

AGENDA
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH
November 19, 2025

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Opening of Meeting

- 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.02 Declaration of Quorum
- 2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices of Meeting

3.0 Board of Health

3.01 Minutes, Regular Meeting October 15, 2025

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

- 4.01 Population Health Report
- 4.02 Environmental Health Report
- 4.03 Administrator's Report
- 4.04 Health Commissioner's Report

5.0 Old Business

No Old Business

6.0 New Business

- 6.01 Resolutions
 - 6.01.01 Financial Reports, Resolution 25-11-06-01-01
- 6.02 Permission to Approve the Amended 2026 Geauga Public Health Budget
- 6.03 Resolution 2025-39: Resolution of the Geauga Public Health Board of Health Setting Forth the Operation and Maintenance Program and Associated Service Assistance Fund, First Reading
- 6.04 Request for Legal Action Against Hunan by the Falls, 508 Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

4.01 Population Health

4.01.01 Safe Communities

A coalition meeting was held Thursday, October 23rd at our Ravenwood building. At this meeting, we had three representatives from varying agencies such as ODOT, OTSO, and Lake Geauga Recovery Center. We discussed the four fatal accidents that occurred in Geauga County between the months of August and September

Our representative from ODOT discussed updates on his end regarding his communication with the Amish community and their safety board. The process of getting Amish funeral signs is still in process for federal approval before they can be used by the Amish to help warn drivers of an area that will be dense with buggies, scooters, and pedestrians. This representative also discussed the Amish safety board expressing concern to him regarding a possible solution to the high number of buggy accidents on 422. This conversation is still in process. The Health Educator is trying to create a relationship with the Amish safety board to see if they want to join the Safe Communities coalition meetings as a source for them to express their concerns regarding traffic and road related issues.

The Health Educator is working with Lt. Jones with the Highway Patrol about creating more events in the county during the colder seasons for the Safe Communities grant. One event in the process of approval for the month of November.

4.01.02 Other Population Health Activities

For the month of October GPH social media covered many different topics. Some of the topics we highlighted were breast cancer awareness month with tips on detection and general information, school bus safety, lithium battery disposal, world mental health day, crisis support resources, safety when being in cold weather, vehicle safety recalls, safe teen driving, and safe and sober driving for Halloween.

During the month of October the Health Educator has connected with the Mental Health and Recovery Board to work to expand our Project Dawn program further into the community. 43 kits were distributed to the community during October.

4.01.03 Grants

- No grants at this time.

4.01.04

Programs

Vaccines for Children Clinics

We saw 23 individuals at the 10/6/25 vaccine clinic

DTaP-5	Penbraya-1	MenACWY-1
Pentacel-1	Hib-1	PCV-7
Pediarix-1	ProQuad-3	RotaTeq-1
Kinrix-3	Polio-1	Varicella-5
Vaxelis-7	MMR-2	

We did a total of 39 vaccines.

We saw 15 individuals at the 10/8/25 vaccine clinic

DTaP-6	Hib-1	Rotateq-1
Pediarix-1	Polio-1	Varicella-3
Vaxelis-6	MMR-5	
Rsv-2	PCV-3	

A total of 29 vaccines were given.

We saw 11 individuals at the 10/22/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-1	MenACWY-1	Varicella-3
Kinrix-1	PCV-4	ProQuad-2
Vaxelis-3	Tdap-3	

A total of 18 vaccines were given.

GPH Adult Clinic

- o 6 vaccines given to 6 adults.

TB Testing = 0

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

- o No new information.

Community Events

- o No community events.

Trainings and Meetings

- o On 10/1/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN and DON virtually attended the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) WeCan call regarding important updates to various programs within the health department.
- o On 10/2/25, Diane Keep RN met with Dallas Allen, a Postvention Specialist in Franklin County, from the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, along with Christine Lakomiak (Executive Director of Geauga County Mental Health and Recovery Services) and Tracy Jordan (Victim's Advocate, Director of the LOSS Team, Geauga County Sheriff's Office).
- o On 10/6/25, Diane Keep Rn held GPH's 2nd Drug Overdose and Suicide Fatality Review Board Meeting.
- o On 10/9/25 and 10/16/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN and DON virtually attended the weekly ODH Epi Call.

