

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – MAY 28, 2025

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gregory Hall, President of the Board at 9:07 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on May 28, 2025.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Dr. Gregory L. Hall, Mr. Douglas Wang, Ms. Sonja Rajki, Dr. Sherrie Williams, and Mr. Daniel Richards. The Secretary called the roll. Ayes: Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Ms. Rajki, Dr. Williams

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

BE IT RESOLVED to excuse Mr. Daniel Richards due to a schedule conflict at the time of the meeting. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

The reading of the minutes of the April 23, 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 Dr. Hall, that the minutes be approved. Ayes: 2, Nays: None, Abstained: Dr. Williams and Mr. Wang abstained due to not being in attendance at the April 23, 2025 board meeting. Motion carries.

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

BE IT RESOLVED to amend agenda items as highlighted on revised agenda. 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 April 30, 2025 stating there was a good variance between the County and CCBH records. Ms. Alhamwi pointed out that Special Revenue account balances fluctuate between positive and negative balances, with positive balances indicate alignment and good cash flow management. The agency has received 58% revenue of budgeted revenue for the year due to receiving the first payment of the city contract. Due to timely salary adjustments processed for 2025 28% expenditures have been spent to date.

Legislative Updates:

Mr. Mills, General Counsel, mentioned House Bill 134 which will expand the ability of home kitchens to operate without licenses. CCBH is not in support of this bill due to the level difficulty to inspect of ensure food safety and quality. CCBH intends to send representatives to any next hearing on HB134.

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Fink, Program Supervisor, introduced Resolution 2025-048 stating that Cuyahoga County

have provided additional funding.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-048 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional funding from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District to provide a regulatory enforcement program throughout the health district from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$56,160.00 (Resolution 2024-158). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Ms. Kolenz, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-049 stating the funds are for an additional year of funding and will be used to support two FTE's, five Sub-recipients, and a marketing campaign.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-049 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept the 2025/2026 HIV Prevention grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$893,502.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. Fink, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-050. This funding is for the Lake Erie Bathing Beach program and CCBH has been a recipient of these funds for the past decade. These funds will monitor, post warnings, and online notifications based on E.coli levels for water safety. The Board asked Mr. Fink how often levels of E.coli at beaches are elevated, to which Mr. Fink responded that E.coli levels are elevated after a pretty significant amount of rainfall, which happens fairly often.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-050 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the Ohio Department of Health for the Bathing Beach and Notification Program grant from date of full execution through June 30, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$29,929.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. Sobolewski, Deputy Director of Environmental Public Health, introduced resolution 2025-051 for lead remediation projects to be paid with Lead Safe Ohio funding.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-051 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with American Builders and Applicators, and Paragon CMS for multiple properties for lead remediation work:

Property Address	Contractor	Not to Exceed	CRC Agenda Item
• 16014-16016 Elderwood Ave. East Cleveland, Ohio 44112	American Builders and Applicators	\$55,700.00	CRC 2025-088

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| • 1449-1451 E. 135 th St. East
Cleveland, Ohio 44112 | Paragon CMS | \$102,578.00 | CRC 2025-087
RFP 2025-03 |
| • 2004 S. Belvoir Blvd. South
Euclid, Ohio 44121 | Paragon CMS | \$63,388.00 | CRC 2025-091 |

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. Levar, Deputy Director of Population Health, introduced resolution 2025-052 for the receipt of a second round of partial funding for the Ryan White Part A grant. Typically, the funds are received in two disbursements, while occasionally the funding is divided among several disbursements. The amount of funds received so far attributes to 45% percent of the total award and CCBH has no indication they will receive any less than their total award for the 2025/2026 funding year.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-052 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2025/2026 Ryan White grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of \$1,306,423.00 from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 (Resolution 2025-017). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

