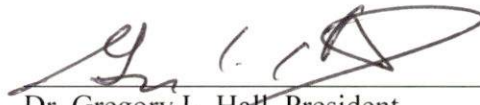


CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Roderick L. Harris, Secretary



Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING –July 22, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Douglas Wang, President Pro Tem of the Board at 9:03 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED to excuse Dr. Gregory Hall due to a schedule conflict at the time of the meeting. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

The reading of the minutes of the June 24, 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 Mr. Richards, that the minutes be approved. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

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

Review of the Financial Statements.

Mr. Pissini presented a mid-year financial and operational update for Fiscal Year 2026 during the Finance Committee Meeting. He reported that CCBH remains in a strong financial position, with approximately \$9.2 million in revenue received through the first half of the fiscal year (58% of budget) and expenditures at approximately 43% of budget, resulting in a year-to-date surplus of approximately \$2.2 million and an ending cash balance of approximately \$12.6 million.

Legislative Updates – None

Committee Reports –None

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

**REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:**

Melissa Kolenz, Program Supervisor, introduced Resolution 2026-055 and stated that the HIV Prevention grant funding would support salaries for the two DIS Program Managers, as well as a portion of the salaries for eight DIS staff members and five providers

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-055 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept the 2026/2027 HIV Prevention grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$1,081,002.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Melissa Kolenz introduced Resolution 2026-056 and stated that the resolution would provide funding to the five providers receiving funds through the HIV Prevention grant. The funding will support testing and referral services.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-056 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute the contract with the following agencies under the 2026/2027 HIV Prevention grant from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

|                                           | <u>Amount not to exceed</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland       | \$160,000.00                |
| The Centers                               | \$100,000.00                |
| Family Planning Services of Lorain County | \$100,000.00                |
| Medina County General Health District     | \$60,000.00                 |
| Signature Health                          | \$140,000.00                |

Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Erin Lark-Turcoliveri, Program Supervisor, introduced Resolution 2026-057 and stated that the EHE Prevention grant represents level funding from the previous year. This funding is for the second year of a five-year program. The goal of the program is to reduce new HIV infections by 90 percent through outreach and testing in emergency departments, correctional facilities, and non-traditional settings, including barber shops, libraries, and sporting events.

Martha Halko, Director of Population Health, added that prevention funding is one area at greater risk at the federal level, and stated that CCBH will closely monitor the federal budget process. Halko noted that this is CDC-focused prevention funding and that the program unit may be affected if it is moved into a different unit within the CDC.

It was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-057 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC (EHE Prevention) grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health in an amount of \$1,000,000.00 from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Erin Lark-Turcoliveri introduced Resolution 2026-058 and stated that the funding represents carryover funds, which are unspent funds from the previous grant year. The carryover was largely due to underspending by subrecipients, many of which also receive funding through other CCBH HIV-related programs. The carryover funding will likely remain in-house for initiatives this year. HRSA has indicated that the funding should support marketing efforts to reduce HIV stigma. For the current year, CCBH offset most subrecipient awards due to the previous underspending.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-058 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 an amount of \$240,262.00 from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 (Resolutions 2026-017 & 2026-049). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Michele Benko, Program Supervisor, introduced Resolution 2026-059 and stated that the funding represents level funding from DCY. The funding supports Maternal Health services provided through Birthing Beautiful Communities, which serves pregnant individuals and postpartum individuals for up to one year following the birth of a child.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-059 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2025/2026 Maternal Behavioral Health Support (Peer) grant funding from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth in an amount of \$80,000.00 and change the end date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027 (Resolution 2025-081). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-060 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 2026/2027 Ryan White (HIV Emergency Relief) grant from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

