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# News Release

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## **GREENE COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TOBACCO-FREE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION**

(Xenia, OH) The Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) received a grant of \$165,466 from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Office of Healthy Ohio to implement the Tobacco-Free Healthy Communities Program in Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Madison and Warren counties for the grant period Nov. 3, 2008 – June 30, 2009. The group is currently waiting to hear if continued funding will be awarded from ODH for July 2009 – June 2010.

The grant award was used for cessation programs focusing on adult tobacco users, youth prevention programming, a youth-based media campaign, technical assistance for 100% tobacco-free schools and coalition expansion. GCCHD was the only organization funded in Southwest Ohio.

The Tobacco-Free Healthy Communities Coalition meets quarterly to discuss current projects and future tobacco use prevention programming. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2009 in the Board Room at Greene Memorial Hospital, 1141 N. Monroe Drive, Xenia from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. All are welcome.

For additional information regarding the Tobacco Free Healthy Communities Program, contact Certified Tobacco Cessation Specialist Bruce Barcelo at (937) 374-5656 or [bbarcelo@gcchd.org](mailto:bbarcelo@gcchd.org).

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