

AGENDA  
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH  
March 26, 2025

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No Old Business

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- 6.01.02 Permission to Approve Appropriations for Increase/Decrease
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6.03 Resolution to Establish Certain Fees, Operation & Maintenance Program, First Reading

7.0 Citizens' Remarks

- Session to last 20 minutes unless Board moves to extend.
- 2 minutes per speaker to make comments and ask questions.
- The Board will answer questions after having an opportunity to investigate responses following the meeting. This is not a press conference where answers should be expected on the spot.
- Board responses will be recorded and publicly filed with meeting minutes.

8.0 Executive Session

9.0 Adjournment

## **1.0 Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, by President Mark Hendrickson. The meeting was held at the Geauga County Office Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio.

## **2.0 Opening of Meeting**

### **2.01 Declaration of Quorum**

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Dr. Mark Hendrickson	Lynn Roman
Ashley Jones, Pharm D	Christine Sutter

Not in attendance: Melissa DeBoth

Christine Sutter and Lynn Roman introduced themselves.

Minutes were recorded by Gina Parker/Heather Bushek.

Also present from the Health District staff:

Ron H. Graham, Health Commissioner	Adam Litke, Deputy Health Commissioner
Dan Lark, Administrator	

Others Present: Members of the public were in attendance.

### **2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices**

Certification of delivery of the official notices of the regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Adam Litke, Deputy Health Commissioner.

## **3.0 Board of Health**

### **3.01 Approval of Minutes**

Voting for approval of minutes of the February 26, 2025, Board of Health regular meeting did not take place due to a lack of quorum from Board of Health members that attended said meeting.

## **4.0 Health District Staff Reports**

### **4.01 Population Health**

#### **4.01.01 Safe Communities**

A coalition meeting was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in Ravenwood. The representatives in attendance were from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Lake Geauga Recovery Center, and Ohio Department of Transportation. During this coalition meeting there were no fatal accidents to discuss. The group discussed upcoming coalition events such as St. Patrick's Day and vehicle recall safety week in March for social media content and attached the link in the meeting minutes for coalition members to access the Traffic Safety website and premade content and for these two social media events.

The Coalition discussed the progress of planning our first couple events of the year. The Maple Festival contract was approved as well as the LiveWell event which is a senior resource fair taking place at Claridon Troy Park. The Health Educator will be there on behalf of GPH and the Safe Communities grant providing resources for senior safe driving and general resources for seniors in Geauga County.

Our coalition member from ODOT provided some updates regarding some new traffic safety changes in Middlefield and for the Amish Regarding a new light set up in a dangerous intersection at Burton Windsor. ODOT is also working with Amish around the state to try and get them to start utilizing flashing blinkers on their buggy for better visibility for night time driving

#### **4.01.02 Other Population Health Activities**

Social media content for Safe Communities for the month of February focused on sober and safe driving for the super bowl. The Health Educator also posted general traffic safety content such as safe winter driving.

During the month of February, GPH did not distribute any Naloxone kits. The Health Educator contacted two Geauga County police departments regarding their Naloxone inventory and will continue contacting other agencies and departments into the month of March regarding their Naloxone inventory.

#### **4.01.03 Grants**

No grants at this time.

#### **4.01.04**

#### **Programs**

#### **Immunization Clinics**

##### **1. Children's Clinic 2/3/25**

We saw 14 individuals at the 2/3/25 vaccine clinic

DTaP-1  
Vaxelis-8  
HPV-2  
PCV-5  
Tdap-3  
Varicella-6

Total of 25 vaccines given.

Zip codes of the individuals seen.

44021-1  
44046-2  
44060-2  
44062-8  
44491-1

##### **2. DDC Clinic 2/12/25**

GPH saw 18 individuals at the 2/12/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-2  
Kinrix-1  
Vaxelis-10  
ProQuad-1  
HiB-2  
PCV-11  
Rotateq-1  
Varicella-5

Total of 33 vaccines given.

Zip codes of individuals seen.

