



Meigs County Health Department 2021 Annual Report

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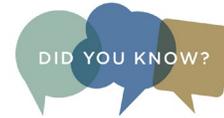




Health Commissioner
Marcus 'Marc' W. Barr, MS



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- ❖ The BOH meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the MCHD conference room, and Board Meeting minutes can be found on the MCHD website.
- ❖ The District Advisory Council (DAC) Annual Meeting was held March 23, 2021.

A Message from Health Commissioner Marc Barr...

I would like to extend gratitude to the community for passing our levy, which began January 1, 2021. This levy marked a critical time for public health, and I say “thank you” to the voters for their support. Twenty twenty-one was a successful year for the Meigs County Health Department. The calendar year brought additional workload, and our staff have continued to rise to the challenge of serving the community. Prevent, Promote, and Protect has always been the phrase we use when referring to public health. It is the method in which we carry out this phrase that has adapted over the last few years. The services we offered in 2019 (or pre-Pandemic) are still offered today, with additional services added to our plate. Our staff is Meigs County proud. I see this daily when our staff serves the public. This past year has had its difficulties, but the highs outnumber the lows. It is an awesome feeling to walk down the hall of the MCHD during a clinic and chat with an elderly couple wearing their Sunday best to come in for an appointment and to hear their appreciation for our efforts. Moments like that remind me that it is a privilege to serve the people of our great county. Thank you for a great 2021, and I am eagerly anticipating 2022!

MEIGS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)



Mr. Roger Gaul
BOH President



Mrs. Edna Weber
BOH Vice President



Wilma Mansfield, MD
BOH Medical Member



Mrs. Pam Patterson
BOH Member



Mr. Eric Rock
BOH Member



Douglas Hunter, MD
Contract Medical Director



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Message from BOH Vice President Edna Weber

The governing entity of the Meigs County Health Department (MCHD) is the Board of Health (BOH). The BOH meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5 PM in the conference room of the MCHD. The Meigs County BOH consists of five members, who are appointed by the District Advisory Council (DAC) to serve five-year terms. Current BOH members include: Roger Gaul; Eric Rock; Wilma Mansfield, MD; Pam Patterson; and Edna Weber. Gaul is the current President and Weber is the current Vice President.

The mission of the BOH is to prevent, promote, and protect public health within Meigs County and to offer programs, education, and activities which ensure the accessibility of health services to Meigs County citizens. The role of the BOH is to adopt policies and to make such orders and regulations as are necessary for the promotion of health and prevention of disease; the abatement or suppression of nuisances; for the administration of the Health District to meet stated mission goals, Ohio Department of Health standards and requirements of the Ohio Public Health Council. Power and authority to perform such quasi-legislative, executive, and administrative functions is specified or implied in appropriate sections of the Ohio Revised Code. The BOH also may hear appeals from public health orders issued by Health District staff for extenuating circumstances with a view to either affirm, grant time extensions, provide waivers/approve variances when allowable, or refer to the local legal authority (County Prosecutor) for appropriate legal action. All meetings are open to the public and we invite those with issues, questions, or concerns to attend by contacting the office prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda. Agendas, as well as, all past meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.meigs-health.com, and we encourage you to periodically review these documents.

The BOH appoints a health commissioner for a term not exceeding five years. The present part-time Health Commissioner is Marc Barr. Since the Meigs County Health Commissioner is not a physician, the BOH provides for adequate medical direction of all personal health and nursing services by contracting with Douglas Hunter, MD. Meanwhile, full-time Administrator Courtney Midkiff oversees the daily operations of the MCHD.

BOH members are required to attend regular monthly meetings in order to develop long-range plans and goals, to validate policy and guidance is being properly implemented, and that behavior matches policy. BOH members also are required to participate in training throughout the year to keep updated with the ever-changing guidance. We are committed to the health and well-being of our Meigs County citizens by providing safe places to work and play, making sure all establishments are following guidelines as determined by policy, and improving the quality of life for all who reside in the area.

