

MEIGS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



2015 Annual Report

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MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- ✓ MEIGS COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET ESTABLISHED AND SUCCESSFUL
- ✓ PROJECT DAWN IMPLEMENTED
- ✓ VEGGIE U NOW OFFERED IN ALL 3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AT MID-VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- ✓ MEIGS COUNTY "CLEANUP DAYS" SUCCESSES
- ✓ CRIBS-FOR-KIDS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED
- ✓ FORMED GET-HEALTHY-MEIGS! (public health partners in Meigs County)
- ✓ RESTABLISHED THE CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH) PROGRAM (FORMALLY THE BCMH)
- ✓ ASSISTED WITH THE OHIO RIVER MEDICAL MISSION
- ✓ WIC RECEIVED APPRECIATION FROM THE OHIO PARTNERS FOR SMOKE FREE FAMILIES 5A'S PERINATAL SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM
- ✓ NEW ROOF INSTALLED ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING
- ✓ ESTABLISHED A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL WITHIN HEALTH DEPT.
- ✓ OUTREACH FLU CLINICS HELD IN 3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- ✓ SPONSORED/SUPPORTED THE "WHO'S YOUR MUDDER" 5K MUD RUN
- ✓ SITE VISIT BY THE US-CDC, ARC, & MARSHALL U.OF TOGETHER ON DIABETES (TOD) PROGRAM
- ✓ RECEIVED EBOLA FUNDING FOR THE FORMATION OF A CARE PLAN
- ✓ COLLABORATED WITH MATURE SERVICES TO PLACE A SENIOR WORKER WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- CONTINUED STAFF PARTICIPATION OR LEADERSHIP IN RELAY FOR
 LIFE; MEIGS COUNTY CANCER INITIATIVE, INC; MEIGS COUNTY CHILD
 AND FAMILY HEALTH CONSORTIUM; LEPC; MEIGS COUNTY
 HEALTHCARE COALITION; OSU EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD; MEIGS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN
 FIRST COUNCIL: CREATING HEALTH COMMUNITIES (CHC) COALITION; MEIGS CO. PREVENTION
- ✓ PLACED NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATION SIGNAGE NEAR THE ENTRANCE
- ✓ COLLABORATED WITH OHIO UNIVERSITY FOR INTERNSHIPS AND A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO
- ✓ COORDINATED THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW BOARD (reviewed (1) 2013 death and (2) 2014 deaths)



COALITION (DRUG TASK SERVICE)













Aimee Imbrosciano, MPH, MSN, RN Health Commissioner

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure to provide you with the Meigs County Health Department (MCHD) 2015 Annual Report.

What you are about to read represents the united efforts and hard work of many individuals who call Meigs County their home. This includes the small but mighty group of MCHD employees and numerous community partners, including businesses, schools, faith groups, service organizations, and others who recognize the power of working together towards a shared vision.

I believe we all want the same thing at the end of the day: a county that is safe, where we can raise our children, run or start a successful business, have opportunities for personal and professional growth, and just live a long, healthy life. We are all at different stages in life and have many different life stories. Some of us have experienced great tragedy in 2015, while others would say it was their best year. On September 26, 2015, tragedy became personal when I received a call that my 31-year old son was gone. Many lives changed forever, including my own.

I share that, in hopes that one day I can help someone who endures a similar loss. We all have our own unique "first aid kit" within us to help someone else. Certainly, Meigs County has its share of hurting people who use drugs or alcohol to escape life. Families without food, running water, or a bed to sleep in. Just necessities of life. HOWEVER, what we do have is each other, and many of us have been around the block to have that tenacity and stubbornness needed to beat the odds. Let this be the year that we use our first aid kits to help another. I promise life will never feel so good.

In fact, let us chose to live each day of 2016 as if tomorrow is not promised, because it really is not. I challenge every person, from youngest to oldest; to take inventory of what you can offer to make Meigs County the home we dream it to be. And it will.

And the MCHD will continue to do what we do for you, one day at a time.

MEIGS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



From left to right: Mr. Gene Jeffers; Mr. Roger Gaul; Mr. Marty Cline; Dr. James Witherell; Mr. Jim Clifford, Jr.