44062-15  
44099-1  
44231-1  
44234-1

### **3. Children's Clinic 2/24/25**

We saw 22 individuals at the 2/24/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-4  
Vaxelis-14  
Hib-2  
MMR-1  
PCV-14  
Tdap-1  
Varicella-5

Total of 41 Vaccines given.

Zip codes of the individuals seen.

44021-1  
44046-1  
44050-1  
44062-10  
44065-1  
44099-2  
44231-5  
44234-1

### **4. DDC Clinic 2/26/25**

We saw 12 individuals at the 2/26/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-2  
Vaxelis-7  
Hib-1  
Polio-2  
MMR-4  
Varicella-6

Total of 22 vaccines given.

Zip codes for the individuals seen.

44062-7  
44491-5

### **5. GPH Adult Clinic**

2 vaccines administered.

**6. TB Testing** = 4 individuals tested

### **Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)**

- Melissa Kimbrough RN is working on putting together educational and introductory letters to be mailed out to families.

### **Community Events**

- No community events.

### **Trainings**

- Melissa Kimbrough RN completed a training for assessing and managing suicide risk.

### **4.01.05**

#### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)**

During February, Ms. Castner continued to work on various FY25 grant deliverables and reviewed data and prepared an After-Action Report and Improvement Plan (AAR-IP) for the Regional Chemical Spill Tabletop exercise held in late January. Ms. Castner has continued reaching out to partners to plan for GPH's annual medical countermeasure (MCM) dispensing drills, for which a date is still pending. Ms. Castner also attended an Ohio Department of Health sponsored CHEMPACK Training on February 18<sup>th</sup> for PHEP grant deliverable credit.

The following deliverables were submitted to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for review during February:

- PHEP CORE 13.1 CHEMPACK Training

The following deliverables were approved by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) during February:

- PHEP CORE 13.1 CHEMPACK Training

Ms. Castner attended the following meetings and trainings during the month of January:

- PHEP Program Office Hours (February 4)
- ODH Grants Management System Portal Trainings (February 5, 6, 12, 14)
- Cleveland BioWatch Advisory Council Meeting (February 11)
- Avian Influenza Situational Awareness/Info Sharing Meeting (February 13)
- CHEMPACK Interactive Training (February 18)
- Chemical Surge/CHEMPACK TTX Regional After Action Meeting (February 18)
- Lake/Geauga POD Drill Planning Meeting (February 24)

#### **4.01.06**

##### **Epidemiology**

In February, 4 long term care facilities reported outbreaks of Influenza. The outbreaks involved a total of 40 cases, 4 hospitalizations and 2 deaths. Currently influenza activity remains very high and during this influenza season which started on 9/29/2024 there have been a total of 112 influenza associated hospitalizations. A couple of long term care facilities also reported outbreaks of Norovirus which had a total of 43 linked cases. There were five Epicenter anomalies in February which did not require further follow up.

