- Collect pool toys.
- In open water, use Coast Guard approved life jackets.

**ADVICE FROM PARENTS**

Quotes from prominent Water Safety advocates.

- “Nobody cares about the solution, if they don’t think the problem is theirs. The problem is everyone’s.”
  - Nicole Hughes
- “If you’re ever missing your child, the first place you always look is water because every second counts.”
  - Morgan Miller

**SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS**

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Provide close and constant attention to children, even when a lifeguard is present.
- Designate a “water watcher” whenever in a group setting.

**Ohio.Gov/Tick**

- Check your whole body for ticks and promptly remove any you find. Shower soon after being outside where ticks might be.
- Continue doing tick checks 2 to 3 days after outdoor activities in tick-infested areas.
- Watch for symptoms which may include fever, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, fatigue, or rash.
- Tell your health care provider if you do get symptoms.
- Ask your veterinarian about protection for your furry friends.

*Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tickborne disease in Ohio. The best way to prevent tickborne disease is to prevent tick bites.*
KICK BUTTS DAY

The weather cooperated for the rescheduled, Kick Butts Day/Cleanup.

Over 35 students, teachers, city officials, volunteers from Home Depot, and staff turned out for the event.

Zanesville High School had teams consisting of the FFA, Outdoor Adventure Club and Earth Club competing to see who would collect the most tobacco products.

Zanesville Fire Chief, Jeff Bell and Police Chief, Scott Comstock gave words of encouragement and a presentation before the event.

We presented a safety training on the Do’s and Don’ts.

Students gathered the following week for the recipient of the winning prize.

Students asked to have another event next year and possibly make it a competition with other schools.

We love it when local youth contribute to tobacco prevention!

PERSONNEL UPDATE

The Board of Health approved the following:

Promotion

Dusty Ziemer from Program Assistant to Main Office Team Lead.

Resignation

Diana Zaato, Epidemiologist

Retirement

Kathy Kushnir, LPN, Public Health Nurse
Mission:
To use best practices to prevent illness, protect our health and promote well-being.

Vision:
Muskingum County is the healthiest place to live, learn, work, and play.

Values:
Respect diversity and practice inclusion.
Be accountable, ethical and equitable.
Practice continuous process improvement.
Be helpful, adaptive, and take pride in providing excellent service.
Engage with our communities and work as a team to achieve desired results.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August
17: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual access available, Microsoft Teams
29: Staff Meeting/Office Closed, 3:00-4:30pm
31: Overdose Awareness Day, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Muskingum County Courthouse

September
4: Closed in Observance of Labor Day
21: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual access available, Microsoft Teams
26: Staff Meeting/Office Closed, 3:00-4:30pm

October
3: Flu/COVID Clinic, TBA
9: Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
19: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual access available, Microsoft Teams
31: Staff Meeting/Office Closed, 3:00-4:30pm