

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – JUNE 25, 2025

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gregory Hall, President of the Board at 9:08 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Dr. Gregory L. Hall, Mr. Douglas Wang, Ms. Sonja Rajki, and Mr. Daniel Richards.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Ms. Rajki, Mr. Richards.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to excuse Dr. Williams due to a schedule conflicts at the time of the meeting.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

The reading of the minutes of the May 28, 2025 regular Board meeting was dispensed with as copies had previously been received by each member. Inasmuch as there were no corrections, it was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the minutes be approved.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to amend agenda items as highlighted on revised agenda.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Public Comments on Agenda Resolutions Only (three-minute maximum) – N/A.

Review of the Financial Statements.

Ms. Alhamwi, Deputy Director of Finance, reviewed the Financial Statements through May 31, 2025 stating there was a low variance between the County and CCBH records. Ms. Alhamwi pointed out that revenue and expenses in Special Revenue accounts are in alignment; no major change from previous month indicating good cash flow management.

The Board raised a couple questions about some revenue and expenditure line items in the budget to which Ms. Alhamwi's answers addressed the concerns of the Board for those line items.

Legislative Updates – HB134

Mr. Mills, General Counsel provided an update on the Board's response to HB134, a proposed revision to the code to authorize the selling of food made in the home. Mr. Mills and Mr. Johnson, Director of Environmental Health, gave testimony in Columbus on June 18, 2025 presenting the Board's position that the proposed amendments to the code would undermine food safety.

Committee Reports – Quality Committee

Ms. Rajki summarized the minutes of the Quality Committee meeting held on May 28, 2025. Stating the committee received a summary of the status of the reaccreditation process and internal QI committee, in addition to a discussion on the use of AI in the agency. Internal discussion on use of AI, followed by an update the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) taking on larger role in that process.

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:

Ms. Halko, Director of Population Health, introduced Resolution 2025-060 and mentioned that CCBH previously received a Notice of Award (NOA) from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for two HIV Prevention Grants: Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC grant and the HIV Prevention grant, and last week CCBH received notice from ODH to pause work on those two grants because ODH had not yet received Notice of Award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Yesterday National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) indicated that the CDC is moving forward with issuing the NOA's in their full amounts.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-060 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept the 2025/2026 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Ms. Patrick, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-061 funding for Project SCALES. This first Farm to School grant funding CCBH has been able to secure that did not require In-Kind match dollars. The award is with Boise State University as pass through funding from the USDA for the Make America Healthy Again initiative. The program will incorporate real food grown by American Farmers. The program will work with seven partners including three industry distribution partners to work on implementing value chain coordination leveraging their relationships and opportunity for small and medium sized producers. The program will pilot locally made and all Ohio products with the Cleveland Municipal School District and Cincinnati Public Schools.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-061 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Boise State University for the grow the schools food system grant from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and to receive funding in the amount of \$994,620.00.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Ms. Lark-Turcoliveri, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-062 for the Ending the HIV Epidemic grant from the CDC to reduce new HIV transmission. Primary objective will include outreach events and testing with focus on jail systems and the homeless populations.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-062 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute contracts with the following agencies under the 2025/2026 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC grant from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026:

	Amount Not to Exceed
The Centers	\$ 141,250.00
MetroHealth System Emergency and Dental Departments, Jails	\$ 160,000.00
MetroHealth System Syringe Service Program	\$ 50,000.00
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	\$ 90,000.00
Thrive for Change	\$ 75,000.00
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center	\$ 155,000.00

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: 3, Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Richards, motion carries.

Ms. Baker, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-064 for the Ryan White program sub-recipients receiving their second partial award to provide HIV treatment and care service to those living with HIV.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-063 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute contract addendums increasing the amounts to be paid to the following agencies under the 2025/2026 Ryan White grant from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026:

	<u>Amount not to exceed:</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
The Centers (CRC 2025-072)	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 73,500.00
Mercy Health Regional Medical Center (Resolution 2025-038)	\$ 55,300.00	\$ 123,000.00
MetroHealth System (Resolution 2025-038)	\$ 206,600.00	\$ 554,621.00
Neighborhood Health Care (CRC 2025-072)	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 85,900.00
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center (Resolution 2025-038)	\$ 107,676.00	\$ 265,634.00
Signature Health, Inc. (Resolution 2025-038)	\$ 71,834.00	\$ 188,650.00

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: 3, Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Richards, motion carries.