Courtney Midkiff, BSC Administrator Registrar



Greetings,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Meigs County Health Department (MCHD)! The MCHD employs a small, but dedicated staff (presently consisting of 17 full and part-time employees). We have been serving the residents of Meigs County since (circa) 1920 by preventing, promoting and protecting public health through mandated programs: Environmental Health, Public Health Nursing and Vital Statistics as well as various auxiliary programs most currently including WIC; Children With Medical Handicaps; Public Health Emergency Response; Child and Family Health Services; Creating Healthy Communities/Together on Diabetes and Reproductive Health and Wellness Program.

In Ohio, local health departments are political sub-divisions of the State. The MCHD is governed by a five member Board of Health (BOH), which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5PM at our office located at 112 E. Memorial Drive in Pomeroy. BOH meetings are open to the public. BOH members are appointed to five year terms by the District Advisory Council, which consists of the presidents of each Board of Township Trustees; the president of the Board of County Commissioners and Village Mayors. Work of the MCHD is supported by a one mill tax levy; fees for services; State subsidy; federal/state grants and awards from other sources.

What do you think about the local health department? Many people believe that the services we provide are only available for those who have Medicaid or who are otherwise disadvantaged. This is a myth. The MCHD is a resource for all residents regardless of age or income. And, we are about so much more than "just shots!" In this report you will learn more about our programs and how they provide you with the 10 Essential Public Health Services."

VITAL STATISTICS

197 - Registered deaths in 2015 (182 natural causes, 8 accidental, 5 suicide, 2 undetermined) Leading causes of death as reported:

"Cardiac" & "Cancer"

Registered 3 Home Births Registered 2 Fetal Deaths Issued Certified Copies

- ✓ Death = 674
- ✓ Birth = 468
- ✓ Burial Permits Issued = 183

HOSTED THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MOBILE MAMOGRAPHY

73 out of 82 available appointments (during 4 clinics)

Total Ladies Necessitating F/U = 3

Total Breast Cancer Diagnosis = 0

Total Screening mammograms paid for by MCCI's Pink with Purpose = 7 66 patients were covered by self-pay, Medicare, Medicaid or commercial insurance.





Sharon Buchanon, AAB Fiscal Officer Deputy Registrar

FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue	
Total Public Health	\$279,707.00
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Local Funding	
Donations	\$1,929.00
Personal Health	\$37,651.00
Environmental	\$86,280.00
Health	
Vital Statistics Fees	\$29,218.00
Reimbursements	\$53,224.00
Non-State Grants	\$82,786.00
Severance Funding	\$4,276.00
Transfers In	\$90,993.00
MAC fund	\$14,895.00
Miscellaneous	\$382.00
State Grant Funds	\$457,146.00
Federal Funds	0
Total Revenue	\$1,312,138.00

Expenditures	
State Remitted Funds	\$25,954.00
Personal Health	\$87,347.00
Environmental Health	\$99,942.00
Health Promotion	\$298,420.00
General Administration	\$339,529.00
Vital Statistics	\$21,567.00
Laboratory	\$1,696.00
Accreditation	\$30,760.00
Epidemiology	\$3,670.00
Emergency Preparedness	\$82,849.00
Total Expenditures	\$965,780.00

Note:

A \$90,000 minimum carryover is required to cover Board of Health costs until April of the following year.

State Grant Funding total includes partial payments for 2016 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 & October 1, 2015



Leanne Cunningham, RN, BSN, CLC Director of Nursing Public Health Nursing Program



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING STATISTICS

Immunizations: 1098.

53 In-house Immunization Clinics

3 Outreach Flu Shot Clinics at each school district

17 Hepatitis C Tests given

10 HIV Tests given

50 Pregnancy Tests provided

15 Head Lice Screenings provided

3 Vision Assistance for Children provided

2 Vision Assistance for Adults provided

2 Lead Hemoglobin Tests provided

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINICS

155 patients seen, 58 new clients

added to the program

23 Clinics held

123 Blood Pressure checks

99 Breast Exams given

66 PAP tests given

7 Male exams provided

115 Body Mass Index Screenings

174 DepoProvera shots given

103 Other Birth Control issued



Staff: Sherry Hayman, RN

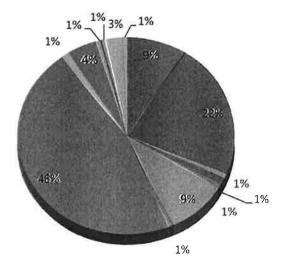
"PROJECT DAWN" PROGRAM (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)

Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program.