**Communicable Diseases Reported by Month Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)**

Communicable Disease Report	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year to Date (1/1/25 to current)	2024 Year End Totals	2023 Year End Totals
Anaplasmosis	0	0											0	0	1
Babesiosis	0	0											0	0	0
Campylobacter	0	1											1	25	21
C. auris	0	0											0	2	0
CPO	0	0											0	8	3
CPO - Colonization Screening	0	0											0	1	0
Chikungunya	0	0											0	0	0
Chlamydia	5	8											13	91	83
COVID-19	138	89											227	1,445	2,068
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0											0	0	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0											0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0											1	9	1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0											0	0	0
Dengue	0	0											0	1	0
E. Coli 0157H7	0	0											0	7	0
Giardia	1	0											1	5	3
Gonorrhea	1	1											2	26	19
Haemophilus Influenza	0	0											0	2	2
Hepatitis A	0	0											0	1	0
Hepatitis B (acute)	0	0											0	0	0
Hepatitis B (chronic)	0	1											1	5	5
Hepatitis B (perinatal)	0	0											0	0	0
Hepatitis C (acute)	0	0											0	0	1
Hepatitis C (chronic)	0	1											1	13	18
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	0	0											0	0	0
Hepatitis E	0	0											0	0	0
Influenza-Hospitalized	37	70											107	62	27
La Crosse Virus Disease	0	0											0	0	0
Legionnaires Disease	1	0											1	6	4
Leptospirosis	0	0											0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0											0	2	0
Lyme Disease	0	0											0	12	9
Malaria	0	0											0	0	0
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	0	0											0	1	2
Meningitis, Bacterial not Neisseria	0	0											0	0	0
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	0	0											0	0	0
Mpox	0	0											0	1	0
Mumps	0	1											1	0	1
Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	0	0											0	0	0
Pertussis	0	1											1	4	83
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	0	0											0	0	0
Salmonellosis	0	0											0	20	10
Shigellosis	0	0											0	2	2
Staph Aureus VRSA	0	0											0	0	0
Streptococcal Group A (GAS)	0	2											2	12	16
Streptococcal Group B Newborn	0	0											0	0	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae(ISP)	0	0											0	8	3
Syphilis	0	0											0	3	5
Tuberculosis	0	0											0	1	0
Varicella	0	0											0	1	1
Vibriosis	0	0											0	1	0
West Nile Virus	0	0											0	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	0											0	1	1
Totals	184	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	359	1,778	2,389

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*Adam Litke provided the following highlights:*

- *We are currently monitoring the measles situation. In Ohio, public health considers an outbreak as 2 or more cases in the same setting.*

*Discussion:*

*Ashley Jones asked about the changes to the cribs and car seat programs. Adam Litke said we are still looking at options in light of current funding cuts.*

*Lynn Roman asked if there has been an increase in the number of vaccines. Adam Litke said it is typical for this time of the year.*

## **4.02**

### **Environmental Health**

#### **4.02.01**

##### **Director's Report**

A joint inspection was made with the Ohio Department of Agriculture at the Pizza Hut in Chardon on 2/6/25.

**4.02.02**

**Program Inspections**

Environmental Health staff conducted the following program inspections in February:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Inspections</b>
Private Water Systems (wells)	10
Camps	0
Swimming Pools/Spas	5
*Food	93
Sewage Systems	28
For Sale of Property	0
HB 110 (Semi-Public) Systems	14
Operation and Maintenance Samples	118
Plumbing	69
Schools	0
Tattoo & Body Piercing	3
Nuisance Complaints	0
Solid Waste	0

\*Includes routine inspections, reinspections, mobiles, temporaries, plan reviews, pre-licensing inspections, food-related nuisance complaints, and consultations.

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*Dan Lark provided the following highlights:*

- *Five public meetings are being held this month. One was held for sewage contractors. The other four are for residents of the next area being enrolled in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) program.*

*Discussion:*

*Adam Litke said O&M updates will be provided to the board a couple of times per year.*

## **4.03**

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **4.03.01**

##### **Administrator**

1. Working with the Prosecutor's office to continue roll out of the Operation & Maintenance program.
2. Fees are continuously being reviewed for reasonableness. Fee adjustments are based on actual and expected costs to operate programs. Fees are meant to pay for the expense related to services provided and not generate additional "extra" revenue.
3. Working with the Geauga County Auditor's Office pertaining acquiring 5 vehicles.

#### **4.03.02**

##### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report. This is the day-to-day or current expenses report.**

##### **Notes on Chart 1**

As of February 28, 2025, the year 16.67% is complete. This percentage is a point of reference for what percentage of revenue and expense you might expect to see received/expensed at this point in the year.

The following are explanations for revenues and/or expenses that are significantly over budget or under budget from that reference point.

##### **REVENUE:**

With February being the second month, revenues are under estimated budget. The first half settlement will occur in the March.

##### **EXPENSES:**

This is the second month of the year and expenses are under budget in part due to timing of invoice payments.

