

The annual Meigs County District Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting, which was coordinated by the Meigs Co. Health Dept. (MCHD), was held on March 25th in the cafeteria of Meigs High School. The DAC is the body politic responsible for appointing Board of Health (BOH) Members. Voting members include Presidents of Township Trustees; Presidents of Board of County Commissioners; Village Mayors per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §3709.03.

DAC President J. Scott Hill presided over the business meeting. There were eight townships and three villages represented. The Board of Meigs County Commissioners was not represented.

The 2024 DAC Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Elections for DAC officers were held with J. Scott Hill reelected as DAC President and Columbia Township Trustee Rexie Cheadle reelected as the DAC Secretary.

No BOH Member terms expired in 2025. A local BOH represents the community and is responsible for protecting and promoting health within its jurisdiction. The BOH plays a crucial role in shaping the public health landscape at the community level, working to prevent disease, promote wellness, and ensure a healthy environment for all residents. The establishment and operation of local BOHs are governed by state laws and regulations. BOH members serve 5-year terms, staggered to maintain continuity. Current BOH Members are Wilma Mansfield, MD, Medical Member; Eric Rock, President; Edna Weber, Vice President; Roger Gaul, Member and Pam Patterson, Member.

DAC attendees heard from Kelli Schoen, who co-directs the Impact Measurement and Management Group at Ohio University's Voinovich School. Schoen shared via a PowerPoint the preliminary findings from a Social Return on Investment being done on behalf of the MCHD. The data will be used for the MCHD's Public Health Accreditation Board re-accreditation, community engagement and to direct future planning of services offered via the MCHD.

The MCHD's 2024 MCHD Annual Report was reviewed by me and MCHD Administrator Courtney Midkiff. The full report is available for review at [www.meigs-health.com](http://www.meigs-health.com).

Attendees were reminded that BOH Meeting Minutes and Communicable Disease Reports can be reviewed at [www.meigs-health.com](http://www.meigs-health.com) under the "About" tab. The MCHD routinely provides the information as required by the ORC to the DAC and public via its website.

DAC Member recommendations were solicited with Members being encouraged to contact the MCHD during business hours (Monday – Friday from 8AM-4PM), if they had any suggestions or concerns. The next DAC meeting will be held in March 2026 with date/time/location to be announced.

The MCHD encourages the public to understand the processes crucial for informed civic engagement to ensure that our public health governance reflects the needs and values of our community. By doing so, this empowers you to engage more effectively in local public health. I

encourage you to learn more about the specific regulations surrounding the MCHD by reviewing the ORC or Ohio Administrative Code as it pertains to General Health Districts, attending BOH meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5PM in the MCHD conference room or by contacting the MCHD Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM via phone at 740-992-6626 or via email at [courtney.midkiff@meigs-health.com](mailto:courtney.midkiff@meigs-health.com).

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