4.01.05

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

During the month of October, Ms. Castner has been working to transition her duties. Ms. Castner accepted another position and her last day with GPH was October 31. Given current uncertainties with grant funding for FY27, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager Jessica Wakelee will be assuming Ms. Castner's duties until the Ohio Department of Health confirms the availability and amount of grant funds for FY27, which begin July 1, 2026. Typically the non-competitive renewal request for proposals is released mid-December with proposals due mid/late January, so the intent is to re-hire in the new year assuming funds will continue. In the meantime, Ms. Castner has completed all deliverables due through January. Ms. Castner and Ms. Wakelee met with the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services on October 16th to discuss next steps in their proposed project to better integrate mental health support into emergency plans, specifically those for Points of Dispensing (PODs) during a public health emergency, and to transition the project to Ms. Wakelee.

Deliverables submitted to the Ohio Department of Health in October:

- CRI 1.1 - Community Partner Planning Workbook
- CRI 2.1 - Social Media Toolkit
- PHEP CORE 5.1/5.3 - Medical Reserve Corps Recruitment and Engagement
- PHEP CORE 6.1 - Inventory Management Workbook
- PHEP CORE 6.2 - Inventory Spreadsheet

Deliverables approved by the Ohio Department of Health in October:

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

- NEO Regional Planning Meeting for POD Test Game (October 1)
- ODH Technical Assistance Call with NEO Region for CRI Deliverable 3.1 (October 3)
- Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting (October 9)
- NEO Regional PHEP Workgroup Meeting (October 14)

- POD Training and Workshop Meeting with Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services (October 16)
- ODH Technical Assistance Call for CRI 1.1 Deliverable (October 17)

4.01.06

Epidemiology

No outbreaks were reported in Geauga County during the month of October. EpiCenter syndromic surveillance did not detect any anomalies during the month of October.

Communicable Diseases Reported by Month

Communicable Diseases reported among Geauga County residents through October 2025 are provided below. These counts represent confirmed Class A and Class B diseases reportable in the Ohio Disease Reporting System according to the Ohio Infectious Disease Control Manual (IDCM). Reportable disease rules are periodically revised by the Ohio Department of Health, and updates may affect which conditions appear in these counts. Beginning October 1, COVID-19 cases are no longer reportable, so x's are placed in the table and COVID-19 will be removed at the beginning of 2026. Like seasonal influenza (flu), COVID-19 hospitalizations and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) hospitalizations became reportable on October 1, and both have been added to the table below beginning in October.

Communicable Disease Report	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2025 Year to Date (1/1/25 to current date)	2024 Year End Totals	2023 Year End Totals
Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	1
Babesiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Campylobacter	0	1	1	2	2	1	5	2	1	4			19	25	21
C. auris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	2	0
CPO	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1			4	8	3
CPO - Colonization Screening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	0
Chikungunya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Chlamydia	5	8	5	3	6	6	2	11	5	8			59	91	83
COVID-19*	138	89	56	55	34	24	20	45	49	x			510	1,445	2,068
COVID-19 Hospitalizations**	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1			1	x	x
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			4	9	1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Dengue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	1	0
E. Coli 0157:H7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1			3	7	0
Giardia	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0			7	5	3
Gonorrhea	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1			8	26	19
Haemophilus Influenza	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			2	2	2
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	0
Hepatitis B (acute)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Hepatitis B (chronic)	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0			7	5	5
Hepatitis B (perinatal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Hepatitis C (acute)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	1
Hepatitis C (chronic)	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	3			12	13	18
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Hepatitis E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Influenza-Hospitalized	37	70	21	2	0	0	1	1	0	0			132	62	27
La Crosse Virus Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Legionnaires Disease	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0			4	6	4
Leptospirosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	2	0
Lyme Disease	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0			3	12	9
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	2
Meningitis, Bacterial not Neisseria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	0	0
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Mpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	0
Mumps	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	1
Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Pertussis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1			5	4	83
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
RSV Hospitalizations**	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0			0	x	x
Salmonellosis	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	0			8	20	10
Shigellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0			4	2	2
Staph Aureus VRSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Streptococcal Group A (GAS)	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0			7	12	16
Streptococcal Group B Newborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae(ISP)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1	8	3
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	3	5
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	0
Varicella	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			1	1	1
Vibriosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	0
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	1
Totals	184	175	90	69	50	43	36	70	64	25	0	0	806	1,778	2,389

Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *The Geauga County Safe Communities grant is being administered by Lake County General Health District.*

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked about the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant funding. Adam Litke said we are unsure of the grant's future. More information will be available in December.

