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Fairfield Department of Health Welcomes New Health Commissioner

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield Department of Health has hired a new Health Commissioner, Mr. Joe Ebel, effective Monday, April 19, 2021. Ebel will oversee all aspects of public health throughout the Fairfield County community by furthering the mission of preventing disease, protecting the environment, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

With more than 30 years of professional experience in public health, including 20 years as the Licking County Health Commissioner, Ebel brings comprehensive knowledge and expertise to Fairfield County. He stated, “I am excited about the opportunity to work with the team at the Fairfield Department of Health and to build community relationships that will continue to promote and protect the health of Fairfield County’s residents”.

When asked about his immediate goals, he added, “I hope to build on the recent successes of the Fairfield Department of Health, including achieving national public health accreditation and providing an unprecedented public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Ebel earned a bachelor’s degree in Geology at Oberlin College and a master’s degree in Environmental Management and a master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Findlay. He is also a State of Ohio Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian.

Throughout his career, Ebel has served in several public health roles, including the President of the Ohio Public Health Association, District Director for the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, Scholarship Committee Chair for the Ohio Environmental Health Association, and member of Ohio’s Retail Food Safety Advisory Council.

Ms. Tina Childers, President of the Fairfield County Board of Health, which governs the Fairfield Department of Health, stated, “I would like to acknowledge the retirement of Mr. Larry Hanna for his leadership and dedication to public service. Now, as we look to the future, we are very excited to welcome Mr. Ebel as our new Health Commissioner. We know he is ready to lead the charge for a healthier Fairfield County community.”

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