Gary LeRoy, M.D., named president-elect of American Academy of Family Physicians

Gary LeRoy, M.D., FAAFP, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, has been named president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He will serve a one-year term as president-elect before beginning a one-year term as president of the AAFP in 2019, followed by a one-year term as chair of the AAFP Board of Directors.

The AAFP represents 131,400 physicians and medical students nationwide. The organization is devoted to primary care and advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients across the country.

Dr. LeRoy is currently the President of Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County’s Board of Health. He has served on the Board of Health since January 1, 2005. He holds a co-appointment to the Board of Health from the Montgomery County District Advisory Council and the City of Dayton.

An associate professor of family medicine, Dr. LeRoy is a lifelong Daytonian and public servant. He serves the underprivileged as a staff physician at the East Dayton Health Center. He served the center as Medical Director from 1994 to 2008 and helped secure funding to remodel and expand the center and its services.

Dr. LeRoy is a leader throughout the Dayton community, serving in several different organizations, including Reach Out of Montgomery County, Dayton Public Schools, American Red Cross and St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter.

He has been a member of the AAFP since 1991, serving in leadership roles at both the state and national levels. Since 2010, LeRoy has served as an Ohio delegate to the AAFP Conference of Delegates. He served as chair of the Commission on Education and has also chaired the Commission on Membership and Member Services.
Dr. LeRoy served as president of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) from 2004 to 2005 and serves as a board member. In 2014, he was recognized with the OAFP Family Medicine Educator of the Year award. In 2004, he was honored with the Family Physician of the Year award from the Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. LeRoy earned both his bachelor’s and medical degrees from Wright State University. He completed his family medicine residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, and a primary care faculty development fellowship at Michigan State University.

**360° Addiction Database Project**

A grant totaling $1 million over 3 years from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance – Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program has been awarded to Public Health and its partners: Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS), Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, Montgomery County Coroner’s Office and Miami Valley Crime Lab, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, the Montgomery County Office of Criminal Justice and Ascend Innovations. Ascend Innovations will develop and implement a cross-systems integrated dataset to create a comprehensive view of the addicted population in Montgomery County. This data will provide the Community Overdose Action Team with useful tools to assist in identifying efforts and strategies for early intervention and prevention of overdose deaths.

**Community Overdose Action Team wins 2018 Champions of Public Health Award**

The Ohio State University College of Public Health has announced that the Community Overdose Action Team (COAT) has been selected as the winner of the “Organization Award” for the 2018 Champions of Public Health Awards. The awards are presented to recognize individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to the health and well-being of Ohioans.

Formed in the fall of 2016, the COAT seeks to reduce the number of fatal overdoses. In addition, it identifies which services are being offered, looks for any existing gaps in services and explores potential new or expanded ways to combat the drug overdose problem.

Public Health and Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) are the COAT’s lead agencies in the effort to combat the crisis. The COAT was selected for its innovative use of the Incident Command System (ICS) structure that allows partners to work together in a unified and coordinated way to respond to the opioid crisis. The COAT is comprised of more than 100 organizations and more than 200 community members. The award will be presented at a ceremony being held on December 4 at the Longaberger Alumni House in Columbus.
Montgomery County Hepatitis A Response

Hepatitis A outbreaks have been occurring in multiple states across the U.S., including several bordering Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health declared a statewide community outbreak for Hepatitis A on June 22. As of October 29, Ohio had 761 confirmed cases. While anyone is at risk of getting Hepatitis A, priority groups for prevention include:

- Men who have sex with men
- People who use street drugs whether they are injected or not
- People who are incarcerated
- People experiencing homelessness
- People who have traveled to other areas of the U.S. currently experiencing outbreaks
- People having contact with individuals in the priority groups

Montgomery County saw its first case in April of this year. As of October 29, there were a total of 148 cases. Public Health’s Incident Management Team (IMT) continues to meet routinely to mitigate Hepatitis A within Montgomery County. IMT staff continue to provide educational materials, inform medical response partners, update the media, and hold Hepatitis A vaccination clinics for high risk populations.

Public Health has conducted a total of 76 external vaccination clinics for Hepatitis A with 2247 individuals being vaccinated. These clinics targeted the Montgomery County jail, homeless populations, men who have sex with men and individuals abusing drugs. In addition, 474 vaccinations have been provided at the Public Health Clinic. There is also continued outreach and sharing of educational information to multiple partners across the county. Call (937) 225-4550 to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated.

2018 Mosquito Control Program End of Season Summary

Cool evenings in October brought an end to Public Health’s mosquito surveillance and control activities for 2018. It was once again an active year in Montgomery County and throughout Ohio for mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus (WNV).

This year, with the assistance of two Wright State University Environmental Health interns, Public Health collected 9,466 mosquitoes from 125 different trap locations in Montgomery County. This resulted in 410 mosquito pools being tested, with 71 testing positive for WNV. A mosquito pool consists of a collection of up to 50 mosquitoes that are submitted to the Ohio Department
of Health laboratory for testing. State-wide there were 16,902 mosquito pools tested.