The Board asked for clarification on what resolution 2025-053 was authorizing, to which it was explained that CCBH policy is to close purchase orders at the end of each Fiscal (calendar) year and to reopen purchase orders in the new fiscal year to represent the remaining balances of unspent purchase order from the previous year in order to keep funds encumbered and for the items in this resolution that step in the process was missed and each purchase order being over \$3,000.00 must be approved by the Board. The Board mentioned they are working with General Counsel to delegate that authority to CCBH so that it doesn't need to come all the way to the Board. Additional discussion was had about the clarification of the NACCHO purchase order, which CCBH explained the charge was for three staff members to attend a NACCHO conference and the expense was put on the agency credit card and that a purchase order was not pulled at the time the charge was incurred, and in order to pay the charge, the purchase order must be approved to first encumber the funds.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-053 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize payment(s) for the contract(s) and/or order(s) with the following vendor(s):

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Glass Block Headquarters	\$ 3,850.00	12/11/2024	Lead Remediation
Paragon CMS	\$ 5,515.00	10/15/2024	Lead Remediation
Paragon CMS	\$37,085.00	8/26/2024	Lead Remediation
Paragon CMS	\$ 7,550.00	10/16/2024	Lead Remediation
Glass Block Headquarters	\$17,420.00	12/5/2024	Lead Remediation
The Woodrow Project	\$178,728.00	10/25/2024	OD2A Sub-Recipient
Chase Bank c/o NACCHO	\$ 3,100.00	4/25/2025	NACCHO Conference

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. McRae, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced resolution 2025-054 for the provision of online payment services. This will allow CCBH to process credit and debit card payments in person and online. The vendor was selected through an RFP process and CCBH received several bids. There is not cost to CCBH due to processing fees being applied to customer charges instead. This system will also integrate with CCBH Healthspace and Azalea systems as well. The Board asked if there will be a processing fees for debit cards users and if residents will be notified about the processing fees prior to payment to which Mr. McRae replied that debit cards users will also be charged a fee and all residents will be informed up front that they will be charged the processing fee.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-054 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Wonderware, Inc. dba Core Business Technologies for the provision of online payment services, to be paid via user fees. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

BOARD ORDERS, RULES, FEES OR REGULATIONS

Ms. Conklin, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-055 for a housing facility for disabled residents in Olmsted Township.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-055 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Grant a Variance from Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29-12 (P)(2) for the Sewage Treatment System Servicing the Residence at 6597 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Township, Ohio (PPN# 261-01-013). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Ms. Conklin, Program Supervisor, introduced resolution 2025-056, a variance to leave the existing sewer line which travels under a cement patio with replacement of line from patio to the septic tank. The line was inspected and in good condition and falls into a standard variance request.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-056 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Grant a Variance from Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29-12 (P)(2) for the Sewage Treatment System Servicing the Residence at 35096 Cannon Rd, Bentleyville, Ohio (PPN# 941-05-009). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Mr. Mills, General Counsel, introduced resolution 2025-044 asking for the resolution to be withdrawn stating that a suspension of the license is no longer required and CCBH will be issuing a conditional license. Mr. Mills will provide follow up at the June 2025 Board meeting. The Board asked the address of the pool location be added to the resolution language.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-044 be withdrawn:

BE IT RESOLVED to withdraw the Board's Final Findings and Orders suspending the pool and spa Operator's license of the Doubletree Hotel at 6200 Quarry Lane Independence, Ohio 44131 as Owner/Manager of Doubletree Hotel pursuant of Ohio Revised Code Section 3749. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

FIRST READING:

Ms. Harris introduced resolution 2024-057 adding moxifloxacin hydrochloride and a blood specimen collection method to the clinic fee schedule.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-057 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Amend the CCBH Provider Fees for clinical services effective May 28, 2025 as an emergency measure (ref. enclosed). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

SECOND READING:

RESOLUTION 2025-045 to Amend the CCBH Provider Fees for clinical services effective, June 30, 2025 (ref enclosed).

THIRD READING:

None

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-058 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.

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Health Commissioner's Report
(1) Infectious Disease Update

Mr. Soberano, Disease Investigator, and Ms. Panakkal, Program Supervisor, presented the Infectious Disease Update. The report was followed by a brief discussion with the Board on how and when private providers check measles titers. Additional discussion was had about how CCBH is promoting vaccinations and the frequency at which the community has been interacting with our website and social media posts looking for information on measles and vaccinations. The Board expressed its desire to ensure all information regarding measles and vaccinations in general are easily accessible to the public.