|                                                                     | <u>Amount not to exceed:</u> |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                                                     | <u>From</u>                  | <u>To</u>       |
| AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (CRC 2026-030)                  | \$ 43,500.00                 | \$ 156,000.00   |
| The Center (CRC 2026-030)                                           | \$ 46,200.00                 | \$ 164,000.00   |
| Mercy Health Regional Medical Center (Resolution 2026-018)          | \$ 73,500.00                 | \$ 278,000.00   |
| MetroHealth System (Resolution 2026-018)                            | \$ 357,700.00                | \$ 1,269,888.00 |
| Neighborhood Health Care (Resolution 2026-018)                      | \$ 57,000.00                 | \$ 210,500.00   |
| Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center (Resolution 2026-018)               | \$ 164,270.00                | \$ 607,204.00   |
| Signature Health, Inc. (Resolution 2026-018)                        | \$ 106,990.00                | \$ 394,315.00   |
| University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (Resolution 2026-031) | \$ 233,943.00                | \$ 877,379.00   |
| Upward Spiral Coach & Consulting LLC. (CRC 2026-037)                | \$ 21,905.00                 | \$ 86,200.00    |

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

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-061 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to to enter into and execute contract addendums increasing the amounts to be paid to the following agencies under the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic – Care (EHE Care) grant from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

|                                                                     | <u>Amount not to exceed</u> |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                     | <u>From</u>                 | <u>To</u>     |
| AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (Resolution 2026-032)           | \$ 93,000.00                | \$ 334,966.00 |
| MetroHealth System (Resolution 2026-032)                            | \$ 81,892.00                | \$ 378,466.00 |
| Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center (CRC 2026-046)                      | \$ 36,000.00                | \$ 152,000.00 |
| Signature Health (Resolution 2026-032)                              | \$ 62,500.00                | \$ 269,000.00 |
| University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (Resolution 2026-037) | \$ 55,500.00                | \$ 199,200.00 |

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

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-062 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute contracts with the following agencies under the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC (EHE Prevention) grant from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

|                                               | <u>Amount not to exceed:</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MetroHealth System-Emergency                  | \$ 140,000.00                |
| Departments/Correction Centers/Outreach       |                              |
| Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center               | \$ 70,000.00                 |
| The Centers                                   | \$ 137,750.00                |
| Thrive for Change                             | \$ 80,000.00                 |
| University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center | \$ 145,000.00                |

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

Michele Benko, Program Supervisor, introduced Resolution 2026-063. The funding supports policy and systems-change initiatives aimed at reducing the Black infant mortality rate through a downstream approach that connects prenatal populations with clinical and social services to improve access to needed resources. Ms. Benko stated that the program is expected to meet, if not exceed, its performance targets. She also noted that additional funding may be needed to help bridge service gaps resulting from the closure of other similar providers. In addition to this funding, Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) is receiving support from another partner, First Year Cleveland.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-063 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the Neighborhood Leadership Institute under the 2025/2027 Maternal and Infant Vitality (MIVI) grant from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$260,000.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Takisha Fuller, Deputy Director of ESI, introduced Resolution 2026-064. The funding will continue work initiated last year to provide data reporting and monitoring services for stakeholders and community partners. Ms. Fuller explained that the initiative supports Governor DeWine's statewide effort to reduce infant mortality rates across Ohio. The program includes participation in workshops, stakeholder meetings, and collaborative activities designed to track outcomes, share data, and inform strategies aimed at improving maternal and infant health.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-064 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to accept the additional Partner for Change Initiative funding from Case Western Reserve University from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$64,000.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

#### BOARD ORDERS, RULES, FEES OR REGULATIONS

Heather Grisez, Program Manager, introduced Resolutions 2026-065 and 2026-066 and stated that the existing septic system is creating a public health nuisance. Grisez explained that the Ohio EPA requires a variance for the proposed replacement system.

