

Your Health Matters

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Montgomery County Health Department, one of our greatest assets is our Board of Directors. I would like to recognize the outstanding service of our Board Members. The work of our Board of Directors is incredibly valuable to the success of our Agency. These volunteers give of their time and talents every month overlooking the governance of the Health Department.

A volunteer is commonly defined as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. Members of the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Health Department are volunteers of the highest caliber. They freely give of their time each month to attend board meetings and ensure fiscal responsibility for the Health Department.

Board Members Pat Stumbaugh, Charles Grosse, Mary Ellen Shanks, ARNP, Jill Meyers, RN, and Janice Pritchett, RN are committed to building a strong and effective Health Department. Charles Grosse has served on the Board for 16 years, and Pat Stumbaugh has served 8 years. Mary Ellen Shanks is our Chairman of the Board.

I want to extend a special thank you to Charles Grosse and Pat Stumbaugh. They are retiring from the Board of Directors in April. Your incredible service and love for the Health Department is apparent in everything you do. Thank you for your leadership!

The original Board of Directors was created more than 60 years ago by a petition and vote of the people in Montgomery County under Revised Missouri State Statute, Chapter 205. The regulations state that board members must take the oath of civil officers and meet at least monthly during their elected term, but they cannot be paid for their time. They are truly volunteers – elected by the people they seek to serve.

The Board's ultimate purpose is to improve the health of every county resident. Their main responsibilities include:

- make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations that guide the Board and the Health Department,
- control the expenditure of all moneys collected by and for the Health Department,
- control expenditures for the purchase, construction, supervision, care and custody of the Health Department facility,
- set the annual tax levy rate, and
- enter into contracts that support creating a healthier community.

Through the volunteer efforts of the Montgomery County Health Department's Board of Directors over the past few years, the Health Department has grown. The Board's vision and commitment to implement electronic medical records was innovative and strategic for our Home Health Agency. Their selfless, volunteer service is truly moving us toward improving the health of every member of our community.

We are so grateful to our Board of Directors for their time and their dedication to the Health Department, our mission, and our programs! The Montgomery County Health Department loves taking care of your family, and works every day to protect, promote and improve health in our community. Learn more on Facebook, by calling (573) 564-2495 or by visiting www.montgomerycountyhealth.org. ■