The full detailed Infectious Disease Update report is attached.

(2) Environmental Public Health Presentation

Mr. Fink, Program Supervisor, gave a presentation on the projects on which CCBH Summer Interns work. The presentation was followed by discussion with the Board on the methods by which CCBH is informing the public and promoting the work that the Environmental department is doing with regard to mosquitos and beach water safety to the community at large.

The full presentation available on the CCBH website.

(3) Population Health Presentation

Ms. Halko, Director of Population Health, and Ms. Patrick, Program Supervisor gave a presentation on the Population Health department's business planning process and the work being done on healthy food access in schools. The presentation was followed by discussion with the board on how the school districts are keeping parents and the communities involved and informed about these programs through newsletters and community engagement events. The was additional discussion had about the Cleveland Municipal School Districts involvement in our school food programs.

The full presentation available on the CCBH website.

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

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, 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, Dr. Williams.

Executive Session began at 10:54 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 11:59 a.m.

Miscellaneous Business:

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by and Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-059 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with MGT Impact Solutions, Inc. for fiscal consulting services from May 19, 2025 through November 21, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00. 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 12:00 p.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

SCHEDULE A
APPROPRIATION MEASURES

1. Budget Establishment(s):

- A. Establish a budget for the 2025/2026 HIV Prevention grant in the amount of \$893,502.00 (ref. enclosed).
- B. Establish a budget for the 2025 MRC Operation Readiness grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ref. enclosed).
- C. Establish a budget for the 2024/2025 First Year Cleveland grant in the amount of \$44,645.54 (ref. enclosed).

2. Budget Revision(s):

- A. Budget revision for the 2024/2025 Reproductive Health and Wellness grant to increase the budget by \$3,747.05 (ref. enclosed).
- B. Budget revision for the 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant to decrease the budget by \$27,800.00 (ref. enclosed).
- C. Budget revision for the 2024 Increasing Vaccination Coverage grant to redistribute funds. (ref. enclosed).
- D. Budget revision for the 2023/2027 Public Health Workforce grant to increase the budget by \$50,000.00 (ref. enclosed).
- E. Budget revision for the 2025/2026 Ryan White grant to increase the budget by \$1,306,423.00 (ref. enclosed).
- F. Budget revision for the 2023/2024 REACH grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).

SCHEDULE B
CASH TRANSFERS

1. Operating Transfer(s):

None

2. Residual Equity Transfer(s):

None

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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.

Ratify Appointment(s):

- A. Julie Boylen, Disease Intervention Specialist, Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually, effective May 19, 2025.
- B. Monica Williams, Supervisor, Epidemiology, Pay Grade F, \$66,312.00 annually, effective June 2, 2025.

Appointment(s):

- A. TBD, Fiscal Assistant, Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually.
- B. TBD, Fiscal Assistant, Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually.
- C. TBD, Administrative Services Supervisor, Pay Grade E, \$57,811.00 annually.
- D. TBD, Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT), Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually.

Lateral Appointment(s):

- A. Darlene Williams, Medical Secretary, Pay Grade A, \$45,039.81 annually, effective June 30, 2025.

Promotion(s):

- A. Anders Helmbrecht, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually, effective June 2, 2025.

Resignation(s):

- A. Colten Skaggs, Environmental Health Specialist In Training (EHSIT), effective May 2, 2025.

Position Complement Revision(s):

- A. Account Clerk - from 4 to 3 FTEs – effective May 28, 2025 (ref. enclosed).
- B. Fiscal Assistant - from 2 to 3 FTEs – effective May 28, 2025 (ref. enclosed).
- C. Grant Coordinator - from 7 to 6 FTEs – effective May 28, 2025 (ref. enclosed).

SCHEDULE D
EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Administration

- a. Suzanne Hrusch to OEHA 78th Annual Education Conference: April 9-10, 2025. Dublin, OH.
- b. John Mills to the 2025 Ohio Public Health Conference: April 28 – 29, 2025. Lewis Center, OH
- c. Erik Hamilton to Six Sigma training: April 15-16, May 13-14, and June 17-18, 2025. Cambridge, OH.