Board members discussed the resolutions. Dr. Williams asked whether the properties could be connected to a public sewer system. Grisez responded that connection to a public sewer system is not an option because sewer service is not accessible to the properties. Mr. Richards requested clarification regarding the variance and the proposed system. Grisez explained that the property currently has a single system but will require a two-system configuration that necessitates a permit and corresponding variance. Grisez further stated that the replacement system will be a discharging system that will discharge to a nearby creek in accordance with Ohio EPA requirements. Grisez also noted that all discharging systems are tested annually. Megan Conklin, Program Supervisor, added that the proposed systems utilize newer, higher-technology designs.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-065 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Grant a Variance from Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29-06 (E)(4) for the Sewage Treatment System Servicing the Residence at 2855 Som Center Road, Guest House, Village of Hunting Valley, Ohio (PPN# 881-21-004). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-066 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Grant a Variance from Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29-06 (E)(4) for the Sewage Treatment System Servicing the Residence at 2855 Som Center Road,

Main House, Village of Hunting Valley, Ohio (PPN# 881-21-004). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

Heather Grisez, Program Manager, introduced Resolution 2026-067 and stated that the resolution requests a variance to allow the existing sewer line located beneath a patio to remain in place. Grisez explained that replacing the sewer line would require removal and reconstruction of the patio, resulting in an estimated cost of approximately \$75,000. Grisez further stated that the contractor verified that the section of sewer line beneath the patio is in good working condition.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-067 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 1760 County Line Road, Gates Mills, Ohio (PPN# 843-33-005). Ayes: All, Nays: None, motion carries.

FIRST READING:

None

SECOND READING:

None

THIRD READING:

None

It was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the following RESOLUTION 2026-068 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, motion carries.

Reports and Presentations

Cyclosporiasis Outbreak Update

Jana Rush, Director of Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Informatics (ESI), presented an Epidemiological brief on the Cyclosporiasis Outbreak. Following the presentation on the cyclosporiasis outbreak response, Board members discussed source identification, public communication, and interagency coordination efforts.

Dr. Ganesh, CCBH Medical Director, inquired about efforts to identify the source of the outbreak. Ms. Rush stated that no food or stool samples are currently available for testing and noted that the Ohio Department of Health has not established a coordinated statewide system for collecting such samples.

Dr. Williams commended the presentation and emphasized the importance of communicating that hand sanitizer is not effective against the organism and that thorough handwashing with soap and water is necessary. Rush stated that CCBH has developed a risk-level chart that addresses preventive measures and noted that current efforts are focused on slowing transmission. Rush added that cooler weather may help reduce the spread of the organism.

Discussion also focused on public communication and transparency. A meeting attendee commented on the importance of providing context, avoiding premature conclusions, and communicating information clearly. Rush noted the importance of including a data equity statement in public-facing data communications. Ms. Rajki suggested that public messaging should also acknowledge areas where information remains unknown.

Matt Johnson, Director of Environmental Public Health, noted that the absence of clear federal public health leadership has affected local response efforts. Dr. Williams encouraged proactive outreach to licensed facilities, including restaurants and public pools, to provide guidance, recommendations, and assistance. Suzanne Hrusch, Director of External Affairs, reported that outreach messages were scheduled for distribution within the next one to two days.

Board members also discussed coordination with the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other health care partners. Hrusch stated that CCBH and CDPH are coordinating communications through their respective public information officers to ensure consistent messaging. Dr. Williams emphasized the importance of maintaining consistent public messaging among public health agencies and health care partners to avoid community confusion. Dr. Ganesh added that CCBH recently met with HHS to discuss establishing a regional operations center with Cleveland and noted that CCBH remains in communication with CDPH regarding ongoing public health response efforts.

#### Health Commissioner's Report

Dr. Harris presented the Health Commissioner's report. See Full Report Attached.

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

Miscellaneous Business – None

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

**SCHEDULE A**  
**APPROPRIATION MEASURES**

1. Budget Establishment(s):

- A. Establish a budget for the 2026/2027 HIV Prevention grant in the amount of \$1,081,002.00 (ref. enclosed).
- B. Establish a budget for the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC (EHE Prevention) grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (ref. enclosed).