Lynn Roman verified that GPH is no longer tracking all COVID-19 cases, just COVID-19 cases with hospitalization. Dr. Mark Hendrickson added that the same is true for RSV.

4.02

Environmental Health

4.02.01

Director's Report

The Healthspace conversion from HDIS has begun. Weekly meetings are occurring to ensure progress is being made.

With the help of the sewage staff, all of the Amish schools were inspected during the first two weeks of October.

An office hearing was held with representatives of Hunan by the Falls on 10/3/25 to discuss their failure to maintain the facility.

P. Stromp and A. O'Brien taught a ServSafe Certified Manager course on 10/20 and 10/27.

4.02.02

Program Inspections

Environmental Health staff conducted the following program inspections in October:

Program	Inspections
Private Water Systems (wells)	18
Camps	0
Swimming Pools/Spas	0
*Food	88
Sewage Systems	53

For Sale of Property	0
HB 110 (Semi-Public) Systems	34
Operation and Maintenance Samples	121
Plumbing	103
Schools	30
Jails	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.

Dan Lark provided the following highlights:

- *No update.*

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. The Geauga 2023 and 2024 Audit has started and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

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 October 31, 2025, the year is 83.33% 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 October being the tenth month, revenues are underestimated budgets.

EXPENSES:

This is the tenth month of the year, and expenses are under budget in part due to timing of invoice payments. We continue to work with the Geauga County Auditor's office to continue payment of invoices to the Lake County General Health District.

