



Meigs County Health Department 2022 Annual Report

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- ❖ The Board of Health (BOH) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the MCHD conference room.
- ❖ BOH Meeting minutes can be found on the MCHD website.
- ❖ The District Advisory Council (DAC) Annual Meeting was held March 29, 2022. The DAC is a group of political county leaders responsible for appointing BOH members per Ohio Revised Code 3709.03.

MEIGS COUNTY BOH



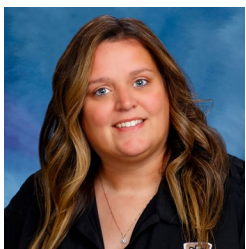
Mr. Roger Gaul
BOH President



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



Marcus 'Marc' Barr, MS
Health Commissioner



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Message from the Health Commissioner

The Meigs County Health Department (MCHD) provides services to Meigs County residents through its many programs and grants. Our services address issues such as sanitation, nutrition, immunization, chronic diseases, childhood obesity, and many more. With the ever-changing face of public health, we strive to address the needs of the rural community in which we serve. As a nationally accredited health department, we use the 10 Essential Public Health Services as a framework for public health to protect and promote health for our target audience of Meigs County residents. While our services are extensive, we can group them into 5 categories:

1. Public Health Nursing
2. Emergency Preparedness
3. Environmental Health
4. Vital Statistics
5. WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

Funded by the Health Services Levy of Meigs County, the Meigs County Health Department offers Public Health Nursing (PHN) services to residents of Meigs County. Public Health Registered Nurses administer immunizations to residents of all ages according to CDC Guidelines including outreach clinics, in addition to regular immunization clinics. PHN Services are offered regardless of the persons' ability to pay thus bridging the poverty gap that might otherwise prevent an individual from receiving basic preventive medicine care. Our nursing staff also conducts a wide variety of tests and health screenings. Registered Nurses operate the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program, a supplemental, income-based insurance program for those aged birth to 23 years with qualifying medical conditions. Registered Nurses also provide Maternal and Child Health education as MCHD staff can commonly be seen speaking with our county's youth in the local schools. Additionally, the MCHD obtains the Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) program which works to provide playground equipment, walking paths, and much more in our community.

Emergency Preparedness creates peace of mind that if a local disaster were to occur, a plan is already in place to provide assistance to the residents of Meigs County. In addition to plans, the MCHD has multiple resources to be utilized. A mobile hospital can be quickly deployed to provide shelter for medical procedures and exams or to provide a command center in the event of inclement weather. Partnerships have been developed with other county agencies that have been tasked with the responsibility of dealing with emergencies. These partners share expertise, equipment, and manpower in the mitigation of emergencies. Plans have been developed and are continually reviewed and updated to guide actions and responses to emergencies.

Environmental Health works to complete inspections on many county services to ensure proper practices for public consumption. This includes routine inspections of all food services providers, public swimming pools,



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campgrounds/state parks, and schools. Private well and spring water testing is also available. Additionally, the division of Environmental Health provides knowledge when planning for new septic systems as well as financial assistance for failing septic systems for qualifying residents. The MCHD staff works with the public when there is an animal bite, issues with indoor pests such as bed bugs, and outdoor issues such as preventing mosquito and tick-borne diseases. Services anywhere from grabbing dinner or getting a tattoo are inspected by the MCHD staff to ensure the safety of our community.

Vital Statistics provide Meigs County residents with birth and death records. Any birth or death occurring since 1909 can be obtained via the Vital Statistics office at the MCHD. Genealogy assistance is available to the community upon request. A kiosk is available to provide information from 1964-present.

The MCHD has Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC). WIC is a grant funded program for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age 5 who are found to be at nutritional risk. The MCHD staff provides health education by a Registered Nurse and information by a Certified Lactation Consultant for breast feeding mothers participating in the WIC program. A Breastfeeding Peer is also available at the MCHD. The Breastfeeding Peer is of the same age as most WIC participants, and is currently or has recently, breast fed a child. The Breastfeeding Peer can relate well to the WIC participants and provide experience-based advice and education.