2. Budget Revision(s):

- C. Budget revision for the 2023 WPCLF grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).
- D. Budget revision for the 2024 WPCLF grant to redistribute funds (ref. enclosed).
- E. Budget revision for the 2026/2027 Reproductive Health and Wellness grant to increase the budget by \$6,726.94 (ref. enclosed).
- F. Budget revision for the 2026/2027 Ending the HIV Epidemic – Care (EHE Care) grant to increase the budget by \$240,262.00 (ref. enclosed).
- G. Budget revision for the 2025/2027 Maternal Behavioral Health Support Program (Peer) grant to increase the budget by \$80,000.00 (ref. enclosed).
- H. Budget revision for the 2023/2026 COSSUP grant to decrease the budget by \$12,146.91 (ref. enclosed).
- I. Budget revision for the COSSAP grant to reduce and redistribute for grant closure.
- J. Budget revision for the First Year Cleveland Partner For Change grant to distribute the added funds (\$64,000.00).

**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. Harmony Welch, Public Health Nurse, \$51,772.50 annually with a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00, effective July 13, 2026.
- b. Manikkuge Lithmini Silva, Communicable Disease Investigator, Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually, effective August 10, 2026.
- c. Hannah Ritchie, Grant Coordinator, Pay Grade C, \$43,991.00 annually, effective August 10, 2026.
- d. Devon Jones, Grant Program Manager, Pay Grade E, \$68,000.00 annually with a one-time lump sum payment of \$6,000.00, effective August 24, 2026.

2. Appointment(s):

- e. Aaron Spina, IT Systems Specialist, Pay Grade D, \$57,000.00 annually, effective July 27, 2026.
- f. TBD, EDI Program Manager, Pay Grade E, \$57,891.00 annually.
- g. TBD, EHSIT/REHS, Pay Grade C/D, \$43,991.00/\$50,420.00 annually.
- h. TBD, Grant Program Manager, Pay Grade E, \$57,811.00 annually.
- i. TBD, IT Systems Administrator, Pay Grade G, \$76,093.00 annually.

3. Promotion(s):

- j. Steven Marinuzzi, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), Pay Grade D, \$50,420.00 annually, effective July 27, 2026.

4. Resignation(s):

- k. Jennifer Barno, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, effective July 6, 2026.
- l. Paul Diasanta, IT Systems Specialist, effective July 24, 2026.
- m. Emily Landis, Grant Program Manager, effective August 6, 2026.

5. Retirement(s):

- n. Marlene Skovenski, Administrative Services Supervisor, effective August 31, 2026.

**SCHEDULE D**  
**EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES**

**Administration**

- a. Kelly Matter to Ohio Public Health Communications Workshop: Crisis Communications: August 12 – 13, 2026. Columbus, OH.

**Environmental Public Health**

- b. Anders Helmbrecht to Ohio Public Health Communications Workshop: Crisis Communications: August 13, 2026. Columbus, OH.
- c. Rebecca Ebiana to Research Innovations using Sensor Technology to Improve Community Health (RISE Communities) training: August 4 – 7, 2026. Cincinnati, OH.
- d. WPU Staff to Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) Field Day: August 19, 2026. Centerburg, OH.

**Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics**

None

**Nursing & Clinical Services**

- e. Amber Hitchcock and George Mata to RH27 (Reproductive Health and Wellness) Annual Project Director meeting: July 22, 2026. Columbus, OH.

**Population Health**

- f. Sonji Deal, Erin Janowski, Erin Lark Turcoliveri, Brian Lutz to the Ending the HIV Epidemic/CDC program meetings: June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027. Various locations in Ohio.

\*Professional education under ONA contract.

**SCHEDULE E**  
**CRC REPORT AND OTHER CONTRACTS**

A. CRC Report

1. July 7, 2026 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Meeting (ref. enclosed):

No Exchange of Funds

CRC 2026-069 Administration Services submitting a Public Health Experience Agreement with the following universities to provide public health experience for students. No Exchange of funds.

Herzing University, LTD.  
Youngstown State University

June 11, 2026 – June 10, 2031  
June 1, 2026 – June 1, 2031

CRC 2026-070 Administration Services submitting a no-cost addendum to the contract with CORE to document that CORE will create three clinical payment items—CCBH Parma Clinic, CCBH Warrensville Clinic, and CCBH Mobile Clinic each utilizing the same backend workflow and shared MID.

