CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Roderick L. Harris, Secretary

Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – June 24, 2026

Meeting called to order by Mr. Douglas Wang, President Pro Tem of the Board at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on Wednesday June 24, 2026.

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present: Mr. Douglas Wang, Dr. Sherrie Williams, and Mr. Daniel Richards, and Ms. Sonja Rajki. (President Dr. Gregory Hall arrived at 9:08 a.m. and assumed the chair.) Ayes: Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams, Mr. Richards, Ms. Rajki.

The reading of the minutes of the May 27, 2026 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. Williams, that the minutes be approved. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Resolutions Only (three-minute maximum)
No public comments were offered.

Review of the Financial Statements

Michael Pissini, Director of Finance, reviewed the financial statements through May 31, 2026 and reported the Board is in a strong financial position.

Legislative Updates

John Mills, Legal Counsel, provided an update regarding Ohio House Bill 134. He reported that the bill has undergone several revisions intended to improve the safety of food production in home kitchens. He further noted that the legislation appears to have stalled in the Ohio State Senate and may not advance out of committee. Mr. Mills reminded the Board that CCBH previously opposed the measure due to food safety concerns and sent staff members to provide testimony when the bill was under consideration in the Ohio House of Representatives. He stated that CCBH will continue to monitor the bill's status and will make efforts to send staff to any future hearings should the legislation resume movement.
Committee Reports

Ms. Rajki reported that the Quality Committee meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m. She stated that the Committee received updates on Quality Improvement activities, including Lean Six Sigma training completed by thirteen CCBH staff, new performance management workshops, and the completion of four PHAB-approved Quality Improvement projects. She further reported that Environmental Health presented results from a new customer satisfaction survey, which is now included in all inspection communications.

Ms. Rajki noted that the Community Health Needs Assessment remains under revision and that the Executive Summary outlining five priority areas is being finalized. She stated that CHIP planning continues with hospitals and community partners and that a community survey campaign will be launched in June to gather public input. She also reported that drafts of the CHIP template and evaluation framework are in development.

Ms. Rajki informed the Board that the 2026 Strategic Planning Process is in Phase 1 and includes staff focus groups, leadership retreats, and stakeholder engagement sessions scheduled through early fall. She stated that a Board briefing is proposed for August or September.

She concluded by reporting that the next Quality Committee meeting will be held following the September Board meeting and that the next Board Retreat is scheduled for January 2027.

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:

Kevin Brennan, Communications Office, introduced Resolution 2026-045.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-045 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Blue Chip Broadcasting, LTD., d/b/a Radio One Cleveland for media advertising related to healthy brain, maternal health, and overdose protection programs, from June 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed $77,000.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Ms. Eaton reported that the Nursing and Clinical Services Department transitioned to a universal home visiting model in May. She stated that Invest in Children, the program's original funder, has redirected its funding to support a data-entry administrative position, as the State is now funding the remainder of the program. She explained that this position is necessary because data cannot be exported from the FCO database. The data-entry staff member will manually enter information into the Welcome Home database to ensure that accurate data and reports can be generated.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-046 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter an addendum and execute an agreement with Cuyahoga County by and through its' Office of Early Childhood to administer the 2024/2025 Newborn Home Visiting program (Cuyahoga County Invest In Children (IIC)) to extend the contract terms from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and to increase the amount to be received from $1,762,500.00 to $1,824,136.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Program Manager Mason Leuthaeuser introduced Resolution 2026-047 and explained that larvicide treatments are necessary because water catch basins retain significant standing water throughout the summer months. He reported that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health treats thousands of catch basins in municipalities that prioritize this service. The grant associated with the resolution would fund the application of 2,800 ninety-day larvicide briquettes in the cities of East Cleveland, University Heights, and Cleveland Heights. Mr. Leuthaeuser stated that the growing need, supported by program data, prompted the decision to apply for this funding, and he noted that it is traditionally difficult for the agency to be awarded this particular grant.

Dr. Hall, Board President, inquired whether heavy downpours would wash away the treatments. Mr. Leuthaeuser responded that granular larvicide products are more susceptible to washout, whereas the briquette form is significantly more stable.

Mr. Wang asked whether additional cities would benefit from this service. Mr. Leuthaeuser explained that a countywide application of briquettes would be cost-prohibitive at approximately $5 per briquette, although granular treatments would be more affordable. He further noted that all municipalities surrounding the three targeted cities already participate in the program, that environmental conditions in the three cities create a "perfect storm" for mosquito activity, and that some municipalities conduct their own larviciding. He reported that twenty municipalities are currently enrolled in the Board's program.