The previously listed services and many more are offered at the MCHD daily. The MCHD maintains a forward focused mindset and will continue to add services as we see fit. Our staff is Meigs County proud and works very hard to provide services to the public. Knowing all the details of the services provided is a gentle reminder for me that it is a privilege to serve the people of Meigs County. To learn more about the services provided by the MCHD, visit our website at www.meigs-health.com and follow our social media outlets for the most up-to-date announcements.

Marc Barr, M.S.
Meigs County Health Commissioner



Courtney Midkiff, BSC
Administrator/Registrar



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Administrative Assistant/
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VITAL STATISTICS

Registered Home Birth	2
Non-Birthing Facility Birth Registered	1
Certified Birth Certificates Issued	575
Certified Death Certificates Issued	877
Burial Transit Permits Issued (includes some for other Ohio counties)	353
Certificates of Service	3
Fetal Deaths Registered	1
Free Veterans' Copies Issued Upon Request	0
Total Revenue Collected	\$39,675.90
Total Revenue Collected & Remitted to ODH from Certified Copy Sales and Burial Permits	\$20,273.72

❖ Genealogy assistance is provided to the public as requested.

DEATHS

Total Registered Deaths Occurring in Meigs County	247
Natural Deaths	212
Accidents (21 overdose, 1 tractor, 2 motorcycle, 2 car, 1 ballistic)	27
Homicides	1
Suicides	4
Pending (as of 3/21/2023)	0
Undetermined	1
COVID as Immediate Cause	10
COVID Listed on Death Certificate	4
Top Causes of Death	Cardiac, Cancer, Respiratory

CHILD FATALITY BOARD

❖ 3 child deaths that occurred in 2021 were reviewed on March 17, 2022 during the annual convening of the Meigs County Child Fatality Review Board.





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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.

Month	Patients Served	Gas Vouchers	Food Gift Cards
January	10	20	8
February	9	18	8
March	14	26	10
April	18	33	12
May	18	33	12
June	17	29	10
July	15	25	9
August	15	29	10
September	14	24	7
October	12	22	6
November	15	24	6
December	10	19	5



MCCI
Meigs County Cancer Initiative, Inc.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY CLINICS

Collaborative efforts between the MCHD and The Ohio State University:

Total OSU Mammography Screenings Available	76
Total Mammography Screenings Completed	68
Total Ladies Necessitating Follow Up	1
Total Breast Cancer Diagnosis	0
Total Clinics Hosted	4
Total Screenings Paid for by Southeast Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (SEOBCCP)	2
Total Screenings Paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or Commercial Insurance	66



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

OTHER

Midkiff is a member of the Meigs County Family and Children First Council (FCFC), Meigs County Community Prevention Coalition, Chair of Get Healthy Meigs! (GHM!), member of Meigs County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Meigs County Healthcare Coalition, BTeam (for ODH PHEP grant), and the Appalachian Translational Research Network (ATRN). Midkiff also serves on one Community Advisory Board for OSU research projects and the OSU/Meigs Co. Extension/4H Advisory Board.

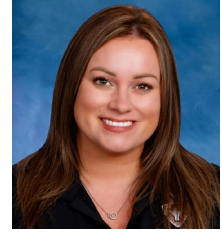


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2022 Financial Report

Please see the 2022 Annual Financial Report completed by Charles E. Harris & Associates on the Meigs County Health Department's website www.meigs-health.com.

The 2020-21 AOS Audit Report is available at www.meigs-health.com.



Additional MCHD Information

- ❖ MCHD Supervisors and Senior Management participated in Supervisor training in December that was provided by Clemans, Nelson, & Associates.
- ❖ The MCHD Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual was revised in 2022 courtesy of Clemans, Nelson, & Associates.