### **Notes on Chart 2**

Chart 2 is a comparison of the beginning cash balance of each fund to the current cash balance of each fund.

### **Notes on Chart 3**

The bar graph compares the revenue and expenses by each month for all funds combined.

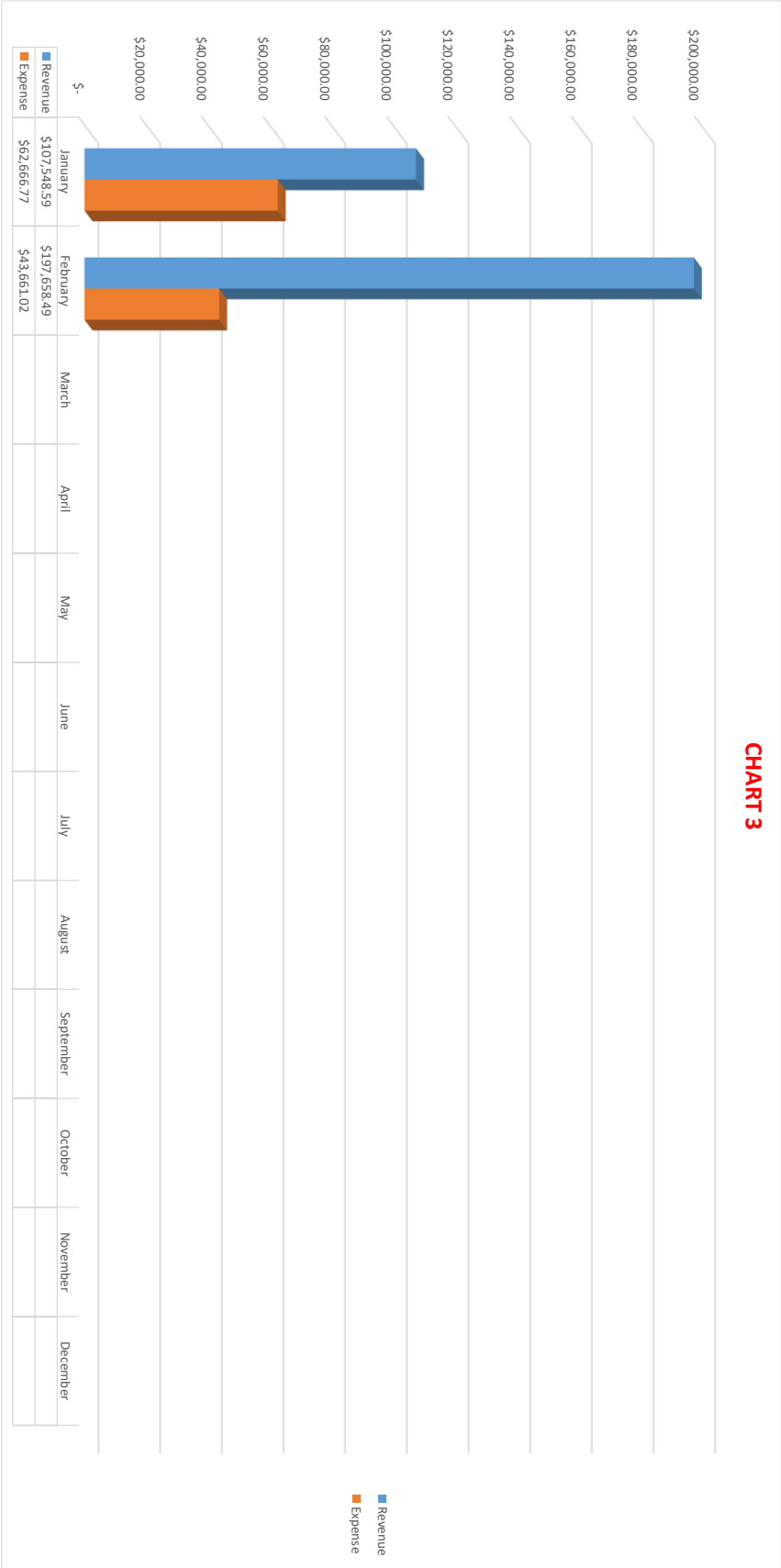


**CHART 2**

**MONTH OF : FEBRUARY**

Fund Number	Fund name	Beginning Cash Balance	YTD Revenue Per Budget Performance	YTD Expense Per Budget Performance	Ending Cash Balance	Percentage Increase/Decrease
6002	Board of Health	\$ 878,286.92	\$ 107,642.62	\$ 71,440.02	\$ 914,489.52	4.12%
6004	Trailer Park	\$ 18,013.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,013.75	0.00%
6005	Food Service	\$ 544,969.96	\$ 117,075.61	\$ 487.97	\$ 661,557.60	21.39%
6008	Infectious Waste/ Solid Waste	\$ 124,907.06	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 125,557.06	0.52%
6011	Private Water Systems	\$ 300,917.14	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 3,595.54	\$ 301,861.60	0.31%
6018	Swimming Pools	\$ 45,798.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,798.21	0.00%
6021	Public Health Infrastructure	\$ 619,676.45	\$ -	\$ 2,178.92	\$ 617,497.53	-0.35%
6023	Sewage Treatment Systems	\$ 580,892.99	\$ 39,197.00	\$ 4,710.09	\$ 615,379.90	5.94%
6025	Immunization Action Plan	\$ 27,587.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,587.13	0.00%
6030	Emergency Response Fund	\$ 26,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,140.00	0.00%
6036	Environmental Health Assistance	\$ 64,369.16	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 63,769.16	-0.93%
6037	For Sale of Property	\$ 449,465.34	\$ 33,431.25	\$ 22,935.25	\$ 459,961.34	2.34%
6039	Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$ 52,879.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,879.66	0.00%
6040	Injury Prevention	\$ 84,188.45	\$ 2,624.60	\$ 380.00	\$ 86,433.05	2.67%
6041	Workforce Development	\$ 319,629.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,629.34	0.00%
6042	Population Health Fund	\$ 175,191.90	\$ 46.00	\$ -	\$ 175,237.90	0.03%
<b>Total</b>		\$ 4,312,913.46	\$ 305,207.08	\$ 106,327.79	\$ 4,511,792.75	

**CHART 3**



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Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *We are currently monitoring funding, especially grants such as the Workforce Development grant.*