In Montgomery County 17% of the mosquito pools tested positive for WNV. The state-wide percentage for positive mosquito pools was 19%. There were three confirmed human cases of WNV reported in Montgomery County with a total of 57 cases occurring in 25 other counties.

In response to the reported WNV positive mosquito pools, Public Health conducted truck-mounted Ultra Low Volume applications of mosquito adulticides on 8 separate occasions. The jurisdictions receiving this contracted service include the City of Centerville, City of Vandalia, City of Dayton, and Wegerzyn Garden Metro Park. A single larvicide application was made to the wet woods area of Wegerzyn Garden Metro Park. Information on how to protect yourself from exposure to mosquito bites was distributed in the neighborhoods where the positive WNV mosquito pools were located.

Concerning Zika Virus, there were no locally-acquired human cases reported in Ohio. The mosquito species capable of spreading the Zika Virus was found in about 4% of the mosquitoes collected in Montgomery County compared to 1% statewide. While the potential range of the mosquito has spread across all counties in Ohio, the mosquito was found in higher numbers in the southern half of the state.

Smoke-Free Workplace Administrative Hearing Successful
December will mark the twelfth year since the Ohio Smoke-Free workplace law became effective. Investigations of workplace violations are complaint driven. Public Health’s Office of Environmental Health investigates all complaints that are received. If no evidence to support the claim is found, the case is dismissed. However, if the matter is substantiated, a warning is issued on the first violation followed by an escalating series of fines if the infractions continue.

A local member-only club recently found itself in this situation. Upon receiving a complaint of smoking, two Public Health Sanitarians visited the establishment. They found a haze and smell of smoke and ashes in the trash can behind the bar. On previous complaints, Public Health had warned them and issued a fine for $100. On this complaint, they were found in violation for the third time and issued a fine for $500. Subsequent fines will be $1000 and $2500 which shall be doubled should the violation be deemed intentional.

The club appealed the fine and requested a hearing before an impartial hearing officer. The State of Ohio Attorney General’s office provided representation for Public Health before and during the hearing. After listening to testimony from both Public Health staff and the club, the hearing officer issued a Report and Recommendation that found in favor of the investigation and upheld the $500 fine. Public Health is committed to investigating
complaints and enforcing the law so that all employees and patrons in Montgomery County can enjoy a smoke-free environment.

**Upcoming Events**

**FREE Hip Hop Dance Class**

*Saturday, November 10*

11:30am – Noon (Registration) Noon – 1pm (Dance)

1:30pm – 2:30pm (Education Session)

_Northwest Rec Center, 1600 Princeton Drive, Dayton_

Public Health’s Maternal and Child Health team will share about the benefits of prenatal progesterone therapy, and Shanequa Gray of _Pretty Girl Fitness, LLC_ will teach dance moves that will help you feel great!

**Equity in Birth Outcomes: Let’s Talk About It**

**FREE Movie - Unnatural Causes: when the Bough Breaks**

*Saturday, November 17, 11am*

_Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 2067 N. Gettysburg Ave., Dayton_

This movie explores the link between a person’s health and their social, economic and physical environments. Conditions that mothers face can have an affect on their ability to have a healthy baby. The program will include light refreshments, door prizes, and a discussion about women’s health, birth outcomes, and available community resources.

**Media Opportunities:**

Columbus & Dayton African American News Journal on _Infant Mortality Conference_ (10/1/18)

DDN, WDTN, Fox 45 on _Hep A_ (10/1/18)

WHIO on _Dog Bites_ (10/2/18)

DDN on _COAT Overdoses_ (10/2/18)

WDTN, WKEF on _Hep A_ (10/2/18)

WCSU Radio on _Health Equity and Services_ (10/11/18)

DDN on _Legionnaires’ Disease_ (10/11/18)

WDTN on _Community Mural_ (10/12/18)

DDN on _Fairview Pool Inspections_ (10/16/18)

DDN, WHIO, WKEF, WDTN on _COAT Grants_ (10/31/18)

**Outreach Opportunities:**

Premier System Support Employee Health Fair at Premier Health (10/4/2018)

Valerie Elementary School Health Carnival at Valerie Elementary School (10/5/2018)

Headstart Family Night at Stuart Patterson School (10/9/2018)

City of Dayton Health and Safety Fair at Ottawa Yards (10/12/2018)


Sinclair Employee Wellness Fair at Sinclair – Building 12, Great Hall (10/16/2018)

County “Health is Wealth” Annual Wellness Fair at Montgomery County Administration Building (10/17/2018)
MVCDC Fall Fest & Social Service Fair at Dixie Head Start Center (10/18/2018)
Westwood Trunk or Treat at Westwood Elementary School (10/18/2018)
Molina Community Baby Shower at Dakota Center (10/20/2018)
Miami Valley Baby Fair at Dayton Convention Center (First Floor - Room 101) (10/28/2018)
Dayton Children’s Hospital Wellbeing Fair at Dayton Children’s Hospital (10/30-31/2018)
GES Community Resource Fair at Goodwill Easter Seals (10/31/2018)

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As of October 29, the number of Hepatitis A vaccinations given by Public Health since the outbreak began on June 22, 2018.

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