RIDES TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY

- ❖ ODOT awarded the Meigs County Health Dept. \$15,000 to offer County residents transportation assistance to medical appointments via the State's Rides to Community Immunity Program. The MCHD contracted with Meigs Co. Jobs and Family Services to provide the rides. From the middle of 2021- 12/31/22, 530 rides were provided via the collaboration. All but \$137.60 of the \$15,000 was expended.



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Director of Nursing



Angella Rosler, RN
PHN



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Public Health Nurse
June-December 2022



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2022 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ❖ 239 Naloxone kits provided to 112 community residents
- ❖ 39 Naloxone kits provided to 30 Law Enforcement and First Responders
- Trainings were facilitated at Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services Mobility Management, Eastern Local School District Staff Health Fair, Meigs County Firefighters Association, and Columbia Township Volunteer Fire Dept.
- ❖ The MCHD participated in the following event: Lost Voices Recovery Walk, Meigs County Council on Aging Senior Citizens Health Fair, Senior Abuse Prevention Awareness Health Fair, Child Abuse Awareness Month Event, and Meigs County Prevention Day at the Meigs County Fair

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- ❖ 627 Vaccines administered during daily in-house Immunization Clinics to 529 people including:
- ❖ 28 Flu shots and shots administered at the Sixth Annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic held at the Meigs County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ An additional Outreach Flu Clinic was held at the Meigs County Courthouse.
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics were held at the MCHD Monday through Thursday each week by appointment.
- ❖ 147 Flu Shots were administered in 2022.
- ❖ 1,164 COVID-19 vaccines were administered in 2022. These are in addition to the overall vaccines administered.

OTHER SERVICE NUMBERS:

- ❖ 1 Adult requested vision assistance
- ❖ 0 Children requested vision assistance
- ❖ 2 Lead and Hemoglobin Tests were provided
- ❖ 1 Child received blood lead investigation follow-up services
- ❖ 35 Pregnancy tests were provided
- ❖ 16 Head lice checks were performed
- ❖ 6 Walk-in blood pressure checks were provided
- ❖ 0 Rapid HIV test were performed; residents are referred to ohio.gov for tests
- ❖ 0 Hepatitis C tests were administered due to lack of test kits provided by the Ohio Department of Health

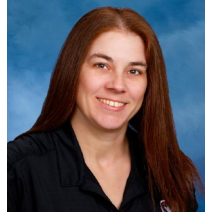




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TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM:

- ❖ 28 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 2022

COVID FUNDING

Through COVID-19 grant funds, the MCHD provided funding to the following schools to assist with outbreak investigation, mitigation, and contact tracing for the students and staff.

- ❖ Southern Local School District-\$22,750.00
- ❖ Meigs Local School District-\$45,000.00
- ❖ Eastern Local School District-\$30,000.00
- ❖ Meigs Board of Developmental Disabilities-\$15,000.00

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE:

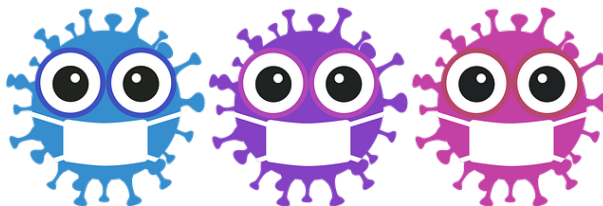
- ❖ 2,652 Investigations of reportable communicable diseases
- ❖ Top reportable diseases in 2022 for Meigs County:
 - #1 COVID-19-(2834 cases)
 - #2 Lyme Disease-(31 cases)
 - #3 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever-(24 cases)
 - #4 Hepatitis C (chronic)-(24 cases)
 - #5 Influenza-Hospitalized Cases-(17 cases)
 - #6 Chlamydia-(14 cases)

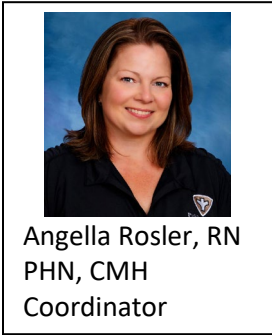


Mikie Strite, MPH
Regional
Epidemiologist
Jan-Dec 2, 2022

COVID TESTS

- ❖ The MCHD collaborated with the Meigs County District Public Library in distribution of at-home COVID-19 tests. Approximately 600 were provided for distribution in addition to what ODH provided them.