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 combine

CHART 1

MONTH OF : OCTOBER

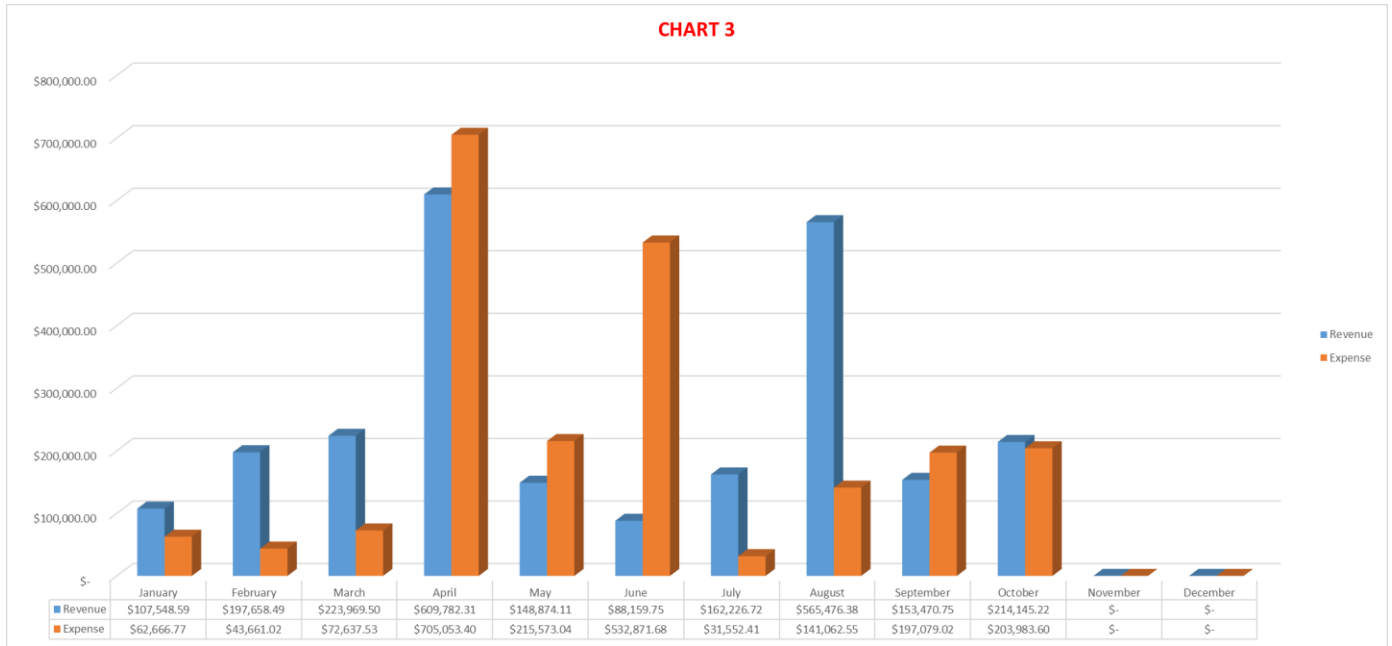
Revenue Type	Revised Budget	YTD Revenue	% of Budget Received
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 575,748.00	\$ 595,655.58	103.46%
Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
State Reimbursement-Real Estate	\$ 77,028.00	\$ 73,983.17	96.05%
State Revenues	\$ 461,063.00	\$ -	0.00%
Local Government Tax	\$ -	\$ -	
Permits	\$ 343,000.00	\$ 553,496.26	161.37%
Inspection Fees	\$ 827,000.00	\$ 262,360.75	31.72%
Fees	\$ 223,250.00	\$ 86,392.63	38.70%
Licenses	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 231,059.12	102.69%
Fines	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,804.00	165.83%
Fees Infectious Waste Fees	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Fees Solid Waste Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,750.00	393.75%
Foundation Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	
Water Testing Fee	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,739.00	174.78%
Federal Grants	\$ 172,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Local Match	\$ -	\$ -	
Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 30,344.00	
Other Revenue	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 12,662.96	324.69%
Other Revenue Other Receipts	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 152,599.82	0.00%
Other Revenue Other Revenue	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 442,464.53	655.50%
Other Revenue Real Estate Fee Refund	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers In	\$ 1,269,450.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 4,406,439.00	\$ 2,471,311.82	56.08%
Percentage of year Completed			83.33%
Expense Type	Revised Budget	YTD Expense	% of Budget Used
Salaries	\$ 95,929.00	\$ 87,958.37	91.69%
OPERS	\$ 17,267.00	\$ 11,229.99	65.04%
Medicare	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 1,236.34	88.95%
Workers Compensation	\$ 2,398.00	\$ -	0.00%
Hospitalization	\$ 45,137.00	\$ 25,748.80	57.05%
Unemployment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 194.88	3.90%
Contract Services	\$ 3,159,305.27	\$ 1,583,846.38	50.13%
Travel	\$ 35,903.20	\$ 14,591.51	40.64%
Vehicle Expense	\$ -	\$ -	-
Legal Fees	\$ 18,674.81	\$ 226.22	1.21%
Advertising	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 441.00	22.05%
State Remittance	\$ 89,694.00	\$ 28,639.00	31.93%
State Remittance Ohio Permit Fee	\$ 20,382.00	\$ 3,496.00	17.15%
State Remittance Ohio Water Test Fee	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Materials and Supplies	\$ 73,239.91	\$ 3,569.35	4.87%
Materials and Supplies Supplies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,055.70	90.19%
Materials and Supplies Vaccine Supply	\$ 11,222.75	\$ 245.95	2.19%
Equipment	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 12,887.68	22.22%
Equipment Equipment	\$ 7,490.28	\$ 5,000.00	66.75%
Equipment Equipment Maintenance	\$ 5,899.41	\$ -	0.00%
Other	\$ 607,468.33	\$ 272,808.84	44.91%
Other County RE Tax Expenses	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,359.78	94.18%
Other Health Emergency	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Other Expenses	\$ 79,750.00	\$ 32,355.00	40.57%
Other State RE Tax Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 107.28	42.91%
Other VS Remit to State	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 81,585.20	52.64%
Refunds	\$ 9,974.00	\$ 2,557.75	25.64%
Repair Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Transfers Out	\$ 1,234,450.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expense	\$ 5,776,824.96	\$ 2,206,141.02	38.19%
Percentage of year Completed			83.33%
Revenue Less Expense	\$ (1,370,385.96)	\$ 265,170.80	
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 4,312,913.46	
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 4,578,084.26	
Cash on Hand Per Cash Position Report		\$ 4,578,084.26	