7 Project DAWN participants received training on:

- Recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose
- Distinguishing between different types of overdose
- Performing rescue breathing
- Calling emergency medical services
- Administering intranasal Naloxone

2015 Ohio Disease Reporting System Cases in Meigs County



- 14 cases Campylobacteriosis
- 35 cases Chlamydia infection
- 1 case Coccidioidomycosis
- 2 cases Gonococcal infection
- 1 case Hepatitis B (including delta) acute
- 14 cases Hepatitis B (including delta) chronic
- 1 case Hepatitis C acute
- 72 cases Hepatitis C chronic
- 2 cases Influenza ODH Lab Results
- 7 cases Influenza-associated hospitalization
- 1 case Legionellosis Legionnaires' Disease
- 1 case Meningitis aseptic/viral
- 4 cases Salmonellosis
- 1 case Streptococcus pneumoniae invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate
- 10



Angela Rosler, RN CMH Coordinator



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH), previously known as 'BCMH', is a comprehensive health care program funded in part by the Ohio Department of Health. The program connects families of children 0-21 years of age with quality providers and assist families in obtaining coverage for medical cost related to an eligible condition.

Received \$25,000 grant from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation for program support *25 home visits and 3 IEP (Individual Education Program) meeting.

*55 patients (*41 children were active in 'Treatment'; 7 in 'Diagnostic';

6 in 'Service Coordination' programs)

*CMH billed for claims totaling: \$19,930.00 and 2015 ODH/CMH claims paid: \$16,520.00

CMH program collaborated with Family and Children First Council's program called 'Intersystems Service Coordination'. This program allows for local agencies to meet monthly and collaborate on cases so to meet individualized goals, provide transportation assistance, and help with service coordination. In 2015, CMH was able to assist and collaborate with **7 common families in need.**

The CMH program has completed several community outreach projects that include monthly meetings, social media and newspaper articles, distribution of informational materials to schools, education activities at community events and coordinated the placement of several billboards regarding the CHM program.

ONE OF MANY CMH PROGRAM SUCCESS STORIES:

Donald has a chronic and debilitating condition. Upon meeting Donald for the first time, his caregivers were struggling to provide care to him. Several agencies had ceased their services and left family members to provide round the clock care for Donald. Although they were happy to have the time with their loved one, the lack of equipment and Donald's size made care difficult. The family had applied for waiver services and talked with area schools about services, but did not have success. Following a CMH visit, a referral to Inter-system's Coordinator, Brooke Pauley was immediately submitted on his behalf to begin providing additional resources and assistance with Donald's needs. Through collaborations with Job and Family Services, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, and several resources within the waiver program itself, Donald was approved for a Medicaid Waiver. The waiver now allows for several hours of nursing care every week and needed equipment. The family, despite some stressful situations, has been doing very well. WOUB, a public TV station out of Athens, Ohio released a story on the family that can be accessed at: http: http://woub.org/2016/01/30/a-familys-struggle-against-time/.



Steve Swatzel, RS Director of Environmental Health Sanitarian

2015 Staff: Coleen Murphy Smith, Registered Sanitarian

"2015 SPRING & FALL CLEAN UP DAYS"

Collaborated with Ohio EPA, Meigs Soil and Water Office and the County Commissioners on 5/2/2015 & 9/12/2015

RECYCLING TOTALS:

48.9 tons of solid waste

3661 scrap tires

8.6 tons of scrap metal

340 electronics recycled

90 volunteers from the community, churches, schools and other government offices





Ohio River Medical Mission - June 2-11, 2015

- *Staffed the support operations of the veterinary services
- *Staff completed over 250 work hours
- *Coordinated over 60 volunteers
- *Totals:

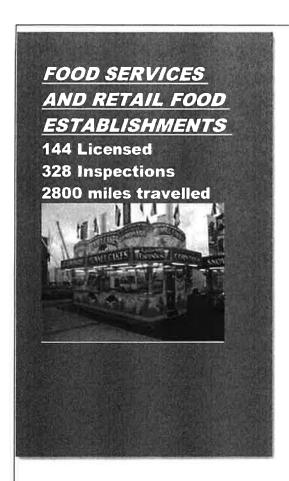
986 Dogs & Cats examined

950 Dogs & Cats vaccinated for Rabies and Distemper

97 Dogs & Cats spayed or neutered

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

- √ 59 Rabies/Animal Bite investigations (40 dogs, 16 cats, 1 raccoon) (2 specimens tested)
- ✓ 4 Mobile Home Park inspections
- ✓ 20 Public School health and safety inspections
- 3 Inspections of Tattoo & Body Piercing operations (2 of unlicensed operators known as "scratchers")
- ✓ 10 Public Campgrounds licensed and inspected
- ✓ 5 Public Swimming Pools licensed and inspected
- ✓ 6 (New) Private Water Wells were permitted
- ✓ 31 Water Samples collected and tested for bacterial contamination.
- √ 10 Bed Bug complaint investigations
- ✓ 12 Indoor mold complaint investigations including 7 Statements of conditions provided in landlord/tenant disputes*
- √ 500 scrap tires recycled for the Meigs Soil and Water Litter Crew
- ✓ 20 Solid waste nuisance complaints investigated 80% abated
- ✓ 20 inspections completed of solid waste disposal facilities active and closed
- ✓ 28 garbage trucks registered/inspected
- ✓ 3 infectious waste large generators inspected



Licenced Food Service and Retail Establishments in 2015 Temporary Food Operations Mobile Food Operations Vending Risk Level 4 Risk Level 4 Risk Level 3 Risk Level 2 Risk Level 1

Risk Level 1 - dollar stores, gas stations, and bars

Vending - Temperature control

Risk Level 2 - coffee shops

Risk Level 3 – restaurants, delis, schools, and Non-profits

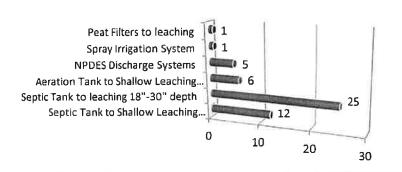
Mobile Food – Trucks, Trailers, BBQ, etc. Temporary Food – Single events,

Grocery stores

Risk Level 4 – nursing homes, schools, restaurants

SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS *65 site reviews *57 installation permits issued *130 inspections of new and existing systems *3000 miles traveled

Type of Septic Systems Permitted in 2015



Sewage Treatment Systems Contractors

2015-26 installers------2014-28 installers
2015-12 septage haulers-----2014-11 septage haulers
2015-8 service providers-----2014-8 service providers

2015-*150 septic tanks pumped by septage haulers = *140,000 gallons of septage





Julie Simpson, RN, BSN, LSN CFHS Coordinator

Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) Program is an organized community effort to eliminate health disparities, improve birth outcomes and improve the health status of women, infants and children in Ohio. The program's focus is on low-income women and children in socio-economic, racial and ethnic groups that are disproportionately affected by poor health in geographic areas and populations of highest need.

Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI)

- *Conducted a community education campaign to promote infant safe sleep practices among families, caregivers, and other agencies.
- *Provided 13 cribs to qualified families through *Cribs for Kids* program.
- *Partnered with WIC and Help Me Grow Home Visiting to provide safe sleep education and assistance to families in need of a crib.
- *Conducted safe sleep outreach including presentations at local meetings, health fairs, social media messages and public service announcements to promote the safe sleep message.







Veggie U is a nationwide program that allows students to know the importance of good nutrition, the concept of sustainable agriculture, and how vegetables are grown.

*Provided Garden Projects at <u>all 3 county schools districts</u> (Eastern, Meigs, Southern) and in Mid-Valley Christian School.

*Reaches between 200-250 children in Meigs County.



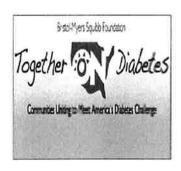
Laura Cleland, BSH, CHES CHC/TOD Grant Coordinator

Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) is committed to preventing and reducing chronic disease statewide. Through cross-sector collaboration, we are activating communities to

improve access to and affordability of healthy food, increase opportunities for physical activity, and assure tobacco-free living where Ohioans live, work and play. By implementing sustainable evidence-based strategies, CHC is creating a culture of health.