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 Meigs County CMH program served 127 families with an average monthly caseload of 78 children in Meigs County in 2022. 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.

The CMH program is multifaceted with 3 main components for eligibility. The ‘**Diagnostic program**’ is a 6–9-month coverage that covers diagnostic testing, with medical eligibility being the only determinate (no income limit). These medically eligible families still benefit from the coverage of testing and studies that can sometimes be astronomical in cost in finding the appropriate diagnosis during that 6–9-month period. The ‘**Treatment program**’ is a more comprehensive coverage that is renewed annually and requires yearly financial and diagnostic eligibility. Many local families benefit from this program for their medications, procedures, and equipment/supplies. Unlike Medicaid and other similar programs, CMH considers multiple factors in income including medical costs accrued. The ‘**Service Coordination program**’ provides ongoing assistance with a selected service provider and local public health nurse, this program is not financially restrictive but is selective in diagnosis that qualify. Although each program stands alone, many children join the program participating in all 3 simultaneously. All programs provide public health nurse services, meaning personalized service coordination.

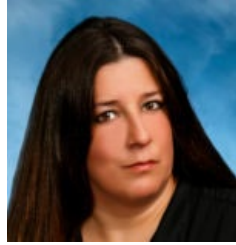
As part of the public health nurse services, Meigs County CMH served 17 families in collaboration with other agencies including Early Intervention, Integrated Services, Hopewell Health Centers, and FCFC (Family and Children’s First Council) as well as many local schools. Meigs County families benefit 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. Whatever the need, the monthly meetings help to highlight each family and open the door to resources to improve their daily life.

The CMH program strives to reach all eligible families in Meigs County to ensure proper medical care and service coordination needs for each child by developing community partners, and attending community meetings and events.

❖ **2022 CMH reimbursable total-\$23,100 (2021-\$16,600)**



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January-July



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January-October



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2022 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Food:

- ❖ 136 Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishment licenses issued
- ❖ 237 Inspections of Retail Food Establishments and Food Service Operations (164 Class 1-4, 17 Temporary, 5 Vending, 51 mobile food services)
- ❖ 17 Inspections of temporary food services, vending operations, and farm markets
- ❖ 51 Inspections of Mobile Food Services
- ❖ 4 Plan reviews for new food services and establishments
- ❖ 6 Food Service Workers trained and certified in food safety



Sewage:

- ❖ 79 Sewage Installation Permits issued
- ❖ 85 Site Reviews
- ❖ 75 Sewage System Operation Permits issued
- ❖ 2 Inspections/Approvals to land apply domestic septage
- ❖ 39 Septic registrations (21 Installers, 7 Service Pros, 11 Haulers)
- ❖ 281 Inspections of Sewage Treatment Systems



Animal Bites:

- ❖ 54 Rabies/Animal Bite Investigations (42 dogs, 7 cats, 3 bats, 1 raccoon, 1 squirrel)
- ❖ 3 Specimens sent for Rabies Testing (all negative)
- ❖ 138 Animals vaccinated at the Rabies vaccination clinic held June 11 in partnership with Dr. Kelley Grueser, DVM, of the Meigs Veterinary Clinic



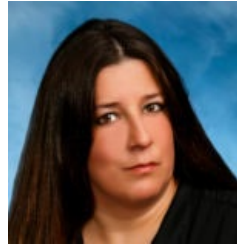
Inspections:

- ❖ 15 Public School health and safety inspections
- ❖ 2 Inspections of Tattoo & Body Piercing operations
- ❖ 8 Public Campgrounds 3 temporary licensed and 18 inspections
- ❖ 3 Public Swimming Pools licensed, 4 inspected
- ❖ 20 Water samples collected and tested for bacterial contamination
- ❖ 68 Nuisance complaints investigated (30 solid waste, 15 sewage, 5 other, 8 mosquito, 2 pests, 1 bedbug, 1 mold, 6 food service)
- ❖ 6 Inspections completed of solid waste disposal facilities (active and closed)
- ❖ 16 Garbage trucks registered/30 inspected
- ❖ 1 Jail Inspection





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Grants:

- ❖ \$12,330 grant from OEPA-Recycle Ohio for Meigs County Cleanup Day
 - 65 volunteers
 - 275 vehicles/62 trailers
 - 726 tires
 - 38.05 tons solid waste
 - 14.79 tons scrap metal
 - 29 freon containing appliances recycled
- ❖ \$150,000 funding awarded from Ohio EPA - Water Pollution Control Loan Fund--16 Systems replaced, 1 repaired, 4 soil evaluations
- ❖ \$23,014 awarded from the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Program
 - Treated and confirmed nuisance sites with larvicide purchased with grant
 - Provided "Fight the Bite" public service announcements on the social media
 - Hired a summer intern to set traps and monitor area mosquito populations (163 traps set, 798 mosquitos identified, one pool with West Nile Virus detected)
 - Distributed 100+ mosquito safety kits containing repellent, larvicide, and educational materials.
 - Purchased GIS software to map mosquito traps
 - Provided free scrap tire recycling Jan-Dec (2125 scrap tires collected)
 - Removed 160 scrap tires and 3.41 tons of solid waste from an open dump on Snowball Hill Road 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.





Michelle Willard, AAB
Accreditation Coordinator/
Plan & Policy Compliance
Officer/Deputy Registrar
Duties Revised June 2022



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PROGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION IN 2022

- ❖ 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. An Open House was held April 6 in celebration, which was attended by staff, BOH members, stakeholders, and State Representative Jay Edwards.
- ❖ Started the planning process for PHAB Reaccreditation efforts due in 2027.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Updated the MCHD Strategic Plan in coordination with Mission Met.
- ❖ The Accreditation Team (Michelle Willard, Courtney Midkiff, Leanne Cunningham, Juli Simpson, Shawn Cunningham, Steve Swatzel, Sherry Eagle, Marc Barr) participated in The Ohio State University's Community Scientist Academy (CSA) training.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Assisted with in-office and COVID-19, flu, and school-age vaccination clinics by registering patients by phone and in person.
- ❖ Provided Administrative duties as needed.



Strategic Planning



Strategic Planning





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.

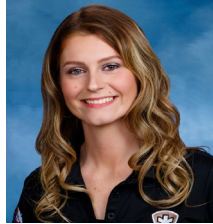
Served an average of 376 income eligible participants as of the Close-Out Report for fiscal year 2022 including:

- ❖ 47 Pregnant Women
- ❖ 19 Exclusively Breastfeeding Women
- ❖ 11 Partially Breastfeeding Women
- ❖ 21 Post-Partum Women
- ❖ Provided 50 participants with four \$5.00 vouchers in conjunction with regular benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at any Ohio Farmers Market
- ❖ Attended the Meigs County Farmers' Market and participated in breastfeeding outreach activities
- ❖ 28 Exclusively Breastfed Infants
- ❖ 8 Partially Breastfed Infants
- ❖ 94 Other Infants ages 0 to 12 Months
- ❖ 148 Total Children ages 1 to 5 years

WIC Staff:



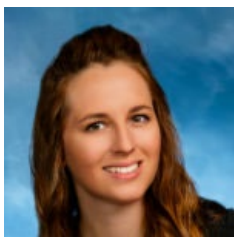
Sherry Eagle, CLC
WIC Director



Amber Evans
Peer Helper 1/1-1/17
WIC Clerk 1/18-12/31



Jenna Petry, RN
Health Professional



Kimberly Casci
WIC Clerk
Jan 1-Jan 14



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Misty Morris
Breastfeeding Peer
Helper
March-July



Ellen Mingus, RD, LD
Contractor



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Rebecca Zuspan, PhD
CHC Project Director/
Health Educator
February-August 2022



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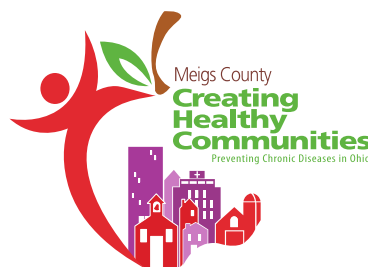
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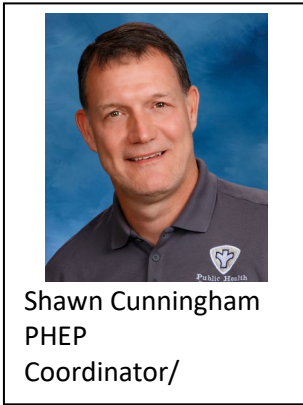
Vision: Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice.

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.

2022 Projects and Successes

- ❖ Continued promotion of a Complete Street policy in Pomeroy, which aims to support inclusion of all modes of transportation. They have received several pedestrian crossing signs and paint to help encourage pedestrian safety and awareness for W. 2nd street and Court Street.
- ❖ General Hartinger Park was upgraded with paved access that surrounds the baseball fields. This paved trail is an added benefit for the community, especially those with mobility issues.
- ❖ The Village of Syracuse has received four new solar powered pedestrian crossing signs to help promote safe community park access and increase physical activity.
- ❖ Bike racks and a repair station installed at the Pomeroy Levee to support and encourage biking in the community.
- ❖ Cedar raised garden beds, rain barrels, and standing decks were purchased for the future of Rutland's Community Garden.
- ❖ Lindsey Jeffers attended village council meetings in Pomeroy and Treat Street 2023.
- ❖ Creating Healthy signs were placed at Angela Eason Memorial Park, Pomeroy bike racks, Chester United Methodist basketball court, and Middleport Park Trail to bring awareness of Creating Healthy Communities projects to the community.
- ❖ Forked Run State Park has received three new water bottle fillers. These water bottle fillers will be placed near local trails to attract visitors and to encourage visitors to stay hydrated during outdoor activities.
- ❖ Creating Healthy Communities Coalition held 3 meetings in 2022. The Coalition team is built of community members who focus and provide input on Meigs County's growth, health, and active living.
- ❖ Chester's United Methodist Church has received two new outdoor basketball systems and assistance with funds for resurfacing the court. This project will provide a safe and durable area for the community to engage in healthy activities.