CHART 2

MONTH OF : OCTOBER

Fund Number	Fund name	Beginning Cash Balance	YTD Revenue Per Budget Performance	YTD Expense Per Budget Performance	Ending Cash Balance	YTD Cash Per Cash Position Report
6002	Board of Health	\$ 878,286.92	\$ 1,154,477.08	\$ 1,864,019.81	\$ 168,744.19	\$ 168,744.19
6004	Trailer Park	\$ 18,013.75	\$ 4,030.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 20,943.75	\$ 20,943.75
6005	Food Service	\$ 544,969.96	\$ 239,563.12	\$ 18,882.94	\$ 765,650.14	\$ 765,650.14
6008	Infectious Waste/ Solid Waste	\$ 124,907.06	\$ 15,750.00	\$ -	\$ 140,657.06	\$ 140,657.06
6011	Private Water Systems	\$ 300,917.14	\$ 60,850.50	\$ 6,479.54	\$ 355,288.10	\$ 355,288.10
6018	Swimming Pools	\$ 45,798.21	\$ 11,268.75	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 54,386.96	\$ 54,386.96
6021	Public Health Infrastructure	\$ 619,676.45	\$ -	\$ 2,716.76	\$ 616,959.69	\$ 616,959.69
6023	Sewage Treatment Systems	\$ 580,892.99	\$ 307,457.75	\$ 36,237.28	\$ 852,113.46	\$ 852,113.46
6025	Immunization Action Plan	\$ 27,587.13	\$ -	\$ 245.95	\$ 27,341.18	\$ 27,341.18
6030	Emergency Response Fund	\$ 26,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,140.00	\$ 26,140.00
6036	Environmental Health Assistance	\$ 64,369.16	\$ 11,237.00	\$ 29,650.00	\$ 45,956.16	\$ 45,956.16
6037	For Sale of Property	\$ 449,465.34	\$ 396,935.02	\$ 243,318.74	\$ 603,081.62	\$ 603,081.62
6039	Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$ 52,879.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,879.66	\$ 52,879.66
6040	Injury Prevention	\$ 84,188.45	\$ 7,825.34	\$ 810.00	\$ 91,203.79	\$ 91,203.79
6041	Workforce Development	\$ 319,629.34	\$ 29,914.00	\$ -	\$ 349,543.34	\$ 349,543.34
6042	Population Health Fund	\$ 175,191.90	\$ 5,242.00	\$ -	\$ 180,433.90	\$ 180,433.90
6043	Operations & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 226,761.26	\$ -	\$ 226,761.26	\$ 226,761.26
Total		\$ 4,312,913.46	\$ 2,471,311.82	\$ 2,206,141.02	\$ 4,578,084.26	\$ 4,578,084.26

CHART 3



Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *Geauga County Commissioners voted not to enact the House Bill 96 piggyback tax exemptions.*
- *A task force has been created to discuss what to do if property taxes are abolished. A meeting will be held on December 1, 2025.*
- *The Budget Commission did not review the funding for the cross-jurisdictional agreement with Lake County General Health District at their last meeting.*
- *Complaints from a neighbor have been made regarding a homeowner's septic system. He will need assistance to repair/replace his septic system, but the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) funding won't be available until April.*
- *In the next few months, the 2027 budget will need to be voted on prior to sending it to the Health District Advisory Council in March.*

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked about the revenues and the contracted services under expenses. Ron Graham said revenues are based on what is considered "guaranteed" money. Adam Litke said the contracted services are mainly for the cross-jurisdictional agreement, but also include legal counsel.

4.04

Health Commissioner's Report

4.04.01

Shared Services Survey Tabled by AOHC

Health Commissioner Graham submitted a regional shared services survey with the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) Board in an effort to gauge the need and viability of shared services, such as emergency exercise planning and epidemiological contract services. The AOHC expressed gratitude for sharing the proposal and the opportunity to collaborate on the survey. The Board had a chance to review the request and, after discussion, decided to hold off on moving forward with the survey. They expressed that they would like to see how the current property tax legislation unfolds and to do some additional planning around new strategic priorities before taking the next steps.

4.04.02

Statehouse News Property Tax Update

[House Bill 137](#)—HB 137 changes how local property-tax levies reach the ballot. Under current law, when a general health district requests a levy, the county commissioners are required to place it on the ballot. HB 137 would change that "shall" to "may," giving commissioners discretion to deny forwarding a levy request to voters. The bill was approved by a vote of 7-6 in the House Local Government Committee last Wednesday. Two Republicans--Rep. Jean Schmidt and Rep. Cindy Abrams--voted no along with the four Democrats on the Committee.

[House Bill 309](#)—HB 309 authorizes County Budget Commissions to reduce property tax levies to avoid unnecessary or excessive collections. AOHC has been meeting with Committee members advocating for changes to the bill to ensure taxing units can have a hearing before any levy reduction and to limit the Commission’s review to levy funds only. AOHC will be provided Interested Party testimony at the Senate Local Government Committee.

4.04.03

Redistricting Commission Adopts Bipartisan Congressional Map

A unanimous Ohio Redistricting Commission on Friday, October 31, 2025, adopted a bipartisan plan cementing congressional districts for the next six years.