Ms. Kolenz, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-064 for the HIV Prevention program sub-recipients across the six county region providing priority based HIV testing services.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-064 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into contract with the following agencies under the 2025/2026 HIV Prevention grant from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026:

	<u>Amount not to exceed:</u>
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland	\$ 145,000.00
Better World Advertising	\$ 50,882.79
Family Planning Services of Lorain County	\$ 100,000.00
Medina County General Health District	\$ 55,000.00
Signature Health	\$ 137,000.00
The Centers	\$ 100,000.00

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. Sobolewski, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, introduced resolution 2025-065, the renewal of a long-standing agreement granting CCBH authority to provide lead remediation services, Mr. Sobolewski explained that the agreement compensates CCBH for services provided to homes where children have elevated blood lead levels. Mr. Wang inquired about the current state of lead poisoning, and Mr. Sobolewski noted that while CCBH has made progress—reducing lead prevalence from 30–40% to around 19%—significant challenges remain, particularly in East Cleveland. He emphasized the need for broader community development and investment to address the root causes. The Board asked about barriers such as funding and contractors, to which Mr. Sobolewski responded that the issue is multifactorial, involving systemic disadvantages and poor housing conditions. Dr. Hall raised concerns about the societal impacts of lead poisoning, and Mr. Sobolewski acknowledged these concerns while emphasizing CCBH's role in eliminating lead as a contributing factor. Mr. Richards asked about follow-up procedures, and Mr. Sobolewski confirmed that notifications are triggered at certain lead levels, prompting household contact and remediation efforts, with at least 50 homes meeting criteria for intervention each year.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-065 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to conduct public health lead investigations, public health lead risk assessments and case follow-up upon referral within Cuyahoga County from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. The amount to be received for these services is based on direct costs reported to ODH per completed public health lead investigation.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

BOARD ORDERS, RULES, FEES OR REGULATIONS

Mr. John Mills, CCBH General Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Board. License Holder did not appear. Ms. Ashley Ruminski, CCBH Supervisor, was sworn in by Dr. Hall. Ms. Ruminski testified that in her role as Supervisor of CCBH pool inspections, she was aware that the licensed facility had failed to correct repeated critical violations of the Ohio pool code during the 2024-2025 license period. Ms. Ruminski provided the Board with a warning letter sent to the facility in 2024. Ms. Ruminski testified that the Pool and Spa within the facility had since resolved the immediate public health risks, although it was possible that the facility could return to noncompliance.

Megan Mementowski, CCBH Program Manager, was sworn in by Dr. Hall. Ms. Mementowski testified that no corrective action was taken for either the Pool or Spa until the facility was threatened with license suspension in February of 2025. The Board viewed an inspection timeline and photographs detailing the violations and discussed the implications of the violations. It was the testimony of Ms. Mementowski and Ms. Ruminski that the violations had presented a public health risk. Also, due to the expiration of the pool and spa licenses as of May 31, 2025, there did not currently exist any licenses to suspend.

Mr. Mills discussed with the Board that CCBH typically uses progressive enforcement against licensed facilities, at the discretion of the pool program. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Mills recommended to the Board that the 2025-26 pool operator's license of the License Holder be issued, but that progressive enforcement be discontinued for this facility, meaning that future enforcement issues will be referred directly to the Board.

The Board determined that, based on the factual record and testimony presented, that good cause and sufficient evidence existed to approve License Holder's 2025-26 pool operator's license as described.

It was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-066 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to issue 2025-2026 conditional licenses for the operation of a pool and spa at Wyndham Independence hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence OH 44131.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

FIRST READING:

None

SECOND READING:

None

THIRD READING:

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-045 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED To amend the CCBH Provider Fees for clinical services effective, June 30, 2025 (ref enclosed).