CRC 2026-071 Environmental Public Health Services submitting Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the following community 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 Cleveland Heights

Contract Approvals and Authorizations

CRC 2026-072: Cleveland Guardians Baseball Company, LLC- amount to be paid not to exceed \$50,000.00.

CRC 2026-073: Healthy Birth Day- amount to be paid not to exceed \$5,000.00.

CRC 2026-074: Near West Side Multi Service Corp.- to increase the amount to be paid from \$5,100.00 to \$20,100.00.

B. Other Contracts

## **July 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

### **Select Meetings:**

#### **Attended:**

- Association of Ohio Health Commissioners' monthly all-member call
- Three CCBH Violence Prevention strategy sessions
- Standing meetings with: Sabrina Roberts, County Executive's Office; Martina Pace, University Hospitals; and Dr. Karen Hacker, Karen Hacker Health Strategies, LLC

### **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.

### **Speaking:**

- HC and Dr. Prakash Ganesh provided quarterly infectious disease update to County DHHS leadership.

### **Interviews:**

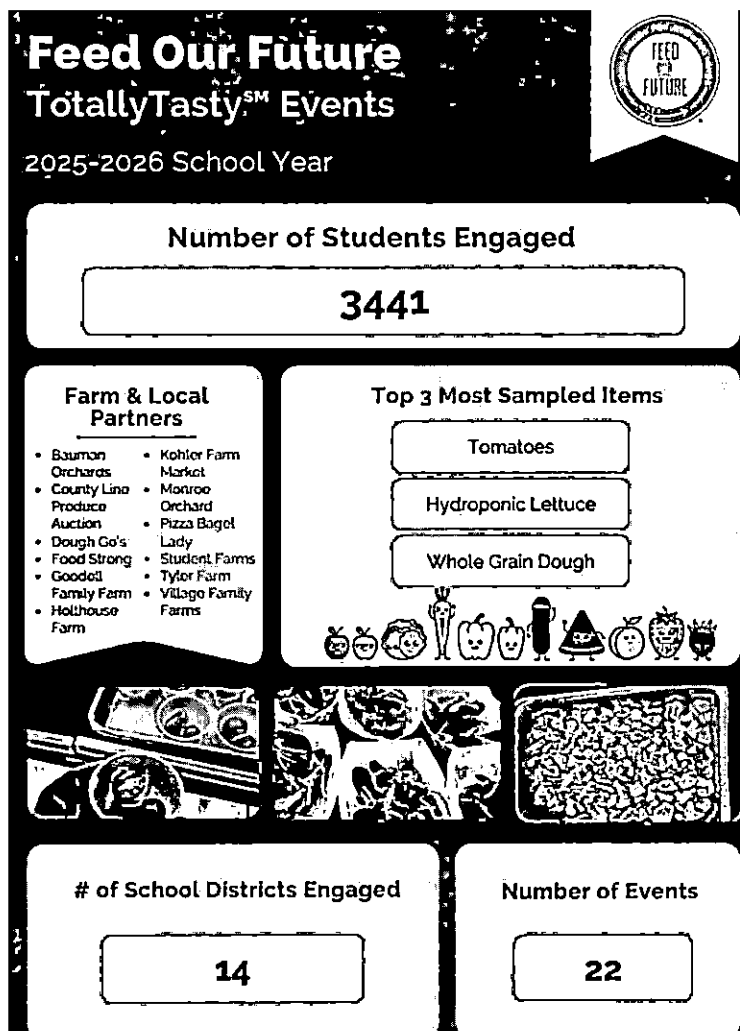
- HC interviewed candidates for the Special Projects Program Manager role.