Together on Diabetes™ (TOD) is a philanthropic program of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. It was launched in November 2010 with the goal to improve the health outcomes of people living with type-2 Diabetes in the United States by strengthening patient self-management education, community-based supportive services and broad-based community mobilization.



2015 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Assessed 26 organizations using the CHANGE Tool to identify and prioritize community needs.
- ✓ Resurfaced the basketball Court in Pomeroy.
- ✓ Paved the Ferman Moore walking trail in Middleport
- ✓ Paved the walking path on the Eastern Local School District's campus.
- ✓ Established the Meigs County Farmer's Market.
- ✓ Developed the Mid-Valley Christian School garden and the Carleton School / Meigs Industries garden.
- ✓ Implemented the Book a Bike Program at the Middleport and Pomeroy Public Libraries.
- ✓ Installed two water fountains at Star Mill Park in Racine.
- ✓ Improved the Meigs High School Cross Country Course.
- ✓ Hosted representatives from the CDC and ARC to highlight projects accomplished across Meigs County.









Frank Gorscak
PHEP Coordinator

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant is a federal grant administered through the Ohio Department of Health to coordinate and

better prepare various County agencies in the event of bio-terrorism or other public health emergencies.

MCHD PHEP PROGRAM 2015-2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Allocated \$63,439.00 for the general PHEP grant.
- ✓ Maintained 1 full salary and 1 partial salary.
- ✓ Used various aspects of the MCHD Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) and Meigs Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteer Plan to plan and carry out the Ohio River Medical Mission on June 2-12, 2015 at Meigs High School and Meigs Fairgrounds servicing the medical needs of over 2000 people and 900 pets in collaboration with Buckeye Hills and the U.S. Army Reserves as a training exercise.
- ✓ Used Point of Dispensing Plan (POD Plan) to carry out three outreach flu vaccination clinics at the 3 county high schools: Southern, Eastern and Meigs. We also successfully utilized the Meigs MRC Volunteers for this.
- Used PIO skills frequently through the use of Facebook and Twitter accounts to alert County partners and citizens of happenings in the health department.
- ✓ Received an additional \$25,000 for adding an Ebola and Class A. Reportable Infectious Disease (CAREID) plan to our current MCHD EOP.
- ✓ Designed and carried out Tabletop Exercises (TTX) with the Meigs Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) on Hazardous Materials and Ebola.
- Carried out a table top exercise with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), South Central Ohio Public Health (SCOPHC) as a Coalition to test our public health skills in the aftermath of an earthquake.
- ✓ Participated as a member of the Gallia-Meigs Regional Healthcare Coalition.
- ✓ Received trainings in:
 - 1. Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and wearing of said PPE in Ebola situations.
 - 2. Effective use of Twitter and Facebook as communications media
 - 3. Received FEMA certification for Active Shooter situations.









BLUMED MOBILE HOSPITAL



William Lambert, RN Director of WIC

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a supplementary nutrition education program. WIC also provides nutritious foods that promote good health for pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants, and children up to age 5.



Meigs County WIC provides nutrition education classes twice monthly and infant feeding classes twice monthly. It also provides one on one nutrition education (including health history, height, weight, hemoglobin testing) tailoring the experience to each individual served.

WIC served 592 local participants in 2015

- ✓ Three of our staff attended the annual Ohio Lactation Consultant Association educational conference
 and were able to incorporate the latest innovations and information to assist breastfeeding moms
 and infants.
 - > Breastfeeding rates among participants rose to 25%.
- ✓ Meigs WIC staffed an informational, breastfeeding, and diaper changing station at the 2015 Meigs Medical Mission that exposed WIC to 3,000 area residents and regional media outlets.
- ✓ Meigs WIC successfully piloted the "5 A's Perinatal Smoking Cessation Program"
 - > Honored by the Ohio Department of Health & Ohio Partners for Smoke Free Families
- ✓ Meigs WIC was one of the first programs in Ohio to institute the change from WIC coupons to the new WIC Nutrition Card EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) system.

Staff: Sherry Eagle, CLC; Wendy McGee, RD; Ashley Lawson, ABA; Latasha Cossin; Ellen Mingus RD,LD













Michelle Willard, AAB Accreditation Coordinator Administrative Assistant

Hired in October 2015



Helping raise the standard for public health.