Environmental Public Health

- d. Brian Carroll and Alyssa Mills to Active Wastewater Systems, LLC “Understanding the Drip Dispersal System”: May 14, 2025, Sunbury, OH.

Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics

- e. Jana Rush to the 2025 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference: June 7, 2025 – June 12, 2025. Grand Rapids, MI.
- f. Emilee Tancak to the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Ohio EPI Intensive Training: June 1, 2025 – June 4, 2025. Columbus, OH.

Nursing & Clinical Services

- g. JoAnn Carrothers to Lake County Health Department for various vaccine: April 22, 2025. Mentor, OH.
- h. Gladys Harris to the Annual Reproductive Health and Wellness Director meeting: June 24, 2025. Columbus, OH.

Population Health

- i. Mollie Evans and Emily Landis to the 2025 Overdose Data to Action Recipient Meeting: July 7 - 10, 2025. Atlanta, GA.
- j. Anastassia Idov, MPH, \$95.02, Second Quarter 2025 tuition approved by the TARC on February 25, 2025.

*Professional education under ONA contract.

SCHEDULE F
CRC REPORT AND OTHER CONTRACTS

A. CRC Report

1. May 6, 2025 CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

No Exchange of Funds

CRC 2025-083: BAA - Letternine

CRC 2025-084: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Ohio Pharmacy Services authorizing CCBH to purchase pharmaceuticals, over the counter (OTC) items, medical supplies, personal care items, forms and miscellaneous items from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

CRC 2025-085: Addendum - Glass Block Headquarters to extend the contract end date from May 4, 2025 to June 3, 2025. Amount to be paid to remain the same.

Contract Recommendations for Board Approval

CRC 2025-086: RFP# 2025-02 Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio (EHE Prevention) (ref. enclosed):

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Received</u>
<u>Amount</u>	
Circle Health Services dba The Centers	05/05/25 @ 10:37 am
\$144,000.00	
LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland	05/06/25 @ 9:34 am
\$113,998.00	
MetroHealth System	05/05/25 @ 2:55 pm
\$175,695.34	
MetroHealth System	05/06/25 @ 9:21 am
\$50,000.00	
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	05/06/25 @ 8:32 am
\$115,700.00	
Thrive for Change	05/06/25 @ 9:23 am
\$75,000.00	
University Hospitals	05/06/25 @ 8:40 am
\$163,499.00	

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

CRC 2025-087: Paragon CMS - \$102,576.00 to be submitted to Board for approval.

CRC 2025-088: American Builders & Applicators - \$55,700.00 to be submitted to Board for approval.

CRC 2025-091: Paragon CMS - \$63,388.00 to be submitted to Board for approval.

Contract Authorizations

CRC 2025-089: Clarke Mosquito - \$29,911.25

CRC 2025-090: Paragon CMS - \$29,991.00

CRC 2025-092: American Builders & Applicators - \$15,100.00

CRC 2025-093: Paragon CMS - \$6,370.00

CRC 2025-094: Croxton Technology - \$15,150.00

CRC 2025-095: American Builders & Applicators - \$16,800.00

CRC 2025-096: American Builders & Applicators - \$12,300.00

CRC 2025-097: American Builders & Applicators - \$22,700.00

CRC 2025-098: American Builders & Applicators - \$23,050.00

Contract Approval

CRC 2025-099: Cleveland Department of Public Health – \$28,550.00

CRC 2025-100: Addendum - Green Home Solutions – increase the amount to be paid from \$21,500.00 to \$26,400.00.

2. May 20, 2025 CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

No Exchange of Funds

CRC 2025-101 Limited User License Agreement with Walgreens Co., under the 2024/2025 Implementing Enhanced HIV grant from June 27, 2025 through June 27, 2025 to provide HIV/STI testing and screening services, and HIV/STI counseling to individuals at Walgreens Store #3312 on National HIV Testing Day. No exchange of funds.

CRC 2025-102 Data Usage Agreements to share HIV/STI testing data for the purpose of the REDMAP project. No Exchange of Funds.