Your Meigs County BOH has worked very hard to complete those items required for accreditation while fielding every responsibility associated with the pandemic. Countless hours were given by your MCHD staff to keep you informed, create clinics, and give back to the community while suffering along with you from loss of loved ones, emotional, and physical exhaustion as guidance changed daily. And although this Pandemic is far from over, we are confident that your MCHD is standing ready and willing to handle all that comes toward them.



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Message cont.

With so much talk about the Pandemic, it is easy to lose sight of the daily operations of the MCHD. Not only does it provide vaccines for adults and children, it provides vital statistics requests, cancer patient assistance with transportation assistance, and mobile mammography clinics. Our nursing programs and services include, but are not limited to; tobacco cessation, Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone), and Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH). Meanwhile, Creating Healthy Communities is a vital part of helping with food pantries, exercise and playground equipment for various venues, vouchers for fresh produce for diabetics, and public education on a healthy lifestyle. Our WIC program serves an average of 423 income-eligible participants supporting pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five who are at risk for inadequate nutrition and health care. Our Environmental Health department assures that all food service requirements are met, and training is provided for those in restaurants and other businesses. Staff also are responsible for promoting an annual rabies clinic, oversee and participate in the Meigs County Clean-Up Day, and provide proper guidance on sewage services.

When I became a BOH member, I must admit I had little knowledge of the daily operations of your MCHD. I appreciate the opportunity given to me to become part of a team whose members are dedicated to your communities and bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to every aspect of the tasks set before them. Please visit www.meigs-health.com in order to become better acquainted with your MCHD.



Courtney Midkiff, BSC
Administrator/
Vital Statistics Registrar



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VITAL STATISTICS

Registered Home Birth	5
Non-Birthing Facility Birth Registered	1 (Holzer Meigs ER)
Certified Birth Certificates Issued	670
Certified Death Certificates Issued	1024
Burial Transit Permits Issued	340
Certificates of Service	2
Fetal Deaths Registered	0
Free Veterans' Copies Issued Upon Request	0
Total Revenue Collected	\$43,682
Total Revenue Collected & Remitted to ODH from Certified Copy Sales and Burial Permits	\$23,481.84

❖ Genealogy assistance is provided to the public as requested.

DEATHS

Total Registered Deaths Occurring in Meigs County	251
Natural Deaths	220
Accidents	20 (14 Overdoses)
Homicides	2
Suicides	6
Pending	0
Undetermined	3
COVID as Immediate Cause	4
COVID Listed on Death Certificate	14
Top Causes of Death	Cardiac; Cancer

CHILD FATALITY BOARD

❖ 1 child death that occurred in 2020 was reviewed on March 11, 2021 during the annual convening of the Meigs County Child Fatality Review Board.

Additional Vital Statistics Staff:



Michelle Willard, AAB
Administrative Assistant/
Accreditation Coordinator/
Deputy Registrar



Shauna Chapman
Clerical Specialist/
Vital Statistics Clerk



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CANCER PATIENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The MCHD collaborated with the Meigs County Cancer Initiative (MCCI) to disseminate gas vouchers and food cards to Meigs County Cancer patients traveling to medical appointments. Midkiff served as MCCI Secretary in 2021.

Month	Patients Served	Gas Vouchers	Food Gift Cards
January	15	27	10
February	14	26	11
March	14	25	9
April	12	21	7
May	13	25	10
June	16	31	11
July	13	25	8
August	14	26	9
September	17	31	10
October	14	26	11
November	16	29	10
December	13	24	9



MCCI
Meigs County Cancer Initiative, Inc.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY CLINICS

Collaborative efforts between the MCHD and The Ohio State University:

- ❖ The MCHD is the host location for the Ferman E. Moore American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center.

Total OSU Mammography Screenings	48 out of 57 completed
Total Ladies Necessitating Follow Up	2
Total Breast Cancer Diagnosis	1
Total Clinics Hosted	3
Total Screenings Paid for by Southeast Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (SEOBCCP)	4
Total Screenings Paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or Commercial Insurance	44



OTHER

Midkiff is President of the Meigs County Family and Children First Council (FCFC), Vice President of the Meigs County Community Prevention Coalition, Chair of Get Healthy Meigs! (GHM!), member of Meigs County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and Meigs County Healthcare Coalition.