The [final map](#) was unveiled a day before and could give Republicans control of up to 12 of the state's 15 congressional seats compared to the current 10-5 breakdown, according to an [index](#) reflecting past voting trends.

The commission had faced a final deadline of midnight on Friday to adopt a bipartisan map or the mapmaking pen would have returned to the Legislature, at which point any map adopted could have been subject to a referendum.



4.04.04

House Passes Marijuana Bill including Hemp Product Regulation

Spurred into action by the Governor's Executive Order and resulting court challenge, the House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 56 which has been pending since the Senate approved it in February. The bill makes changes to voter-passed marijuana legalization laws and tackles the intoxicating hemp industry.

But the bill, with House changes, may not easily get Senate agreement. A conference committee will likely be appointed to hash out the differences.

The bill includes a ban on public consumption of combustible marijuana or intoxicating hemp products. Other provisions in the bill include those to:

- Impose a 10% excise tax on intoxicating hemp products.
- Permit drinks with 5mg or less of THC to be sold in restaurants, while beverages with a THC content of up to 10mg will be allowed to be sold for carryout at locations that sell alcoholic beverages.
- Tax THC-infused beverages at \$1.20 per gallon, which will be borne by the manufacturer when sold to the distributor or retailer.
- Allow six homegrown plants per person and 12 plants per household.
- Generally, prohibit licensing more than 400 hemp dispensaries at any one time unless more than 400 entities are grandfathered in under the bill

4.04.05

Modern Healthcare: Medicare Specialty Physician Pay Cut For 2026

Nearly three dozen physician specialty groups have called on Congress to halt a new policy that will reduce Medicare payments for thousands of billing codes. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a final rule Friday setting Medicare reimbursements to physicians in 2026. Although the regulation grants a 2.5% overall rate increase, it also introduces a "efficiency adjustment" that will trim payments for some specialty services by 2.5%. One of the agency's stated goals is to increase support for primary care. (Early, 11/3)

4.04.06

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Synopsis

- 109 pediatric cases (median age 5) of the rare, severe neurological flu complication, influenza-associated encephalopathy (IAE), were identified during the 2024-25 flu season in the U.S. 55% of these kids were previously healthy. 34% of the cases were classified as acute necrotizing encephalopathy (ANE), a severe form with rapid neurologic decline (and 41% of these patients died). Overall, 74% of the IAE cases were admitted to an intensive care unit, and 19% died. Only 16% of those eligible for flu vaccine had been vaccinated. All children 6 months old and older should receive an annual flu vaccine to prevent illness and such potential severe complications.

- Data from the Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality Surveillance System revealed that other than the 2009-2010 H1N1 pandemic, the 2024-25 flu season saw the highest number of pediatric deaths, with 280 flu-associated deaths reported through September 13, 2025. Median age of death was 7 years, and 56% had at least one underlying condition. 86% of deaths were associated with Influenza A viruses. 47% were treated with antiviral medications. 89% were not fully vaccinated. All children 6 months old and older should receive an annual flu vaccine, ideally by the end of October.
- An analysis of March-September 2025 data from influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) sentinel surveillance networks in eight Southern Hemisphere countries found that Australia and South Africa identified 2,122 patients with ILI; and Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand, Paraguay, and Uruguay identified 42,752 patients with SARI. Overall, 21.3% of patients with ILI and 15.9% of patients with SARI were vaccinated against influenza. Vaccine effectiveness was determined to be 50.4% against outpatient visits and 49.7% against hospitalization for any flu virus; and 45.4% and 46.1% for influenza A viruses. Effectiveness against hospitalization with the predominant influenza subtype, A(H1N1)pdm09, was 41.6%.
- In June 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a (second) injectable HIV preexposure prophylaxis, administered every 6 months, called Lenacapavir. Two randomized control trials found Lenacapavir efficacy at reducing HIV infection (compared to no preexposure prophylaxis over a follow-up of 52 weeks) to be 100% in females and 96% in males. No significant safety concerns were identified, and most common adverse events were mild to moderate injection site reactions. Lenacapavir is recommended every 6 months for anyone weighing 77 pounds or more who would benefit from HIV protection. Full guidelines including eligibility, dosage, and timeframes can be found within the full report on the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/74/wr/pdfs/mm7435-H.pdf>
- An analysis of data from 2018 to 2023 from the CDC's National Vital Statistics System revealed that suicide rates remained stable overall throughout the timeframe, but declined 7% among people aged 10-24, and 6.7% among those aged 45-64, while increasing 5.7% among those aged 25-44. Rates increased 25.2% among Blacks and 10% among Hispanics, while decreasing 3.1% among Whites. Rates were highest among American Indian and Alaska Natives, but did decline 15.3% between 2021 and 2023.