Mr. Tom Fink clarified that the funding was awarded through a grant and emphasized that the Board is rarely selected because such grants are typically directed to local health departments with fewer resources. He added that the additional work associated with this project is entirely grant-funded.

Mr. Leuthaeuser concluded by stating that if the Board were to pursue a blanket countywide larvicide program in the future, it would require a substantial amount of labor concentrated in the first three weeks of June.

It was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-047 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency under the 2026 Mosquito Control grant from May 29, 2026 through April 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $18,674.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Tom Fink, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, presented Resolution 2026-048 and explained that the measure would provide funding for the Environmental Health Watch to conduct public education efforts and to recruit and train additional lead-remediation workers. He stated that the purpose of the resolution is to expand the number of qualified lead-remediation contractors, thereby increasing the pool of available contractors for future remediation work.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-048 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Environmental Health Watch under the 2026/2030 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction grant from March 2, 2026 through March 4, 2030 in an amount not to exceed $159,982.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Erin Lark-Turkoliveri, Program Supervisor, presented Resolution 2026-049 and stated that it constitutes the final installment of funding for the current cycle of the Ending the HIV Epidemic – Care grant. She reported that the award is issued at level funding and supports both medical care and supportive services for individuals living with HIV.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-049 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic – Care (EHE Care) grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of $1,450,000.00 from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 (Resolution 2026-017). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Anastasia Idov, Program Supervisor, presented Resolution 2026-050 and reported that it represents the final installment of the Ryan White Part A grant. She stated that the award provides essential HIV care and support services for individuals who are underinsured or uninsured. She noted that CCBH is the sole recipient of these funds within the six-county region and subcontracts with eleven health centers and organizations. Ms. Idov further reported that more than 50 percent of individuals living with HIV in the region are served through this program and that local viral-suppression rates remain significantly higher than national averages, with 90 percent virally suppressed locally compared to 68 percent nationally.

Board Member Mr. Wang asked whether any changes were anticipated from the federal government regarding future awards. Ms. Idov responded that the federal government does not provide guarantees, explaining that the grant is formula-based and awarded on a competitive cycle. She stated that CCBH has historically submitted high-quality applications and that the next submission will be due in 2028.

Director of Population Health Martha Halko added that the federal budget currently appears similar to the prior year. She stated that any potential impact would likely result in a greater emphasis on core services rather than support services. Ms. Halko reported that staff have been monitoring federal developments and that Congress has preserved substantial funding for many public-health programs. She indicated that the budget remains stable at this time and offered to provide updates as needed.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-050 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2026/2027 Ryan White (HIV Emergency Relief) grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 in the amount not to exceed $3,435,094.00 (Resolution 2026-013). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Ms. Halko introduced Resolution 2026-051. These funds will support the Neighborhood Leadership Institute for providing navigation services to pregnant women.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-051 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2025/2027 Maternal and Infant Vitality (MIVI) grant funding from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 in the amount not to exceed $5,000.00 (Resolution 2025-071). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

Mollie Evans, Program Supervisor, presented Resolution 2026-052 and reported that the funding amount has been reduced. She explained that the funds had been used to support staff time and effort associated with the program, and that all deliverables were met. Ms. Evans stated that staffing levels fluctuated during the grant period, resulting in total expenditures that were lower than originally projected. She noted that the County Examiner's Office intends to reallocate the unspent funds and therefore submitted the reduction to reflect the amount that will not be used. Ms. Evans affirmed that CCBH continues to maintain a positive working relationship with the funder.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-052 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept an addendum to the contract with the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office for the 2023/2026 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Site-Based Program (COSSUP) Grant to decrease the amount to be received from $192,514.45 to $180,367.54 (Resolution 2024-017). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

BOARD ORDERS, RULES, FEES OR REGULATIONS

Jeff Hanchar, REHS Program Manager, presented Resolution 2026-053 and explained that Boyas Excavating Inc. is requesting approval to process construction debris—such as wood, stone, and similar materials—and convert that debris into cover material. He stated that the processed material would be tested for combustibility, as required by code, to ensure it meets the standard for non-combustible cover. Mr. Hanchar noted that, without this approval, the debris would need to be disposed of as solid waste, and that the proposed process would divert material from landfills.