Midkiff also serves on one Community Advisory Board for OSU research projects and the OSU/Meigs Co. Extension/4H Advisory Board.



Jessica Snoke
Fiscal Officer
January-May 2021



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Courtney Midkiff
Administrator/
Vital Statistics Registrar/
Fiscal Officer May-Dec 2021

2021 Financial Report

Please see the 2021 Annual Financial Report completed by Charles E. Harris & Associates on the Meigs County Health Department's website www.meigs-health.com.





Leanne Cunningham
RN, BSN
Director of Nursing



Sherry Hayman, RN
Certified Tobacco
Treatment Specialist



Terri Hoschar, BSN
Public Health Nurse
January-October 2021

2021 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

“PROJECT DAWN” PROGRAM (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) to address opioid overdoses in an attempt to save lives:

- ❖ 49 Naloxone kits provided to community residents
- ❖ 27 Naloxone kits provided to Law Enforcement and First Responders

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- ❖ Vaccines (school-age) administered during daily in-house Immunization Clinics-307
- ❖ 52 Flu shots and 10 COVID-19 shots administered at the Fifth Annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic held at the Meigs County Farmers’ Market.
- ❖ Additional Outreach Flu Clinics were held at the Meigs County Courthouse and Eastern Elementary.
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics were held at the MCHD, Meigs County Fairgrounds, Meigs County Council on Aging, Carleton School, Southern Local School District, and the Meigs County Farmers’ Market.
- ❖ 187 Flu Shots were administered in 2021
- ❖ 5,461 COVID-19 vaccines were administered in 2021

TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM:

- ❖ 26 Individuals received Tobacco Cessation Counseling through our Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) REPORTING AND CASE INVESTIGATION:

- ❖ 0 Families of SIDS victims were contacted during 2021

OTHER SERVICE NUMBERS:

- ❖ 3 Adults requested vision assistance
- ❖ 0 Children requested vision assistance
- ❖ 3 Lead and Hemoglobin Tests were provided
- ❖ 2 Children received blood lead investigation follow-up services
- ❖ 34 Pregnancy tests were provided
- ❖ 7 Head lice checks were performed
- ❖ 3 Walk-in blood pressure checks were provided
- ❖ 1 Rapid HIV test
- ❖ 0 Hepatitis C tests were administered due to lack of test kits provided by the Ohio Department of Health

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE:

- ❖ 2,533 Investigations of reportable communicable diseases
- ❖ Top five reportable diseases in 2021 for Meigs County:
 - #1 COVID-19-(2445 cases)
 - #2 Chlamydia-(32 cases)
 - #3 Hepatitis C-(chronic)-(25 cases)
 - #4 Campylobacteriosis-(11 cases)
 - #5 Gonorrhea-(7 cases)



Mikie Strite, MPH
Regional Epidemiologist



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Angella Rosler, RN
PHN, CMH Coordinator

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

'CMH', the program for Children with Medical Handicaps, previously known as 'BCMh', is a comprehensive health care program funded in part by the Ohio Department of Health. The MCHD CMH program served 98 families, with an average monthly caseload of 72 children in Meigs County during 2021. These families were eligible to receive personalized service coordination in addition to secondary health care coverage that may have included medications, copays, diagnostic procedures, physician visits, and even equipment that they may not have been able to afford otherwise.

As part of the service coordination aspect of the program, CMH served 16 families in collaboration with other agencies, including Early Intervention, Integrated Services, Hopewell Health Centers, and Family and Children First Council (FCFC). Meigs County families benefit greatly from the collaboration of agencies within the FCFC 'Inter-systems' program. Within this grant funded program, each qualifying family receives monthly meetings with a 'wrap around' service approach that includes all participating agencies to provide individualized and effective interventions for families. Some families need assistance with Individual Education Plans (IEPs); some need assistance with housing, while other families may be looking for assistance with equipment or learning devices for their child with medical needs. Whatever the need, the monthly meetings help to highlight each family and open the door to resources to improve their daily life. Admittedly, service coordination has been different during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Most facilities are offering virtual meetings and visits to ensure the safety of the public and maintain the recommended social distancing.