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-067 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be given of the Consent Agenda as set forth in the attached schedules:

Schedule A	Appropriation Measures.
Schedule B	Cash Transfers.
Schedule C	Routine Personnel Actions.
Schedule D	Employee Training and Travel Expenses.
Schedule E	Approval of Vouchers. (Available upon request)
Schedule F	CRC Report and Other Contracts.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Reports/Presentations

(1) Infectious Disease Update

Takisha Fuller, Deputy Director of Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Informatics, provided a brief Infectious Disease update noting an increase in recent pertussis case, which is up 20% from last year. Takisha added there have been no additional cases of measles to report since last month's Board meeting.

The full detailed Infectious Disease Update report is attached.

Jackie Napolitano, Epidemiologist, gave a presentation on the 2024-2025 Respiratory Illness season. During the 2024–2025 respiratory season in Cuyahoga County, COVID-19 activity saw a significant decline compared to the previous year. Reported cases dropped by 51%, hospitalizations decreased by 34.2%, and deaths were reduced by 52.6%, with a total of 8,550 cases, 345 hospitalizations, and 45 deaths. COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations peaked in December and January, respectively. However, due to reduced reporting of at-home test results and changes in public health reporting infrastructure, these figures likely underestimate the true incidence. Vaccination uptake was modest, with only 14.6% of the population receiving the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine, and disparities in vaccine coverage by age, gender, and race were evident. Misinformation and confusion about new vaccine recommendations further complicated public health messaging.

Conversely, influenza activity sharply increased during the same period. The season was classified as high severity by the CDC, marking the highest impact since 2017–2018. There were 1,909 influenza-associated hospitalizations—up 33.8% from the prior season—and 50 influenza-related deaths, including two pediatric deaths, representing a 284.6% increase. Flu-related emergency department visits and school absences also rose, aligning with the February peak of influenza activity. Despite Cleveland showing the highest overall number

of flu vaccinations by municipality, its zip codes reported the lowest vaccination coverage, highlighting critical areas for future public health outreach. Influenza vaccination coverage stood at 29.9%, with similar demographic trends in uptake as seen with COVID-19 vaccines.

The full presentation is available on the CCBH website.

(2) Medical Director's Report

Dr. Prakash Ganesh, Medical Director, provided a brief report of activities during the month of June. CCBH was at the Pride in the CLE event where they were able to administer 16 Mpox vaccinations, and following the Board meeting will be attending the Thrive for Pride event at the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland. CCBH, in collaboration with Neighborhood Family Practice, has begun successfully implementing civil surgeon services over the past month to support refugee communities with permanent residency applications by processing I-693 forms, administering vaccines under blanket civil surgeon authority, and providing ongoing clinical consultation to staff on complex cases, protocols, and evidence-based practices.

The full written Medical Director report is attached.

(3) Health Commissioner's Report

Dr. Harris reported the 2023 Fiscal Audit has been completed, and aim to finish the 2024 Fiscal Audit audit by year-end. Dr. Harris met with Shaker Heights Mayor Weiss to discuss community engagement and the Speaker's Bureau. The Mobile Health Clinic attended the Pride in the CLE event, attracting many visitors. The County is establishing an office of violence prevention and determining CCBH's role. The CHIP and CHNA review team selected a consultant, with funding from the City of Cleveland and CCBH. The final report is expected by January 2026. A PHAB virtual site visit is scheduled for August 26.

Public and Staff Comments (three-minute maximum) – N/A.

It was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Wang, that pursuant to Resolution 1993-43 and O.R.C. Sec 121.22 the Board Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, promotion, discipline or compensation of a public employee, and to consider matters of collective bargaining.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Ms. Rajki, Mr. Richards.

Executive Session began at 10:56 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 11:32 a.m.