The Board engaged in a discussion to clarify its role in the matter. Staff explained that the code already permits this type of use and requires all debris to undergo combustibility testing. The approval under consideration would authorize the processed debris to be used as cover material, with all testing and compliance requirements already established in the code.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-053 be adopted:
BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to allow P&P Valley View Real Estate dba Boyas Excavating Inc. to use Recovered Screened Material that is generated solely onsite at their co-located facility as a weekly cover for their construction and demolition debris landfill. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

FIRST READING:
None
SECOND READING:
None
THIRD READING:
None

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-054 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	CRC Report and Other Contracts.

Ayes: All, Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Richards, motion carried.

Reports and Presentations

Infectious Disease Update
Blaise Soberano, Communicable Disease Investigator, the Infectious Disease Update. Full Report Attached.

Summary of Respiratory Illness Season
Jackie Napolitano gave a presentation on the 2025-2026 Respiratory Illness Season.

Health Commissioner's Report
Full Report Attached.

Public and Staff Comments (three-minute maximum)
No public comments were offered.

Miscellaneous Business
None

Thereupon, it was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:31 a.m. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carried.

SCHEDULE A
APPROPRIATION MEASURES

1. Budget Establishment(s):

   A. Establish a budget for the 2026 Mosquito Control grant in the amount of $18,674.00 (ref. enclosed).

   B. Establish a budget for the 2026/2027 STI Prevention grant in the amount of $605,278.00 (ref. enclosed).

2. Budget Revision(s):

   A. Budget revision for the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE Care) grant to increase the budget by $1,450,000.00 (ref. enclosed).

   B. Budget revision for the 2026/2027 Ryan White (HIV Emergency Relief) grant to increase the budget by $3,435,094.00 (ref. enclosed).

   C. Budget revision for the 2025/2026 STI Prevention grant to decrease the budget by $25,004.90 (ref. enclosed).

   D. Budget revision for the 2025/2026 HIV Prevention grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).

   E. Budget revision for the 2025/2027 Maternal and Infant Vitality (MIVI) grant to increase the budget by $5,000.00 (ref. enclosed).

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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. Sarah Suplicz, Outreach & Linkage Liaison, Pay Grade C, $43,991.00 annually, effective June 29, 2026.

2. Appointment(s):

    b. Kelly Matter, Web Specialist, Pay Grade E, $57,811.00 annually, effective June 29, 2026.

    c. TBD, Grant Program Manager, Pay Grade E, $57,811.00 annually.

3. Lateral Appointment(s):

    d. Donald Schilling, Administrative Specialist, Pay Grade A, $32,939.40 annually, effective June 29, 2026.

4. Retirement(s):

    e. Kenneth Uhlik, IT Systems Administrator, effective August 28, 2026.

SCHEDULE D
EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Administration

a. Roderick Harris to Research Innovations using Sensor Technology to Improve Community Health (RISE Communities) training: August 4 – 7, 2026. Cincinnati, OH.

b. Theresa Mullins, Account Clerk, BA, $1,883.76, Third Quarter 2026 tuition approved by the TARC on June 4, 2026.

Environmental Public Health

c. Robert Brand to Great Lakes Microplastics Research Symposium: June 17 – 19, 2026. Rochester, NY.

d. WPU Staff to Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) Field Day: August 19, 2026. Centerburg, OH.

e. EPH Lead program staff to attend the annual Public Health Lead Investigators meeting/training: September 9, 2026. Columbus, OH.

f. Savannah Porter, EHSIT, MBA, $4,000.00, Third Quarter 2026 tuition approved by the TARC on June 4, 2026.

Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics

g. Svetlana Zelenskiy to the 2026 OD2A Recipient Annual Meeting: June 14 – 18, 2026. Atlanta, GA.

Nursing & Clinical Services

h. Melissa Kolenz and Danielle LeGallee to HIV Prevention Quarterly meeting: July 8, 2026. Columbus, OH.

Population Health

i. Kimberlin Dennis, Brian Kimball to the 2026 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment: August 3 – 7, 2026. Washington, D.C.

j. Alison Guzik, Alison Patrick to the Value-Added Product Development Training: July 13 - 15, 2026. Louisville, KY.

*Professional education under ONA contract.

SCHEDULE E
CRC REPORT AND OTHER CONTRACTS

A. CRC Report

1. June 2, 2026 1st CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

   No Exchange of Funds

   CRC 2026-063 Administration Services submitting a no cost addendum to the contract with Karen Hacker Health Strategies, LLC to provide facilitation and coaching support services from October 1, 2025 through April 30, 2027.