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many MCHD staff have increased their duties. As a public health nurse with the MCHD, I joined other staff to vaccinate Meigs County citizens as a public health service. Although the CMH program has maintained presence in the community by way of newsletters, community meetings (via ZOOM), and continued service coordination, the hours dedicated to the program were temporarily reduced many times in 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 response.

The MCHD CMH program continues to submit billing for reimbursement for services on a monthly basis. In 2019, our system was able to be updated to allow for electronic billing, which created a more efficient process and continued to be a benefit in 2021.

- ❖ **2021 CMH reimbursable total-\$16,600**
- ❖ **Distributed newsletters to CMH families, local agencies, and at community meetings to raise awareness about current local news and events.**
- ❖ **Assisted in the annual flu/COVID-19 vaccination clinic.**
- ❖ **Completed COVID-19 vaccination trainings.**
- ❖ **Assisted in multiple Meigs County COVID-19 vaccination clinics including several home visits to administer vaccinations.**



Steve Swatzel, REHS
Environmental Health Director



Dawn Keller, REHS
Inspector/Educator



Daschle Facemyer, REHSIT
Inspector

2021 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Food:

- ❖ 145 Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishment licenses issued
- ❖ 260 Inspections of Retail Food Establishments and Food Service Operations
- ❖ 33 Inspections of temporary food services, vending operations, and farm markets
- ❖ 48 Inspections of Mobile Food Services (11 locally licensed, 2 non-locally licensed)
- ❖ 7 Plan reviews for new food services and establishments
- ❖ 14 Food Service Workers trained and certified in food safety



Sewage:

- ❖ 79 Sewage Installation Permits issued
- ❖ 85 Site Reviews
- ❖ 73 Sewage System Operation Permits issued
- ❖ 2 Inspections/Approvals to land apply domestic septage
- ❖ 41 Septic registrations (22 Installers, 10 Service Pros, 9 Haulers)
- ❖ 232 Inspections of Sewage Treatment Systems



Animal Bites:

- ❖ 44 Rabies/Animal Bite Investigations (38 dog, 5 cat, 1 rodent)
- ❖ 3 Specimens sent for Rabies Testing (all negative)
- ❖ 61 Animals vaccinated at the Rabies vaccination clinic held in partnership with Dr. Kelley Grueser, DVM, of the Meigs Veterinary Clinic



Inspections:

- ❖ 18 Public School health and safety inspections
- ❖ 2 Inspections of Tattoo & Body Piercing operations
- ❖ 10 Public Campgrounds licensed and inspected
- ❖ 2 Public Swimming Pools licensed and inspected
- ❖ 15 Water samples collected and tested for bacterial contamination
- ❖ 111 Nuisance complaints investigated (14 COVID-19, 42 solid waste, 19 sewage, 14 other, 1 mosquito, 6 pests, 2 bedbugs, 2 mold)
- ❖ 6 Inspections completed of solid waste disposal facilities (active and closed)
- ❖ 13 Garbage trucks registered/26 inspected
- ❖ 1 Jail Inspection





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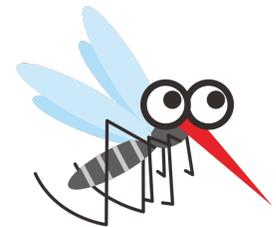


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Environmental Health cont.