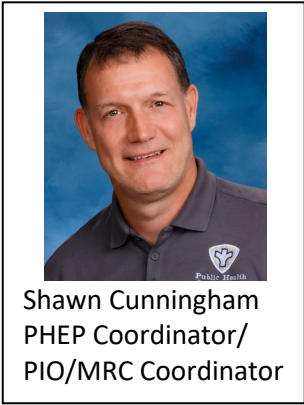
Shawn Cunningham
PHEP
Coordinator/



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 2022

- ❖ For the Fiscal year ending 6/30/2022, the MCHD received approximately \$62,560 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- ❖ A new Fiscal year began on 7/1/2022, with the grant totaling \$62,000 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- ❖ Continued to assist in coordination of the Meigs County Health Department's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ❖ Passed all MARCS (ODH) radio communications exercises.
- ❖ Assisted with a successful flu vaccination clinic on 10/29/2022 at the Meigs County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ MARCS radios were provided from the Ohio Department of Health to help with communications in Meigs County and throughout the state. Six new Kenwood radios replaced 15-year-old Motorola radios.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Used the Ohio Public Health Communication System (OPHCS) to communicate MCHD weather delays and other information of note.
- ❖ Organization was greatly improved after more shelving was added to the MCHD exterior storage building, which houses the Blu-Med mobile hospital trailer, the vaccine trailer, the newly purchased truck, and other preparedness equipment.
- ❖ The Blu-Med mobile hospital trailer was transported to the Meigs County Fairgrounds where the Blu-Med mobile hospital was erected in a training exercise with the Regional PHEP Coordinator and PHEP Coordinators from the Southeast Central region.
- ❖ Attended Outbreak training and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services training.
- ❖ MCHD Table Top Exercise on a weather-related event was completed at the Robert E. Byer Emergency Operation Center.
- ❖ Evaluated Table Top Exercises in Hocking and Athens Counties.
- ❖ Participated in a Table Top Exercise with the Meigs County LEPC at the Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center.



Shawn Cunningham
PHEP Coordinator/
PIO/MRC Coordinator



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 2022

- ❖ Assisted with a successful flu-vaccination clinic on 10/29/2022 at the Meigs County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ Several meetings were held with the Regional PHEP Coordinator and other MRC Coordinators to improve local MRC units.

MCHD- IT/Public Information Officer (PIO) Accomplishments 2022

- ❖ Continued to update computers and software throughout the MCHD.
- ❖ Published COVID-19 media releases.
- ❖ Published numerous Facebook postings.
- ❖ Published numerous Tweets on Twitter.
- ❖ Frequently updated the MCHD website.
- ❖ All staff compiled weekly articles for the *River Cities Tribune* and *Meigs Independent Press*. These articles are also available on the MCHD website and through the MCHD social media pages.
- ❖ Added a new ID card printer to be able to produce IDs for staff within the MCHD.
- ❖ Three new security push button alarms were added for better security of staff.
- ❖ PIO training attended by two MCHD staff in Coumbus, Ohio.
- ❖ Two new LED digital signs were installed on the outside of the MCHD. One is at the entrance and the other is on the side of the building.





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



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MY BREATH

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 2022 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 implemented at 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 2022 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 2022 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
Administrative Assistant/
Vital Statistics Clerk
Promoted June 2022

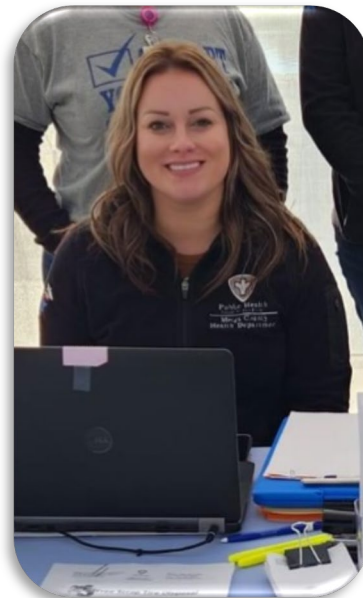
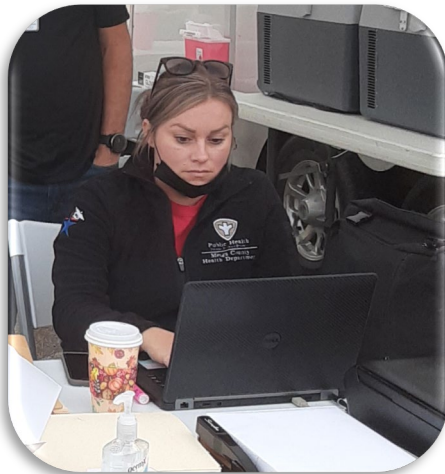