Cleveland Clinic Foundation
MetroHealth Medical Center

Contract Recommendations for Board Approval

CRC 2025-086 RFP# 2025-02 Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio

Company	Amount
Circle Health Services dba The Centers	\$141,250.00
MetroHealth System	\$160,000.00
MetroHealth System (SSP)	\$ 50,000.00
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	\$ 90,000.00
Thrive for Change	\$ 75,000.00
University Hospitals	\$155,000.00

Contract Approval

CRC 2025-103: Burten, Bell, Carr Development - \$10,000.00.

CRC 2025-104: AJ Boggs & Company dba IXN, Inc. - \$3,312.06

B. Other Contracts

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ESI May 2025 Board Highlights

CCBH Measles Case Response Summary

As of May 2025, CCBH has identified and responded to **one confirmed case of measles** in an unvaccinated pediatric individual with a history of recent international travel. The individual's symptom onset began with fever on April 29, 2025, followed by a rash on May 3, 2025. The infectious period was determined to be April 29 through May 7, 2025.

Exposure Locations

Three primary exposure sites were identified:

- Hillcrest Adult and Pediatric Emergency Department – May 4, 2025
- Hillcrest Atrium/Laboratory – May 2, 2025
- A private pediatrician's office – May 1, 2025

CCBH collaborated with infection preventionists and clinicians at these facilities to compile exposure lists. The Communicable Disease Investigation (CDI) team verified jurisdiction and immunity status for each individual before proceeding with contact.

Contacts residing outside of CCBH's jurisdiction were referred to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for coordination with the appropriate local health agencies.

Pediatric Exposures

- 24 pediatric exposures were identified, with 17 residing in CCBH jurisdiction.
 - 13 of the 17 were confirmed immune (via vaccination or other means) and did not require quarantine.
 - 4 children were identified as non-immune:
 - 2 have since completed monitoring and were released from quarantine on May 23, 2025.
 - 1 remains in quarantine until May 28, 2025.
 - 1 received immune globulin (IG) and is quarantined until June 1, 2025.

The CDI team has been conducting daily symptom checks for all quarantined pediatric contacts. No symptoms consistent with measles have been reported to date.

Adult Exposures

- 56 potential adult exposures were identified, with 34 residing in CCBH jurisdiction.
 - 24 adults provided documentation of immunity and were exempt from quarantine.
 - 10 adults could not initially verify immunity but reported a belief that they were immune. These individuals were quarantined and contacted biweekly to:

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- Provide updates on locating documentation (e.g., vaccine records, titer results).
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Reinforce quarantine requirements if documentation was still pending.
- 6 are in quarantine until May 25, 2025.
- 4 are in quarantine until May 23, 2025.

To date, no adult exposures have developed symptoms consistent with measles.

Summary

CCBH's response included rapid case identification, effective coordination with healthcare partners and state agencies, and comprehensive monitoring of exposed individuals. Ongoing surveillance and communication have helped ensure all exposed individuals are supported and appropriately quarantined based on their risk and immunity status. No secondary cases have been identified at this time.

Emergency Preparedness

In the last 4 weeks, our new Preparedness Supervisor, Jacqueline Jackson, have submitted the following deliverables: Core 11.1 CRI 5.1, CRI 4.1, CRI 6.1, and finalizing CORE 12.1. The preparedness team received a lot of feedback from both established and new partners regarding the equitable distribution of PODS. Jacqueline attended the NACCHO Preparedness Submit, in San Antonio, TX. She returned with a number of ideas and resources to continue to build their community for preparedness. She attended the Rock and Roll Thunder at Cleveland Clinic and was able to meet key partners, observe the execution of an explosion table top exercise, and fraternize with other LHD leaders across the county. It was a rewarding experience.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Preparedness Staff (Jacqueline Jackson) conducted two Regional MRC events:

1. April 4 & April 11 – Train-the-Trainer CPR Workshops

The Northeast Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (NEO MRC), in partnership with the American Red Cross, hosted two "Train-the-Trainer" CPR workshops on April 4 and April 11. These sessions were designed to certify volunteers as Red Cross Instructor Trainers, equipping them with the skills to teach Red Cross instructor-level courses and certify new CPR instructors within their respective communities. Instructor Trainer Academies are intensive, multi-day training programs facilitated by certified Red Cross Instructor Trainer Educators. These academies prepare candidates to deliver high-quality First Aid/CPR/AED training, enabling them to effectively respond to cardiac, respiratory, and other first aid emergencies. Prior to the sessions, participants were offered the opportunity to complete a bridge training course, which was particularly helpful for those with expired certifications or certifications not previously issued by the American Red Cross. Held at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, each workshop provided both classroom instruction and hands-on training. Led by a licensed and certified instructor, the sessions focused