   Contract Approvals and Authorizations

   CRC 2026-064: City of North Ridgeville- amount to be received not to exceed $9,060.00. Village of Chagrin Falls- amount to be received not to exceed $4,320

2. June 16, 2026 2nd CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

   No Exchange of Funds

   CRC 2026-065 Environmental Public Health Services submitting Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the following communities to provide Phase II Stormwater services as part of the NEORSD Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. No Exchange of Funds.

   City of University Heights
   Village of Valley View
   City of Maple Heights

   Contract Approvals and Authorizations

   CRC 2026-066: Case Western Reserve University- increase the amount to be paid from $479,650.00 to $484,172.71.
   CRC 2026-067: Neighborhood Leadership Institute- increase the amount to be paid from $250,000.00 to $255,000.00.
   CRC 2026-068: Wonderware Inc., dba CORE Business Technologies, Inc.- amount to be paid not to exceed $3,000.00.

B. Other Contracts

June 2026 Health Commissioner's (HC) Report

Boards/External Committees:
Attended:
- Two Bi-weekly meetings of the Village of Healing Black Men's Health Advisory Council, and two executive committee meetings
- Cleveland Peacemakers, Inc.'s Board meeting
- Family & Child First Council's Executive Committee meeting

Select Meetings:
Attended:
- Standing meetings with Dr. Margolius, Director, Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH); Martina Pace, University Hospitals; and Domonic Hopson, Neighborhood Family Practice.
- CCBH 2024 audit exit conference, conducted by the Ohio Auditor of State team.
- Entrance and exit sessions for the in-person HRSA site visit to CCBH's Ending the HIV Epidemic program.
- Strategy meetings with Kevin McDaniel, Interim Executive Director, Cleveland Peacemakers, Inc.
- Weekly meetings with CCBH IT team and LetterNine, contractor for CCBH's IT modernization project.
- Ohio Black Child Development Institute Power-Building Fellowship meeting.
- 60-minute cybersecurity training with CCBH directors, sponsored by ODH.

Partnerships:
- HC and Dr. Robert Brand participated in a bi-weekly call with partners from The Ohio State University and the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition regarding the ongoing air quality monitoring project and grant-seeking

Conferences:
- International Association of Providers of AIDS Care—Continuum 2026.

Environmental Public Health (EPH)

- Administrative hearings with Sacred Waters regarding kratom continue.
- Jeff Hanchar and Gerry Scott continue working with the City of East Cleveland to develop a plan for the former transfer station.
- Continued meetings with the Dalad Group to discuss proper closure of the Broadview Heights landfill.

Population Health (PH)

- **Overdose Prevention:**
  Cuyahoga County was well represented at the annual OD2A meeting in Atlanta this year! CCBH's Mollie Evans and MetroHealth's Ed Lenzy participated as panelists in a discussion about prevention in non-traditional healthcare settings. The pair highlighted the Expanding Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (ExAM) program that Metro facilitates at the Cuyahoga County Correctional Center.

- **HIV Programs:**

  Ryan White Part A- staff helped finalize Ohio's 2027-2031 Statewide Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan at the recent ODH CCPG meeting. This strategic framework aligns CDC and HRSA funding to reduce new infections, improve health outcomes, and advance "Ending the HIV Epidemic" goals. Progress milestones will be analyzed quarterly by the state, though preliminary data from the meeting cannot yet be publicly shared. On a more local level, our most recent Ryan White Clinical Quality Management Data Summary can be found using this link: https://ccbh.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CY25-RW-CQM-Brief-3-10-26.pdf.

  Ending the HIV Epidemic- CCBH hosted the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) project team for a required federal EHE Care site visit June 2 - 4, 2026.

  Key strengths:
  - **Team:** Dedicated EHE leadership and subrecipient guidance.
  - **Marketing:** Successful public campaign **LoveLeadsHere.org**; HRSA requested CCBH-led trainings and clients want site expansion.
  - **Operations:** Strong time-and-effort tracking.
  - **Data & Evaluation:** Robust multi-source data use, formal evaluation framework, public dashboards, briefs, and presentations.
  - **Technical Support:** CAREWare consultant for TA, data integrity, and reporting.
  - **Partnerships:** Solid data-sharing agreements with health systems, academia, and community partners.
  - **Client/stakeholder feedback:** strong provider connections, high satisfaction with care, effective linkage to Rapid ART, collaborative providers, responsive staff, and useful TA.