Miscellaneous Business –

Thereupon, it was also moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-068 to approve the separation of employment of Judy Wirsching as of June 28, 2025.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Thereupon, it was also moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-069 to approve the following personnel actions:

Job Description(s):

A. Director of Finance, revised effective June 25, 2025 (ref. enclosed).

In-range Adjustment(s)

A. Wedad Alhamwi, Deputy Director of Finance, Pay Grade G, \$86,536.70 annually effective June 30, 2025.

Interim Appointment(s):

A. Wedad Alhamwi, Interim Director of Finance at a salary of \$86,536.70 annually with a one-time lump sum payment of \$7,500.00, for an interim duration of up to six (6) months, effective June 30, 2025.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Thereupon, it was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

The Secretary counts the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

SCHEDULE A
APPROPRIATION MEASURES

1. Budget Establishment(s):

- A. Establish a budget for the 2025/2026 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC (EHE Prevention) grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (ref. enclosed).
- B. Establish a budget for the 2025/2028 Distributor-Embedded Value Chain Coordinators (Project SCALES) grant in the amount of \$994,620.00 (ref. enclosed).

2. Budget Revision(s):

- A. Budget revision for the 2024/2025 Ohio Equity Initiative grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).
- B. Budget revision for the 2022/2025 Feed Our Future (RFSP) grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).
- C. Budget revision for the 2024/2025 REACH grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).

SCHEDULE B
CASH TRANSFERS

1. Operating Transfer(s):

None

2. Residual Equity Transfer(s):

None

SCHEDULE C
ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Unless otherwise specifically indicated, said appointments shall be effective as of the beginning of the next pay period following completion and satisfaction of any post offer requirements and signature as determined by the Director of Organizational Development.

1. Ratify Appointment(s):

A. Jennifer Spina, Fiscal Assistant, Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

B. Oluwaferanmi Akinyemi, Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT), Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

C. Rebecca Ebiana, Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT), Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

2. Appointment(s):

A. TBD, Public Health Nurse (PHN) Program Manager, Pay Grade E, \$57,811.00 annually.

B. TBD, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Pay Grade E, \$57,811.00 annually.

C. TBD, Communicable Disease Investigator, Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually.

D. TBD, Account Clerk, Pay Grade A, \$32,136.00 annually.

E. TBD, Payroll Specialist, Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually.

F. TBD, Public Health Nurse, \$51,772.50 annually.

3. Promotion(s):

A. Michelle Jardine, Administrative Services Supervisor, Pay Grade E, \$57,811.00 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

B. Kriss Sargent, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

4. Resignation(s):

A. Megan Ross, Payroll Specialist, effective June 20, 2025.

B. Mary McCormick, Public Health Nurse, effective July 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE D
EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Administration

- a. La'Keisha James to Ohio Accreditation Learning Community (ALC) Regional Clear Impact Workshop June 24, 2025 – Kent, OH.
- b. Andre Brown to International Association Providers AIDS Care HIV Conference June 8-15, 2025 – San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Environmental Public Health

- a. Matt Johnson to Ohio Accreditation Learning Community (ALC) Regional Clear Impact Workshops: June 24, 2025. Kent, OH.
- b. Stephanie McConoughey and Kathy Schoch to Statewide Public Health Lead Investigator meeting: August 28, 2025, Columbus, OH.
- c. Anju Pandhak, MPH, \$3,436.00, Third Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on June 5, 2025.
- d. Savannah Porter, MBH, 4,000.00, Third Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on June 5, 2025.
- e. Mason Leuthaeuser, MPH, \$4,000.00, Third Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on June 5, 2025.

Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics

- f. Yancey Quinn to Ohio Accreditation Learning Community (ALC) Regional Clear Impact Workshops: June 24, 2025. Kent, OH.
- g. Sarah Szabo to Ohio Health Policy Summit: October 8 – 9, 2025. Columbus, OH.

Nursing & Clinical Services

- h. Katherine Birdsell, Amy Geiss and Complex Medical Help (CMH) staff to CMH PHN Regional meeting: August 13, 2025. North Canton, OH.
- i. Imani Tunson, ASN, \$475.00, Third Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on June 5, 2025.