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on equipping attendees with the knowledge and confidence to teach lifesaving skills. Key outcomes from the training included:

- a. Certification of all attendees as Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED Instructor Trainers.
- b. Enhanced regional emergency preparedness through the development of new community instructors.
- c. Distribution of first aid kits to regional partners to support future training initiatives.

Each training ran from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and representation from all areas within the NEO MRC region ensured broad regional impact. With all participants now certified, these new trainers are empowered to return to their communities and train others in CPR readiness, enhancing public health and emergency response capacity across Northeast Ohio.

2.Northeast Ohio (NEO) Regional MRC Summit

April 24, 2025 | Hosted by the Cuyahoga County MRC Coordinator: The Northeast Ohio Regional Summit, held on April 24, 2025, brought together approximately 90 volunteers, community partners, and guest speakers for a day of education, engagement, and collaboration. Hosted by the Cuyahoga County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator, the summit served as a platform to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and to deepen regional partnerships in public health and emergency preparedness. The event opened with a warm welcome and a light continental breakfast provided by Panera Bread, followed by lunch from Nak's and refreshments throughout the day. An interactive icebreaker helped set a positive tone, encouraging attendees to connect and learn more about their peers. A highlight of the Summit was the strong lineup of insightful presentations delivered by respected professionals in the public health and emergency response fields:

- a. Dr. Roderick Harris, Health Commissioner, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, opened the summit with a message of community, collaboration, and leadership. Drawing from over 25 years in public health, Dr. Harris emphasized the importance of equity, policy development, and regional partnerships in driving meaningful change.
- b. Abdihafid Abas, MPH, MRC ODH Coordinator, shared "The State of MRC Volunteering in Ohio," offering updates and perspectives on statewide MRC initiatives, volunteer engagement, and emergency response efforts.
- c. Dr. Andre Brown, PhD, MPH, CCBH's Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, presented on "Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to Improve Community Health and Safety," inspiring attendees to recognize and address the social determinants of health that impact community resilience.
- d. Tanisha Hill, RN, BSN, delivered a powerful presentation titled "Emergency Response Planning: Addressing the Needs of the Aging Population and Those with Disabilities," sharing her 23+ years of clinical experience and her work with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.
- e. The HOSA Student Team from Berea-Midpark High School shared the incredible impact of their MRC partnership project, which involved public health data analysis, emergency preparedness training, and community outreach that touched hundreds of youth across the region.
- f. Phyllis Esposito, RN, a dedicated and experienced volunteer with both the Medical Reserve Corps and the American Red Cross, shared insights from her decade of service during her presentation, "Supporting Individuals with Disabilities and Other Access and Functional Needs During Disasters." Drawing from her background in intensive care and emergency department nursing, Phyllis offered a heartfelt and impactful reflection on the importance of inclusive preparedness. Her presentation emphasized the critical need to consider the needed services that impacted the aging population and those with disabilities during an emergency response.

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Throughout the day, MRC coordinators from across the region recognized their volunteers both verbally and through certificates of appreciation, highlighting the deep value and impact of their contributions. Q&A opportunities after each presentation fostered meaningful dialogue and knowledge exchange. To gather feedback and continue improving future events, a survey link was shared with all attendees—including volunteers, partners, event staff, and presenters. Early responses reflected overwhelmingly positive feedback, with participants praising the summit's organization, content, and sense of camaraderie. 30% of the participants completed the survey. Overall 100% of the participants said, they would attend this event again. The 2025 NEO Regional Summit was a resounding success—both educational and enjoyable. It strengthened partnerships, celebrated volunteerism, and renewed our collective commitment to building a healthier, safer, and more resilient Northeast Ohio.