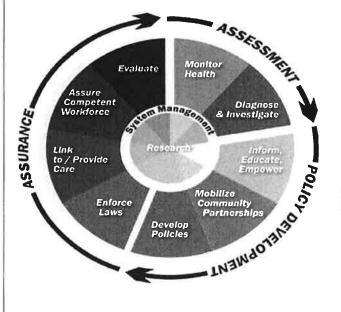
The Public Health Accreditation Board, (PHAB) is the independent organization that administers the public health national accreditation program. The goal is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of the

nation's Tribal, state, local and territorial health departments. National accreditation standards address the array of public health functions set forth in the "10 Essential Public Health Services."

- ✓ The State of Ohio is requiring all local and state health departments become nationally accredited by 2020.
- ✓ The Meigs County Health Department has set the goal to apply by <u>December 2017</u>. Documentation required include:
 - > Community Health Assessment, completed in 2015
 - > Community Health Improvement Plan, in progress
 - > Organizational Strategic Plan, in progress
 - > Workforce Development Plan, in progress
 - Quality Improvement Processes, completed in 2015
 - > All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan update, completed in 2015
 - Compiling documentation to prove effective operations, in progress

Both challenging and exciting, the national accreditation process will push the entire department and its partners forward to our goal of a healthy community where every resident enjoys the best possible state of health and well-being.

10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES









Diagnose and investigate



Inform, educate and empower



Mobilize community partnerships



Develop policies



Enforce laws



Link to and provide care



Assure a competent workforce



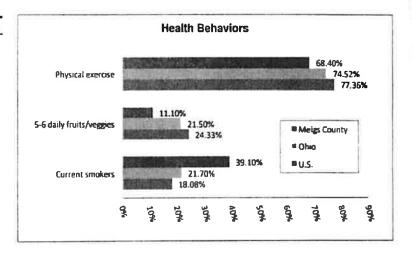
Evaluate



Research

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

With funds obtained from the Ohio Public Health Partnerships grant, the Meigs County Health Department contracted with the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs to conduct a Community Health Assessment (CHA) as part of the required health department accreditation process. The Health Department chose the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) model to guide their process. The MAPP model has six phases:



(a) Organizing, (b) Visioning, (c) Assessment, (d) Strategic Issues, (e) Goals/Strategies, and (f) Action Cycle. The Voinovich School provided technical assistance, facilitation, and data collection for portions of the first three MAPP phases. The Get Health Meigs! Coalition was instrumental in this ongoing process.

	Selected Health Indicators	Meigs County	Ohio	U.S.	Data Year
Leading Causes of Death (Age-Adjusted Death Rates per 100,000 Population)	Heart Disease	273.12	196.85	184.55	2007-2011
	Lung Disease	64.91	51.27	42.67	2007-2011
	Lung Cancer	63.10	57.10	50.60	2006-2010
	Unintentional Injury	49.40	40.49	38.85	2007-2011
	Stroke	44.46	43.25	40.39	2007-2011
	Prostate Cancer	30.00	23.80	23.60	2006-2010
	Colorectal Cancer	28.30	18.10	16.70	2006-2010
Chronic	High Cholesterol	57.43%	38.70%	38.52%	2011-2012
	Obesity	34.10%	30.08%	27.14%	2012
Health Conditions	High Blood Pressure	30,30%	28.80%	28.16%	2006-2012
	Asthma	21.57%	13.80%	13.36%	2011-2012
	Diabetes	13.70%	10.14%	9,11%	2012
Maternal and Child Health	Low Birth Weight (below 2500g)	9.70%	8.60%	8.20%	2006-2012
	Teen Birth Rate (15-19) per 1,000 population	45.30	36.00	36.60	2006-2012
	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.20	7.70	6.52	2006-2010

TRENDS IDENTIFIED IN THE CHA

- *Detrimental economic issues.
- *Need for recreational areas.
- *Need to encourage healthy hehaviors.
- *High rates of chronic illness and mortality
- *Stigma related to mental health.
- *Perception that individuals are to "blame" for their own health issues.
- *Perception of substance abuse as a key issue in the community
- *Low awareness of treatment
 options for mental and behavioral
 health issues
- *Strong sense of community support