Grants:

- ❖ 18 Household Sewage Treatment Systems repaired or replaced using \$100,000 in funding obtained through OEPA-Water Pollution Control Loan Fund
- ❖ \$19,969 awarded from the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Program
 - Treated and confirmed nuisance sites with larvicide when applicable
 - Provided “Fight the Bite” public service announcements on the radio
 - Increased areas of surveillance to include sites in Columbia and Olive Townships
 - Hired a summer intern to set traps and monitor area mosquito populations (168 traps set, 1657 mosquitos identified, no West Nile Virus detected)
 - Distributed 100+ mosquito safety kits containing repellent, larvicide, and educational materials.
 - Provided free scrap tire recycling for residents (2,529 scrap tires collected)
 - Removed 337 scrap tires and 2.24 tons of solid waste from an open dump in Salisbury Township that was serving as a mosquito breeding site
- ❖ Awarded \$16,000 from the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste District to conduct investigations and inspections in the solid waste program.
- ❖ Meigs County Clean-Up Day stats:
 - 365 vehicles and 86 trailers came through the line
 - 56 volunteers provided assistance
 - 1,476 tires were collected
 - 40.62 tons of solid waste was collected
 - 26.7 tons of scrap was collected





Michelle Willard, AAB
Administrative Assistant/
Accreditation Coordinator/
Deputy Registrar



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PROGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION IN 2021

- ❖ The MCHD participated in a Site Visit with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in January 2020. An Action Plan was received in September 2020 and completed in November 2021. A final review from PHAB concluded with the MCHD being awarded National Accreditation as of March 2022.
- ❖ Participated in 3 Get Healthy Meigs! meetings along with more than 25 other agencies.
- ❖ Courtney Midkiff and Michelle Willard have continued to serve as Chair and Secretary of Get Healthy Meigs! respectively.
- ❖ Started work on the MCHD's 2022-2025 Community Health Assessment (CHA) in partnership with Holzer Health System and Gallia, Jackson, and Vinton County Health Departments.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Assisted with in-office and off-site COVID-19, flu, and school-age vaccination clinics by registering patients by phone and in person.
- ❖ Provided Administrative duties as needed.
- ❖ Completed certification for Applied Data Analytics-Excel Specialist through the University of Rio Grande.





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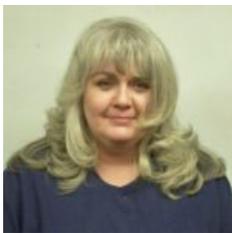


WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM

The WIC Program serves income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five who are at risk due to inadequate nutrition, health care, or both. The goal of ODH in releasing funds for the WIC Program is to protect and improve the health status and prevent health problems and promote good health within this population. This is accomplished through provision of a health and diet screening; individual and group nutrition education sessions; breastfeeding education and support; referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human services programs; and provision of supplemental, highly nutritious foods. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides the funding for all state WIC programs. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

- ❖ Served an average of 464 income eligible participants as of the Close-Out Report for fiscal year 2021 including:
 - ❖ 43 Pregnant Women
 - ❖ 13 Exclusively Breastfeeding Women
 - ❖ 3 Partially Breastfeeding Women
 - ❖ 33 Post-Partum Women
 - ❖ 16 Exclusively Breastfed Infants
 - ❖ 3 Partially Breastfed Infants
 - ❖ 137 Other Infants ages 0 to 12 Months
 - ❖ 216 Total Children ages 1 to 5 years
- ❖ Provided 50 participants with four \$5.00 vouchers in conjunction with regular benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at any Ohio Farmers Market

WIC Staff:



Sherry Eagle, CLC
WIC Director



Kimberly Casci
WIC Clerk



Jenna Petry, RN
Health Professional



Amber Evans
Breastfeeding Peer Helper



Ellen Mingus, RD, LD
Contractor



Sara Hill, BS
CHC Project Director/
Health Educator
January-May 2021



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Michael Davis
CHC Project Director/
Health Educator
May-November 2021

CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Vision: Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice.

Mission: Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Grant Program 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.