Population Health

- j. Monica Baker, Melissa Hansen, Erin Lark Turcoliveri, Zach Levar to the HRSA Administrative Reverse Site Visit: August 5 - 8, 2025. Rockville, MD.
- k. Sonji Deal to the National Board of Public Health Examiners CDI Exam Form Development Meeting: July 8 – 11, 2025. Alexandria, VA.

1. Chloe Nace-Rolland, MPH, \$1,906.00, Third Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on June 5, 2025.

*Professional education under ONA contract.

SCHEDULE F
CRC REPORT AND OTHER CONTRACTS

A. CRC Report

1. June 3, 2025 CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

No Exchange of Funds

CRC 2025-105 Addendum: - Cuyahoga County 2022/2024 COVID-19 and Lead Remediation subsidies to revise the end date from July 5, 2025 to December 31, 2026. Amount to be received is to remain the same.

Contract Authorizations

CRC 2025-106: American Builders & Applicators - \$18,225.00

CRC 2025-107: Dynamerican - \$17,890.00

CRC 2025-108: Dynamerican - \$32,057.75

CRC 2025-109: KMU Trucking - \$14,670.00

CRC 2025-110: KMU Trucking - \$15,260.00

Contract Approval

CRC 2025-111: Addendum - Green Home Solutions – increase the amount to be paid from \$61,725.00 to \$63,225.00.

CRC 2025-112: Cleveland Clinic Foundation – \$34,000.00

CRC 2025-113: Addendum – The Centers – increase the amount to be paid from \$190,560.00 to \$210,560.00.

2. June 17, 2025 CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

No Exchange of Funds

CRC 2025-114 MOU with the following agencies under the 2025/2026 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC grant from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 to distribute HIV self-test kits. No exchange of funds.

AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

Haus of Transcendent

LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Special Immunology Unit

We Think 4 A Change, Inc.

CRC 2025-115 Addendum: American Builders and Applicators (CRC 2025-078), 18114 Maple Heights Blvd., Maple Heights, OH 44137 to extend the contract end date from July 29, 2025 to August 6, 2025. Amount to be paid to remain the same.

CRC 2025-116 Customer Agreement with AT&T to replace the existing dedicated internet wiring with fiber optic wiring. No exchange of funds.

Tabled Items

CRC 2025-118
13815-13817 Beaumont Ave. Up/Down,
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

CRC 2025-123 Addendum: American Builders & Applicators 1484-1486 Dille Rd., Euclid, OH 44117, to increase the amount to be paid to American Builders & Applicators from \$22,700.00 to \$23,850.00.

Contract Recommendations for Board Approval

CRC 2025-117 Request for Proposal (RFQ) # 2025-02 Advancing Community Health Improvement Planning for Cuyahoga County Board of Health (ref. enclosed):

Agency Amount	Received
Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker \$49,200.00	6/17/2025 @ 8:30am
Case Western Reserve University \$49,999.00	6/17/2025 @ 8:06 am
Swetland Center for Environmental Health Center for Community Solutions \$50,000.00	6/17/2025 @ 8:12 am
Conduent Community Health Solutions \$50,000.00	6/17/2025 @ 8:30 am
Health Policy Institute of Ohio \$49,000.00	6/17/2025 @ 9:09 am
Strategy Solutions, Inc. \$45,995.00	6/16/2025 @ 5:37 pm

The bids listed above were provided to the program staff for completion of the evaluation process.

Contract Authorizations

CRC 2025-119: Lead Guru - \$21,950.00
CRC 2025-120: Green Home Solutions - \$16,075.00
CRC 2025-121: American Builders & Applicators - \$10,050.00
CRC 2025-122: American Builders & Applicators - \$11,025.00

Contract Approval

CRC 2025-124: Thrive Behavioral Health Center – increase the amount to be paid from \$188,150.00 to \$191,150.00

CRC 2025-125: Addendums – increase the amount to be paid - under the 2025/2026 Ryan White grant:

	From	To
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (Resolution 2025-038)	\$44,000.00	\$72,000.00
Near West Side Multi Service Corp. (CRC 2025-072)	\$ 5,100.00	\$10,100.00

CRC 2025-126: Addendum: Muse Content Group – increase the amount to be paid from \$10,000.00 to \$13,952.39.