Syphilis Report Released

Epidemiologist Clarence Williams recently released a 2024 Syphilis Report. The report highlights trends in syphilis and HIV co-infection, for Cuyahoga County and Region 3, which include Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina.

New Grant in Infectious Disease

CCBH was recently accepted to be a part of the Flexible Local Epidemiology for X-factor Emerging Diseases (FLEXED) grant from NACCHO. This is a \$20,000 grant to help bolster capacity, skillsets, and leadership in addressing emerging infectious diseases. Epidemiologist Jackie Napolitano, and CDI Program Manager Blaise Soberano will both serve as ambassadors in the program, with Epidemiology Supervisor Vino Panakkal coordinating the grant activities.

New original article published in top peer-reviewed journal

"The Impact of a Bidirectional Clinic to Community Social Care Referral Program" was just published in the scholarly journal *Medical Care* (Vol. 63, No. 6, June 2025), a top ten rated journal in healthcare administration. The original peer-reviewed article relates to evaluation of previous REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) program work, and describes a scalable electronic health record (EHR)-facilitated, clinic-to-community linkage (CCL) program that addressed social needs at six clinics in four health systems in Cuyahoga County. Dr. Bolen of the MetroHealth System led the innovative CCL initiative and is first author of the publication. CCBH Data Analyst Tatyana Khaled and Data Analytics Supervisor Samantha Smith are co-authors, among others across various local institutions that collaborated. Article link:

https://journals.lww.com/lww-medicalcare/abstract/2025/06000/the_impact_of_a_bidirectional_clinic_to_community.9.aspx

Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map implementation underway

Lead by Data Analyst Sarah Szabo, CCBH's Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Working Group launched this month and our Road Map Implementation Plan has been generated. Representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter; Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging; Better Health Partnership; Community Partnership on Aging; and Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services participated, in addition to CCBH ESI, Pop Health, and EDI staff. Our HBI Road Map goal is to increase the capacity of our health department, along with that of our partners, to

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address brain health in Cuyahoga County by focusing on making more local brain health data publicly available to support health equity and data-driven decision-making. Our selected strategies involve supplementing existing data to better understand disparities and opportunities for improving quality (M-2) and sharing findings with community organizations, agencies, policymakers and provider associations to help focus and inform community awareness efforts, resource needs, policies and programs (M-4).

HealthyNEO provides 386 (and counting) indicators to Northeast Ohio

Data Analyst Sarah Szabo continues to maintain HealthyNEO.org, our regional population health data platform “sharing knowledge to create healthier communities”. Two site resource files were updated over the last month – the Indicator Data Sources and Indicator Overview files. These files describe the 386 indicators currently available from 33 national, state, and local sources. Additional data is also coming soon.

CDC-invited presentation to the OD2A:LOCAL linkage to and retention in care workgroup

Data Analytics Supervisor Samantha Smith (CCBH’s Overdose Surveillance lead) and Dr. Riske-Morris of Case Begun Center (Evaluation and Component C lead) were invited by the CDC to present Cuyahoga County’s strategies to disseminate data generated through Component C: Surveillance of linkage to and retention in care, to the national workgroup on 5/20. CCBH is one of only 12 jurisdictions in the country funded for this work under OD2A (Overdose Data to Action). Our partner infographics and overdose data dissemination site <https://ccbh.net/overdose-data-dashboard/> will be highlighted.

2024 & Q1 2025 preliminary infant mortality updates

Data Analyst Tatyana Khaled updated CCBH’s Provisional 2024 Cuyahoga County Infant Mortality & Birth Outcome Data report and generated a first look of 2025 for quarter 1. As 2024 data remain preliminary additional birth and death records have been added to Vital Statistics data for Cuyahoga County. As of this month, the overall infant mortality rate (IMR) for Cuyahoga County for 2024 is 8.59 per 1,000 live births, which would represent a modest improvement from 2023, however the black-to-white disparity currently shows as 3.64, an increase. Early data for 2025 are more favorable with a current IMR of 5.39 and disparity ratio of 8.03, but these data are very preliminary in nature. The reports were shared with First Year Cleveland as a local “connector, protector, and activator” community organization dedicated to helping all babies celebrate their first birthdays.

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