2021 Projects and Successes

- ❖ Constructed a new playground for the Chester community at the Angela Eason ballfields. This project was a much-needed asset for this area of the county, which lacked any park/playground since the closing of its elementary school many years ago. This project included community input and surveys, land assessment, and assistance from the Chester Youth Ball Association.
- ❖ Continued promotion of a Complete Streets policy in Pomeroy, which aims to support inclusion of all modes of transportation, including active—walking, biking, etc.—and vehicular. A bike repair station and bike racks were provided to the village to support this process.
- ❖ Racine’s Star Mill Park received a new large ADA accessible piece of playground equipment to help support the inclusion of all levels of ability for active living and play.
- ❖ Worked with Syracuse Pool to begin adoption of healthy Food Service Guidelines, with the goal of offering healthy food options at concessions. Provided a new refrigeration unit and food prep table to support this project.
- ❖ Began plans with the Rutland Village and Mayor to construct community gardens in that area, which would allow community members better access to healthy food options and outdoor activity.
- ❖ Worked with Tupper’s Plains Youth Ball Association to adopt healthy Food Service Guidelines, with the goal of offering healthy options at concessions. Provided a new refrigeration unit and shelving to support this project.
- ❖ Continued to manage and maintain the Meigs County CHC Coalition, although COVID-19 restrictions prevented face-face meetings as in past years.
- ❖ Took part in multiple community meetings during 2021, such as village council meetings, school wellness meetings, CHC Coalition meetings, and many more.



Chester Ball Fields-Before



Chester Ball Fields-After





Brody Davis, AAS
PHEP Coordinator/
PIO/MRC Coordinator
January-April 2021



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Shawn Cunningham
PHEP Coordinator/
PIO/MRC Coordinator
Hired in May 2021

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant is a federal grant administered through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate and better prepare various County agencies in the event of bio-terrorism or other public health emergencies.

PHEP Accomplishments 2021

- ❖ For the Fiscal year ending 6/30/2021, the MCHD received approximately \$75,946 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- ❖ A new Fiscal year began on 7/1/2021, with the grant totaling \$62,560 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- ❖ The Incident Command System was used until May 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Assisted in coordination of the Meigs County Health Department's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ❖ Received a COVID-19 response grant totaling \$355,000, which assisted in paying for multiple items including staff wages, purchasing personal protective equipment, a new mobile hospital system, and a truck to tow the multiple health department trailers.
- ❖ Assisted with over 30 off-site COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Meigs County Fairgrounds, Meigs County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Carleton, and the Meigs County Council on Aging.
- ❖ Erected Regional Blu-Med mobile hospital at the Meigs County Fairgrounds for COVID-19 response.
- ❖ Offered advice and approved multiple event plans, which complied to the COVID-19 public health orders issued by the State of Ohio.
- ❖ Passed all MARCS (ODH) radio communications exercises.
- ❖ Assisted with a successful flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic on 10/2/2021 at the Meigs County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ Continued as a member of the Meigs County Healthcare Coalition (MCHC).
- ❖ Continued as a member of the Meigs County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- ❖ Continued as a member of the Meigs County School Safety Council.
- ❖ Updated POD (Point of Dispensing) on Grants Management Information System (GMIS).
- ❖ Used the Ohio Public Health Communication System (OPHCS) to communicate MCHD weather delays and other information of note.
- ❖ A large building was erected which allows the Blu-Med mobile hospital trailer, the vaccine trailer, the newly purchased truck, and other equipment to be stored out of the weather.
- ❖ Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance training, Exercise Design and Evaluation training, and Recovery from Disaster training was completed.
- ❖ Donated Blu Med Mobile Hospital to Holzer in Gallipolis.



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Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises 990 community-based units and almost 200,000 volunteers located throughout the United States and its territories. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as, other community members without healthcare backgrounds.

MRC Accomplishments 2021

- ❖ Assisted with many successful drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinics January-March 2021 at the Meigs County Fairgrounds. Community volunteers and Nursing students from Meigs High School and Ohio University also provided assistance.
- ❖ Assisted with a successful flu-vaccination clinic on 10/2/2021 at the Meigs County Farmers' Market.

MCHD- IT/Public Information Officer (PIO) Accomplishments 2021

- ❖ Continued reconfiguration of the IT System.
- ❖ Continued to update computers and software throughout the MCHD.
- ❖ Published COVID-19 media releases throughout the Pandemic.
- ❖ Contracted with Local Impact to redesign website and provide assistance with social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter).
- ❖ All staff compiled weekly articles for The Pomeroy Sentinel and Meigs Independent Press.