Revenue Generating Agreements

CRC 2025-127: ODH Smoke-Free Workplace Program - \$175.00 per investigation, not to exceed \$30,000.00.

B. Other Contracts

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Roderick L. Harris, Secretary

Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President

June 2025 Board Highlights

Infectious Disease

As of June 2025 CCBH has identified and responded to Two active outbreaks. Of the two active outbreaks there was one HFMD reported 6/18/2025 at Sweet Kiddles Childcare facility with 5 suspected cases.

In addition, there was another outbreak reported on 5/29/2025 at Diplomat Healthcare with three suspected cases of Scabies.

We are currently investigating two cases of Pertussis that were reported on 6/6/2025 (a 16-year old Female) & on 6/10/2025 (a 3-year old male).

Also One Legionella case is actively being monitored and was reported on 5/30/2025 (a 60-year old adult female).

One Suspected case of Measles was reported 6/18/2025 and was later confirmed on the 6/23/2025 as not a case.

Sources:

ODRS ID (Legionella & Pertussis)

PHEP 2025 Outbreaks

2025 CDR Tracker

“Student experience” provided by ESI staff

Various ESI staff contributed to a “student experience in public health” on 5/29. Students from Fuchs Mizrahi High School visited CCBH to shadow and experience public health as a profession.

Epidemiology Supervisor Vito Panakal delivered a mock food borne illness outbreak investigation presentation prepared by Epidemiologist Jackie Napolitano. Data Analysts Kenya Moyers and Sarah Szabo presented on CCBH’s overdose alert response process and Healthy Northeast Ohio data platform utilization respectively. Data Analytics Supervisor Samantha Smith also attended and assisted. All three presentations were provided in an interactive format to encourage student engagement and discussion. The students then joined EPH staff in the field to experience a food inspection first hand.

Q1 2025 Overdose Surveillance Bulletin released

Data Analyst Kenya Moyers completed the Q1 2025 Overdose Surveillance Bulletin for Cuyahoga County. These data bulletins provide timely dissemination of key drug overdose related metrics to partners and the community in a concise infographic format. The 2025 Q1 bulletin shows that drug overdose deaths and emergency department visits due to suspected drug overdose in Cuyahoga County both increased since 2024, while naloxone distribution and administration decreased. The Q1 bulletin also highlights the new pilot drug checking program in Cuyahoga County led by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office, and integrates data from this effort showing that fentanyl, xylazine, and medetomidine were the top three drugs present in collected syringes from local syringe service programs during this period. For further details, view the full bulletin here: <https://ccbh.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/OD2A-2025-Q1-OD-Surveillance-Bulletin.pdf>. This data product will also be presented to all Overdose Data to Action program sub-grantees on 6/20.

Older Americans Month Social Media

Related to our Healthy Brain Initiative work, Data Analyst Sarah Szabo collaborated with Communications staff to post content related to older adults and brain health on CCBH social media

accounts throughout Older Americans Month. This is celebrated in May and serves as a national observance to recognize the contributions of older adults and to highlight the importance of healthy aging. See examples below:

CCBH Cuyahoga County Board of Health May 19 · 🌐

Many chronic conditions once thought to be a natural part of aging can be prevented/managed through proper nutrition, healthy lifestyle choices, and strong community support. Commit to your health this [#OlderAmericansMonth](#).



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CCBH Cuyahoga County Board of Health May 14 · 🌐

DYK that regular physical activity is good for your brain? 🧠
During Older Americans Month, learn how you can be physically active to boost your brain health and prevent cognitive decline.