- *The budget is also being monitored as it is tight due to increased prices.*

#### **4.04**

#### **Health Commissioner's Report**

##### **4.04.01**

#### **AOHC Board Introduces Susan Jagers as AOHC's New Executive Director**

The Board announced that Susan Jagers will be joining the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) on March 17 as its new Executive Director.

Ms. Jagers comes to AOHC after serving as director of the Ohio Poverty Law Center (OPLC) for seven years. At OPLC, Susan led the development and implementation of a proactive policy and advocacy agenda on behalf of Ohio's legal aid offices. She managed a board and staff and was responsible for internal and external communications.

Prior to her work at OPLC, Susan was a government affairs and communications consultant helping clients develop messages and strategies to successfully move their issues at the Statehouse.

Susan served as Vice President of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society and was the co-chair of the successful 2006 Smoke Free Ohio campaign of which AOHC was a key partner.

##### **4.04.02**

#### **Details on ODH and OEPA Budget Proposals**

Both Directors, Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), presented their agencies' budgets before the applicable committee.

Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff testified before the House Health Committee. Here are links to his testimony and additional fact sheets, provided by ODH:

[ODH House Health Budget Testimony 2 27 25](#)

[Fy 2026 27 Budget Fact Sheet Public Health Lab](#)

[Fy 2026 27 Budget Fact Sheet SBHCs](#)

[Fy 2026 27 Budget Fact Sheet OhioSEE](#)

[Fy 2026 27 Budget Fact Sheet Tobacco](#)

Director Anne Vogel presented OEPA's testimony in the Natural Resources Committee: [House Natural Resources Vogel Written Testimony 022625 Updated](#)  
[OEPA Budget SFY 26-27](#)

#### **4.04.03**

##### **Senate Moves Forward Changes to the Adult-Use Marijuana Laws**

The Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 56, legislation sponsored by Sen. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) that makes changes to the state's adult-use marijuana laws, but without changes to the tax distribution for those who host dispensaries (which they are looking to include in the state operating budget). [Bill Analysis](#).