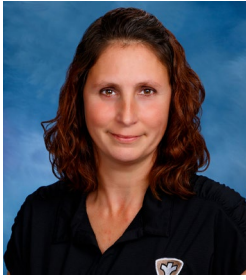
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- ❖ Assists the Administrator with a variety of fiscal activities such as typing vouchers, issuing checks, monitoring accounts payable and receivable, and preparing reports.
- ❖ Compile and make deposits and deliver vouchers to the Meigs County Auditor's Office.
- ❖ Prepare and maintain electronic records of employee time and accrued leave.
- ❖ Data entry for the Nursing and Environmental Health Departments.
- ❖ Serves as the Vital Statistic Clerk, which includes issuing certified copies of birth and death records and providing genealogical assistance to the public.
- ❖ Serves as Environmental Health Clerk by assisting with issuance of licenses and permits etc. for food service operations, retail food establishments, sewage systems, private wells, public campgrounds, public pools/spas, sewage haulers, refuse haulers, and tattoo/body piercing operators.
- ❖ Receives and assigns animal bite and nuisance reports.
- ❖ Assists with registering patients for clinical services and appointments.
- ❖ Assists with answering incoming calls and re-directing as appropriate, and taking adequate messages when required.
- ❖ Assists with greeting, assisting, and/or directing visitors and the general public.
- ❖ Updates various reports and lists on the MCHD website.
- ❖ Updates Human Resources bulletin boards.
- ❖ Other administrative tasks as assigned.





Josette Heaton
Clerical Specialist
July-December 2022



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CLERICAL SPECIALIST

- ❖ Grant entrance to all visitors.
- ❖ Answers and directs all incoming calls to the appropriate personnel.
- ❖ Collects data and information for patients pertaining to registration.
- ❖ Input collected data into Electronic Medical Record (EMR).
- ❖ Registers patients for all clinical/nursing services offered.
- ❖ Schedule appointments for Covid-19 shots and boosters, and advise appropriate staff of patient arrival.
- ❖ Contact patients to schedule appointments and reschedule missed appointments.
- ❖ Assist with accurate collection of monies coming into the agency.
- ❖ Assist with handling transactions for environmental department.
- ❖ Assist with facilitating procurement of birth and death records.
- ❖ Update MCHD PowerPoint presentation to reflect current information for incoming visitors.
- ❖ Collect mail from mailbox, and distribute to appropriate addressee.
- ❖ Drop outgoing mail off at approved USPS mail receptacle.
- ❖ Other administrative tasks as assigned.





Jennifer Richmond
HR Coordinator
January-February



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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 part of 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.





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The MCHD observed its Annual Workforce Development Day and held its sixth annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on September 14. Staff members gathered at Ohio Valley Christian Assembly and participated in physical and learning activities provided by Lane Cullums and Holzer Health System. 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 2022 with a certificate reflecting years of service with the MCHD was:

- ❖ Jenna Petry (Health Professional)-5 years of service
- ❖ Wilma Mansfield, MD (BOH Medical Member)-5 years of service
- ❖ Eric Rock (BOH Member)-5 years of service (absent)
- ❖ Pam Patterson (BOH Member)-5 years of service (absent)
- ❖ Juli Simpson (Maternal and Child Health Program Director)-10 years of service
- ❖ Steve Swatzel (Director of Environmental Health)-15 years



MCHD Outreach-Rabies Vaccination Clinic 2022



MCHD Outreach-Meigs County Clean Up Day 2022



Other MCHD Outreach Activities



Child Abuse Awareness Day



Prevention Day at the Meigs County Fair

Other MCHD Outreach Activities



Ag Safety Day



Eastern Health Fair



Trunk or Treat



Treat Street



Drug Take Back Day



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SIXTH ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

In 2022, the MCHD held the sixth annual flu shot clinic in conjunction with the Meigs County Farmers' Market. MCHD staff were assisted by Ohio University Nursing students.



MCHD Christmas Party 2022

MCHD staff had their annual Christmas party December 13, 2022 at the Meigs County Golf Course. Food was provided by Broken Bread Catering. Staff participated in games and a gingerbread house building contest.