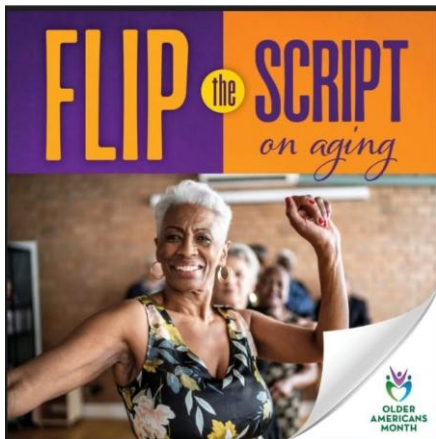


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CCBH Cuyahoga County Board of Health May 13 · 🌐

How do you flip the script on aging? Share photos that show aging is an opportunity, not a limitation—whether it's pursuing a new passion, giving back to the community, or redefining expectations. [#FlipTheScriptOnAging](#).



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CCBH Cuyahoga County Board of Health May 8 · 🌐

Unpaid caregivers save the U.S. an est. \$600B annually. During Older Americans Month, we honor the 53 million family caregivers who provide an average of 24+ hours of care each week and help millions of Americans live as independently as possible



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Congratulations to Epidemiologist Clarence Williams for recently earning his **Yellow Belt in Lean Six Sigma**, as part of his role as a QI rep for the ESI service area! ☺ This certification indicates an individual who has foundation knowledge of Lean Six Sigma tools and who supports process improvements projects by collecting data, identifying issues, and contributing to quality management activities.

Epidemiologist Daniella Saul and Supervisor Vino Panakkal will be serving as Co-Chairs of the Data Subcommittee of the **Northeast Ohio Gun Safety Coalition**, which is facilitated by the Academy of Medicine Cleveland and Northern Ohio (AMCNO).

Epidemiologist Alisha Cassady recently presented data findings at the **Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Community Advisory Group (CAG) Care Subcommittee** on June 24th. Data includes programmatic evaluation data along with HIV care continuum and epidemiology data. Key data highlights include:

Phase 1 EHE Care Evaluation Highlights

- 11 subgrantees, 8 service categories
- Serving 2,986 clients
- There were 401 clients in the Not in Care list

2024 Epi Highlights

- Preliminary data indicates that there were 151 new HIV diagnoses in 2024, which is an increase of 6 cases, from 2023

Medical Director's Report Summary

June 2025 Activities

CCBH Board Meeting

June 25, 2025

Clinical Oversight and Support

1. Civil surgeon services: Collaborating with Neighborhood Family Practice to facilitate permanent residency applications for refugee communities by processing I-693 documents and administering vaccines under our blanket civil surgeon authority. Have started implementing for the past month and going well so far. Starting out with more straight forward cases.
2. Providing clinical consultation to staff on complex cases, protocols, and evidence-based practices. (ongoing)

Disease Surveillance and Response

1. Syphilis POC Use Case Testing and Treatment Pilot
 - a) Met with NACCHO STI Director regarding strategic implementation of point-of-care syphilis and HIV testing in high-risk populations, with emphasis on correctional facilities and women of reproductive age to reduce congenital syphilis transmission.
 - b) Secured commitment from Metro Health to pilot our program in correctional facilities, with initial planning meetings completed to establish implementation protocols for the jail system.
 - c) An MPH student will assist with conducting the literature review and evaluating program outcomes.
 - d) Exploring sustainability strategies and identify potential funding sources for point-of-care syphilis testing, contingent on demonstrated effectiveness in reaching high-risk populations.
2. Identifying opportunities to streamline surveillance and response services, including optimization of testing and treatment protocols.

Media and Communications

No reportable activities this period.

Community Engagement and Education

1. **6/10/25:** Spoke at event for the Mastery School of Hawken to increase partnerships. Able to share about the experience CCBH has had with engaging with their students for the last several years.
2. **6/18/25:** Assisted the CTSC in engaging high school students enrolled in the Harland G Wood Summer Research Scholars at CWRU SOM. All students were rising sophomores in CMSD interested in science and healthcare. The goal was to share with them what public health and community health are.
3. LGBTQ+ Health Initiatives: Serving on the steering committee for the 5th Annual Thrive with Pride Health and Wellness Day hosted by the LGBT Center of Cleveland, providing strategic guidance for the June 25th health fair.

Staff Development and Training - No reportable activities this period