Some of the most notable changes the Senate signed off on include:

- Reducing the maximum THC content in cannabis extracts from 90% to 70%
- Limiting the THC content for edibles to 10 milligrams per serving and 100 milligrams per package
- Reducing the maximum number of home-grown marijuana plants in a single residence from 12 to six
- Prohibiting any non-sanctioned transfer of cannabis between two people regardless of age
- Requiring recreational marijuana to be stored in its original packaging
- Prohibiting the possession of marijuana purchased out-of-state
- Eliminating Issue 2's Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Program, which would have provided financial assistance and marijuana license application support to individuals adversely impacted by the enforcement of marijuana-related laws
- Allowing for the expungement of marijuana-related convictions that were made legal under Issue 2

Senate 56 will now move to the Ohio House for consideration, although Speaker Matt Huffman (R-Lima) said the House will likely introduce its own version of marijuana legislation that would include intoxicating hemp products (which is separate legislation in the Senate right now). He hopes the Legislative will have something passed before the summer recess.

#### **4.04.04**

##### **FY25 Update - from NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) hosted its annual [Local Public Health on the Hill](#) day for local health leaders to meet directly with their federal lawmakers. NACCHO organized over 120 meetings. Members discussed the importance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the critical role that federal funding plays to support local health department activities. Lawmakers of both parties touted the important role their local health departments play in the community and ways to remain connected moving forward. We invite you to join this conversation by [contacting your Members of Congress](#) to let them know that federal support is essential to local public health.

Federal funds are a significant portion of local health department budgets. According to [NACCHO's National Profile Study](#), more than half of local health departments' revenue came from federal sources in 2022. America's public health system relies on federal grants to implement these critical services in every community, and local health departments rely on federal databases to support their work.

Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) said she has been instructed by the administration and Republican leadership in Congress to begin preparing a continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government through the end of FY25. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) and Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) discussed the option of a year-long stopgap measure with the President during their meeting this week. Although Congressional leaders continue working to reach an agreement on FY25 negotiations, it is not clear they will do so by the March 14 deadline making another continuing resolution necessary. If Congress does not finalize a spending bill or pass another stopgap measure by then, the federal government will shut down. NACCHO will continue providing updates on federal funding in the News from Washington newsletter.

#### **4.04.05**

##### **Ohio Public Health Basics 2025**

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio's (HPIO) Public Health Basics brief and [Public Health Workforce fact sheet](#) offer detailed insights into the state's public health services, workforce and the challenges they encounter. HPIO has also created a one-page "[quick facts](#)" document that provides an overview of public health.

#### **4.04.06**

##### **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)**

- CDC analyzed data from the VISION and IVY networks to estimate vaccine effectiveness (VE) of the 2024-2025 Covid-19 vaccine among adults between September 2024 and January 2025. VE against emergency department or urgent care visits was 33% during the first 7 to 119 days after vaccination. VE against hospitalization for immunocompetent adults 65 or older was 45%-46% during the first 7 to 119 days after vaccination, and was 40% for those with immunocompromising conditions.
- CDC analyzed data from 4 VISION, IVY, and 2 other vaccine effectiveness networks to estimate vaccine effectiveness (VE) of the seasonal influenza vaccine during the flu season from October 2024 to February 2025. For children and adolescents under 18, VE against any flu was 32%, 59%, and 60% in the outpatient setting in three networks, and against flu-associated hospitalization was 63% and 78% in two networks. For adults, VE in the outpatient setting was 36% and 54% in two networks and was 41% and 55% against hospitalization in two networks.