## Population Health (PH)

- The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) team partnered with the Cleveland Guardians during the PRIDE and Black Excellence games and launched a season-long marketing campaign featuring in-stadium signage, community events, radio advertisements, and video promotions to expand awareness of HIV prevention and testing resources.
- As part of Year 3 (2025–2026) of the REACH project, CCBH partnered with Urban One to shift its health communications strategy from primarily radio and static social media to video-based outreach, with a focus on nutrition and physical activity. The nutrition video highlights food service guidelines, fruit and vegetable incentive programs, and produce prescriptions, featuring CCBH and Hunger Network staff discussing local nutrition initiatives and resources available to residents.

The campaign includes a 20-minute educational video and four short social media clips for Instagram and Facebook Reels to drive viewers to the full YouTube video. CCBH retains full rights to the content and raw footage for future use, with the campaign continuing through September 2026.

- During the 2025–2026 school year, the Feed Our Future program engaged more than 3,000 students through TotallyTasty cafeteria events, introducing locally sourced foods from 12 regional farms and food businesses. More than 85% of participating students reported they liked or loved the foods they sampled.



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# HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

## QUARTER 2 2026

### Strategic Goal Areas & Key Updates

#### Access

- Ryan White Part A staff participated in the Ohio Department of Health Combined Community Planning Group, contributing to development of Ohio's 2027–2031 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan and helping shape statewide priorities for HIV prevention, treatment, and linkage to care.
- The Ryan White Program secured a \$200,000 Relink HIV Pathways to Care grant to re-engage individuals who have fallen out of HIV care, strengthening continuity of treatment and improving long-term health outcomes.
- CCBH's Ryan White Program was selected to participate in the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) Ryan White Community of Practice, advancing regional collaboration and enhancing HIV service delivery.
- Population Health staff presented the Expanding Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (ExAM) program at the CDC's annual OD2A meeting, highlighting innovative strategies to expand substance use treatment access within correctional settings.

#### Social Justice

- CCBH launched its Violence Dashboard on the agency website, with prominent placement on the homepage to improve public access to violence-related data and community insights.
- The Q2 Data Days event was held on May 21 at the East Cleveland Public Library, drawing more than 50 participants from across Northeast Ohio for presentations and data storytelling about fetal/infant mortality and the child fatality review.
- A grant proposal was submitted to secure funding for the development of a sustainable infrastructure to strengthen CCBH's violence prevention activities.

#### Infrastructure

- With support of a consultant, CCBH completed a Security and Vulnerability Assessment to evaluate the security posture and potential vulnerabilities of our facility. The assessment identified and prioritized risks, providing actionable recommendations to enhance resilience against threats.
- The IT modernization project has been launched in phased departmental deployments to minimize operational disruption while preserving employees' existing computers, data, and workflows. These efforts will modernize IT infrastructure through enhanced device management, migration to Microsoft 365

and OneDrive, strengthen cybersecurity and backup capabilities, and transition to a cloud-based environment.

## **Staff & Community Engagement**

- The Communications team participated in 31 community tabling events and 16 Speaker's Bureau presentations between April and June while expanding promotion of CCBH's 60 public health presentation topics and providing presentation coaching to staff.
- The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) team partnered with the Cleveland Cavaliers during sold-out home games to distribute HIV self-test kits, condoms, educational materials, and prevention resources to thousands of community members.
- Population Health staff presented at the CDC's annual OD2A meeting, showcasing nationally recognized overdose prevention strategies developed through partnerships with MetroHealth, Case Western Reserve University, and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office.
- CCBH expanded outreach to unhoused populations and newcomer communities through targeted public health education, resource navigation, and culturally responsive engagement initiatives.
- Staff partnered with community organizations to welcome 75 Swahili-speaking households (463 individuals) during Newcomers Day, connecting families with public health resources and services.
- CCBH collaborated with the Parma Area Kiwanis, Old Brook School, and University Hospitals to deliver food safety education through interactive chef demonstrations.
- Staff partnered with University Hospitals and the Cuyahoga County Public Library to advance a community-focused initiative promoting sexual health education for older adults.
- CCBH supported the Asian Festival by helping secure healthcare vendors, sponsorship funding, food donations, and promotional materials to enhance community engagement.