COVID-19 Response and Grants

- ❖ The MCHD has continued COVID-19 response including, but not limited to: distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); providing assistance/information to agencies, businesses, and residents; vaccine planning, scheduling, and distribution.
- ❖ Bridging 2020 into 2021, the MCHD received a total of 8 COVID-19 specific, federally-funded grants totaling over \$800,000. These funds supported staff salaries (saving money in the general fund) and the hiring of a nurse to enable the MCHD to provide COVID-19 guidance to the public, businesses, schools, and long-term care facilities, provide contact tracing seven days per week, write and send test orders, and hold many COVID-19 vaccine clinics both at the health department and remotely within the county. It also supported much-needed resources, such as masks, gowns, face shields, and vaccine clinic supplies to meet the county's needs. Additionally, the MCHD was able to support the Meigs County Farmers Market and county residents by purchasing over \$4,800 in vouchers to be given out to Meigs County residents who utilize health department services.



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COVID-19 grant funds were used to purchase a truck, Blu-Med trailer, and storage building that will allow the MCHD to enhance services.





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Juli Simpson, RN, BSN, LSN
Health Educator/
MCHP Director

The **Maternal & Child Health Program (MCHP)** 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 Ohio Department of Health currently funds 58 projects in 64 counties across Ohio.

Adolescent Health and Resiliency

The 2021 grant funding for this program, which changes focus every 3-5 years, was used to support adolescent electronic cigarette/vaping prevention programming within our Meigs County school districts. The growing use of e-cigarettes, especially by young people, has become a serious public health threat in recent years. An evidence-based youth e-cigarette prevention program titled **CATCH My Breath** was initiated and implemented with the three public school districts (Eastern, Meigs, and Southern), specifically at the middle school and high school level. The MCHP implemented the curriculum at Eastern Middle/High School. A partnership with another local agency, whose scope and goals also align with adolescent prevention programming, allowed this curriculum to be delivered to Meigs and Southern school districts as well, allowing a large number of area youth to receive this important health information. Program activities in 2021 also included a media campaign with messaging to alert the public of the dangers surrounding this risky behavior. This included news articles, activities at the annual Prevention Day at the Meigs County Fair, and several billboards at multiple locations within Meigs County.



Cribs for Kids® Program

- ❖ Provided safe sleep education and cribs (called a *Safe Sleep Survival Kit*) for **15 Meigs County families** in 2021 who did not have a safe crib for their new baby.
- ❖ Since the program's beginning in March 2015, over 100 local families have been provided with safe sleep education and a safe crib for their baby.
- ❖ Provides referrals to other mother/baby/family programs such as WIC and Help Me Grow.



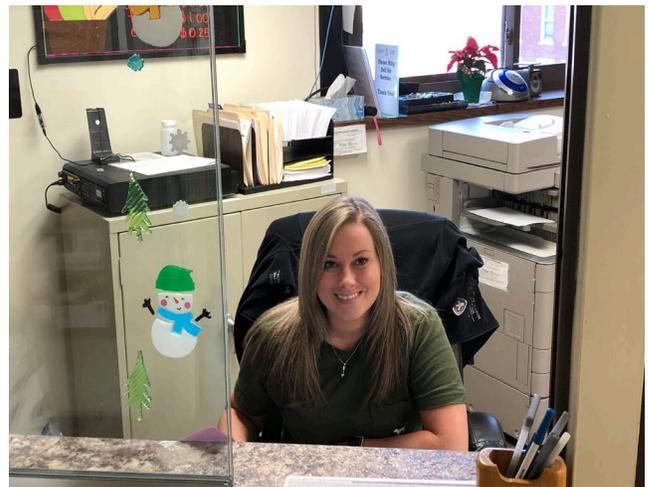


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Shauna Chapman, AAB
Clerical Specialist/
Vital Statistics Clerk

CLERICAL SPECIALIST

- ❖ Accurate collection of monies coming into the agency and delivery of the funds to the Fiscal Officer.
- ❖ Data entry for the Nursing and Environmental Health Departments.
- ❖ Handles transactions related to licenses, permits, etc. for a variety of operations such as food service and household sewage systems.
- ❖ Receives and assigns animal bite and nuisance reports.
- ❖ Registers patients for all clinical/nursing services offered.
- ❖ Issues certified copies of birth and death certificates.
- ❖ Answers and directs all incoming calls to the correct recipient.
- ❖ Updates the MCHD webpage with important announcements such as food recalls and boil advisories.
- ❖ Other administrative tasks as assigned.
- ❖ Assists with COVID-19-related activities such as answering calls, replenishing consents, and running registration at vaccine clinics.