- A CDC analysis of data from the 2010-11 through 2024-25 flu seasons found that among 1,840 pediatric flu-associated deaths, 166 (9%) had influenza-associated encephalitis (IAE), ranging from 0% in 2020-21, to 14% in 2011-12 and 13% in 2024-25. The median age of patients with fatal IAE was 6 years. 54% had no underlying medical conditions, and only 20% had received flu vaccination. Surveillance data is insufficient to determine if IAE cases in the 2024-25 flu season vary from expected numbers.
- Since 2008, CDC has monitored incidence of cervical precancerous lesions detected through screenings to help determine the impact of HPV vaccine, through 5 sites in its Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Impact Monitoring Project. Among women aged 20 to 24, rates of detected lesions decreased 79-80% from 2008 to 2022. For women aged 25 to 29 (those less likely to have been vaccinated), rates decreased 37%.
- Retrospective analysis of 551 influenza A virus–positive wastewater surveillance samples from 20 sites in Oregon during September 15, 2021–July 11, 2024, revealed 21 avian influenza A(H5) subtype detections across 12 communities. Wastewater detections began 6 to 7 weeks before outbreaks found in domestic and wild birds. No association was found between wastewater detections and poultry outbreaks or the presence of dairy farms or facilities within the watershed.
- Per the National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System Mortality Data, in 2023 a total of 1,024 deaths were attributed to excessive cold or hypothermia. 19.9% occurred in January, 16.9% in February, 16.7% in December, 14.2% in March, and 11.9% in November.
- Following an increase in dengue (mosquito-borne viral infection) cases in Puerto Rico beyond the epidemic threshold, the Puerto Rico Department of Health declared a public health emergency in March 2024 and worked with the CDC on the outbreak response. 6,291 confirmed dengue cases were reported in 2024, with serotype 3 predominant (59.2% of all cases.) 52.3% of ill patients required hospitalization. 33.9% of hospitalizations and 28.4% of severe cases occurred in people 10-19 years old. There were 11 reported fatalities. The public health response included education and awareness campaigns, medical professional training, enhanced data tracking, expanded testing capacity, and increased mosquito surveillance and control activities.
- Two indoor cats in two different households infected with bird flu (H5N1 virus) in Michigan in May 2024 prompted an investigation which revealed that both owners worked on dairy farms in a county where dairy cattle were known to be infected. The cats had no known direct exposure to infected farms. Both owners declined testing, but family members who received testing tested negative.
- Hepatitis A virus infection surveillance is challenging because people are infectious as much as 2 weeks before symptom onset, 30% don't experience symptoms, and healthcare providers may not suspect it due to nonspecific symptoms. Wastewater surveillance for hepatitis A began at 2 treatment plants in Los Angeles County in September 2023, and from March to June 2024 these plants detected wastewater concentrations 3 and 7 times higher than

baseline, concurrent with increases in identified infection cases. This demonstrates the potential for wastewater surveillance to provide evidence for unreported transmission, complement traditional case-based surveillance, and help guide response activities.

- Fine particulate matter lead levels were evaluated as recorded at a Los Angeles Atmospheric Science and Chemistry mEasurement NeTwork (ASCENT) site 14 miles south of the January 2025 California wildfires, in response to concerns regarding widespread burning of structures built before 1978 with leaded paint. Lead concentration increased 110 times during January 8 to 11 following the onset of the fires, compared to levels during January 2 to 6. Lead concentrations peaked on January 9 before returning to pre-fire levels by the evening of January 11. Unlike chronic lead exposure, the health effects of brief elevated lead exposures such as this are not well understood.

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*Ron H. Graham provided the following highlights:*

- *Provided measles information to the board. Will be talking to University Hospitals regarding partnerships to be proactive.*
- *The annual report for 2025 accreditation is a self-assessment to remain accredited. Updates will be provided to the BOH of what can and cannot be completed.*

## **5.0**

### **Old Business**

No Old Business.