Jennifer Richmond
HR Coordinator
Hired November 2021



Human Resources Coordinator

- ❖ The MCHD received a \$180,000 grant from ODH for Public Health Workforce (9/1/2021-6/30/2023). The MCHD elected to use this grant to hire an HR Coordinator and to increase the Health Commissioner's hours from four to ten hours per week.
- ❖ Serves as a liaison between senior leadership and staff.
- ❖ Advertises employment opportunities.
- ❖ Receives and reviews employment applications.
- ❖ Conducts interviews, offers jobs, and facilitates new employee onboarding.
- ❖ Maintains personnel files.
- ❖ Prepares, maintains, organizes, and reviews records of employee time, such as vacation, sick, flex, and comp time.
- ❖ Ensures compliance with applicable agency, state, and/or federal regulations.
- ❖ Provides policy interpretation and guidance to employees.
- ❖ Assists with coordination and facilitation of agency special events, such as employee recognition.
- ❖ Coordinates agency training and documentation.
- ❖ Assists with other administrative duties as assigned.





The MCHD observed its Annual Workforce Development Day and held its fifth annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on September 15. Staff members gathered at Camp Kiashuta and participated in physical and learning activities provided by Greg McCall, Nancy Sydenstricker, and Michelle Stumbo. Staff members were recognized for their hard work and dedication with a catered luncheon prepared by Broken Bread Catering.

The MCHD recognizes employees and Board of Health Members for service milestones when they complete 5, 10, 15, 25 years or more total years of service with the MCHD. To be eligible, an employee must achieve a service milestone in the previous 12 months. Service may have been on an intermittent, contractual, part-time or full-time basis.

Honored in 2021 with a lapel pin reflecting years of service with the MCHD was:

- ❖ Michelle Willard (Administrative Assistant)-5 years of service
- ❖ Dawn Keller (Registered Sanitarian)-5 years of service
- ❖ Marc Barr (Health Commissioner)-5 years of service (absent)
- ❖ Edna Weber (BOH Vice President)-5 years of service (absent)
- ❖ Roger Gaul (BOH President)-10 years of service



Above: Administrator Courtney Midkiff presenting awards to Keller and Willard (left) and Gaul (right)

Below: Staff participation in activities



Outreach-Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Meigs County Clean-Up Day

Rabies Day 2021
Success despite rainy weather.



61 Rabies Vaccinations were Administered

9 Cats

52 Dogs

Special **THANK YOU!** to Dr. Kelley Grueser and the Meigs Vet Clinic
for making this event possible.





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FIFTH ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

In 2021, the MCHD held the fifth annual flu shot clinic in conjunction with the Meigs County Farmers' Market. COVID-19 vaccines also were made available. MCHD staff were assisted by Ohio University Nursing students.



Meigs County Health Department
Annual FLU & COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic

Saturday October 2, 2021
9:00 AM-12:00PM
Pomeroy Parking Lot
In Conjunction with the Meigs County Farmers Market

FLU vaccines available for those 6+ months
Please bring copy of your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid
AND Drivers license/ID

Cost for FLU vaccine self pay:
\$25.00 Regular dose
\$60.00 High Dose (65 years+)
(We will also have a limited supply of free doses of the FLU vaccine provided by the Ohio Dept. of Health for those who do not have insurance **while supplies last**)

- **FREE COVID 19 vaccines available for those 12+**
- **PRE-REGISTER FOR COVID VACCINE AT:**
gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov


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