## **6.0**

### **New Business**

#### **6.01**

##### **Election of Board of Health President and President Pro Tempore**

*Lynn Roman moved and Christine Sutter seconded a motion to nominate Ashley Jones as Board of Health President and Dr. Mark Hendrickson as Board of Health President Pro Tempore; motion carried.*

## 6.02

### 6.02.01

#### Financial Reports, Resolution 25-03-06-01-01

*Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports for payment of bills, as listed in the recapitulation sheets attached to these minutes; motion carried.*

### 6.02.02

#### Permission to Approve Appropriations for Increase/Decrease

*Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to approve supplemental Appropriations for Increase/Decrease as presented; motion carried.*

### 6.02.03

#### Resolution 2025-18: Then and Now Purchase Order to Expert IT, Not to Exceed \$15,552.00

*Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-18 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to Expert IT, total not to exceed \$15,552.00; motion carried.*

### 6.02.04

#### Resolution 2025-19: Then and Now Purchase Order to The Baldwin Group, Not to Exceed \$4,214.00

*Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-19 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to The Baldwin Group, total not to exceed \$4,214.00; motion carried.*

## 6.03

### Resolution to Establish Certain Fees, Operation & Maintenance Program, First Reading

*Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to hear the first reading of the following resolution to establish certain fees, Operation & Maintenance Program; motion carried. Ashley Jones abstained.*

As part of the Operation and Maintenance program, the Health District is obligated to perform compliance inspections if a homeowner does not perform the required maintenance for the system at the house during the permit term. State law allows the Health District to recoup the

cost of the compliance inspection. The purpose of this inspection is to confirm that a public health nuisance does not exist at the property.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH  
ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3709.09, permits the Board of Health to establish by a system of fees to pay the cost of any service provided by the Board of Health for which no fee is prescribed by law; and Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29-05 allows a fee for registration; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Board of Health through a program cost analysis that the fees for certain services are generating sufficient revenues to pay the cost of providing those services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Geauga Public Health is determined to provide quality Public Health services to Geauga County residents in a cost effective manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That, for the purpose of preserving and promoting the Public Health and Welfare, the foregoing regulations are hereby amended/enacted as follows:

1. Proposed Operation and Maintenance Compliance Inspection Fee: \$300.00

Adopted by the Board of Geauga Public Health on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, to become effective June 9, 2025.

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*Discussion:*

*Dan Lark stated that if the inspection confirms the septic system is creating a public health nuisance, a legal order will be issued, followed by a referral to the prosecutor's office if they don't comply.*

*Adam Litke said that after reviewing 20 years of the For Sale of Property inspections in Geauga County, 41% of the systems were failing at some level. Dan Lark added that 10% of the NPDES systems sampled were turned off, discharging raw sewage in to ditches and waterways.*

*Adam Litke discussed the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program and how any overage for the O&M program can be used to help residents of Geauga County in need through a similar county-wide program.*

*Lynn Roman suggested more information about the O&M program be shared with residents, by way of Facebook posts, newspaper articles, etc. Dan Lark said community meetings have been scheduled, in addition to a meeting with realtors.*

*Ron Graham said we try for awareness, assessment, education, and training to avoid the need for enforcement as much as possible.*

**7.0**

**Citizens' Remarks**

Ashley Jones outlined the process and policies for providing public comment. Those who would like to comment but not attend the meeting are invited to email [info@geaugacountyhealth.org](mailto:info@geaugacountyhealth.org) and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

Members of the public shared their concerns regarding the requirements of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) program. Adam Litke, Dan Lark, and Ron Graham discussed the O&M program, sampling procedures, and the cost methodology of creating the fees.

A member of the public asked for an update on live streaming the Board of Health meetings. Adam Litke said the options are being considered, but the cost is a significant barrier.

A member of the public asked why the grants were being cut. Adam Litke said it was a decision made at the federal level.

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**Executive Session**

*No executive session was held.*

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**Adjournment**

*With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.*

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Secretary

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President