Ron H. Graham provided the following highlights:

- *Working on the strategic plan process.*
- *Currently finishing up the Community Health Assessment. Will be requesting feedback from community partners once completed. A survey will also be distributed to community leaders for input.*
- *Discussed the Public Health Accreditation Board accreditation for GPH and what options are available for reaccreditation.*
- *Working with Cleveland Foundation for a grant for data management surveillance. Waiting for an update.*

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked if an accreditation coordinator can be shared among many counties. Ron Graham said that has been asked.

5.0
Old Business

No Old Business.

6.0
New Business

6.01

6.01.01
Financial Reports, Resolution 25-11-06-01-01

Lynn Roman moved and Christine Sutter 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
Permission to Approve the Amended 2026 Geauga Public Health Budget

Melissa DeBoth moved and Christine Sutter seconded a motion to approve the amended 2026 Geauga Public Health budget; motion carried.

Adam Litke reviewed the 2026 budget summary and the funding that has contributed to the numbers. Katie Taylor provided a more detailed breakdown by fund.

6.03

Resolution 2025-39: Resolution of the Geauga Public Health Board of Health Setting Forth the Operation and Maintenance Program and Associated Service Assistance Fund, First Reading

Lynn Roman moved and Melissa DeBoth seconded a motion to hear the first reading of Resolution 2025-39 setting forth the Operation and Maintenance Program and Associated Service Assistance Fund; motion carried.

Dan Lark said GPH would like to reallocate the money received from late fees in the Operation and Maintenance Program to help those homeowners with lower incomes maintain their septic systems. A similar program funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency helps fund septic system repairs or replacements. This County-wide program will be an assistance fund for service/maintenance. A public hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

6.04

Request for Legal Action Against Hunan by the Falls, 508 Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Melissa DeBoth moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to send a food license suspension letter to Hunan by the Falls in accordance with recommendations set forth by GPH sanitarians and staff; motion carried.

AGAINST

Hunan by the Falls
508 Washington Street
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

VIOLATIONS

Failure to maintain sanitary conditions.

ORC 3717.49- Licensors may suspend or revoke food service operation license

- (A) A licensor may suspend or revoke a food service operation license on determining that the license holder is in violation of any requirement of this chapter or the rules adopted under it applicable to food service operations, including a violation evidenced by the documented failure to maintain sanitary conditions within the operation.

Dan Lark reviewed the violations and steps taken prior to asking the board to suspend the food license of Hunan by the Falls, including a hearing at the health department. He stated that another inspection will be completed the week of November 24, 2025. If the corrections aren't made at that time, the letter of suspension will be sent.

Discussion:

Melissa DeBoth asked if the inspections are scheduled ahead of time. Dan Lark said they are not; the food establishments are not aware of when the inspections will take place.

Dr. Mark Hendrickson asked if other establishments have had some of the same issues. Adam Litke said they had, but the violations were corrected.

7.0

Citizens' Remarks

Dr. Mark Hendrickson 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 and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

A member of the public asked what was meant by the “political environment”. Adam Litke said it is related to the future stability of grants previously received and what may happen if we no longer receive property tax money.

8.0

Executive Session

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and compensation of a public employee in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A roll call vote was taken and all members voted in favor of entering into Executive Session. The Executive Session convened at 6:05 p.m. The regular portion of the meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

9.0

Adjournment


With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Secretary


President

BOARD OF HEALTH
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH
November 19, 2025

The Board of the Geauga Public Health met this day, November 19, 2025, in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members present:



Melvin DeBor





Lynn Roman presented the following resolution and named its adoption.

RESOLUTION TO: APPROVE CURRENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of the Geauga Public Health hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Health, and that all the deliberations of this Board of Health and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, by this resolution, approves the payment of current bills as indicated on the attached recapitulation sheets.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health in and for the Geauga Public Health, that as evidenced by the Certification of Funds signed by the Geauga County Auditor, the Health Commissioner is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution and attached recapitulation sheets to the Geauga County Auditor for payment of current bills during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

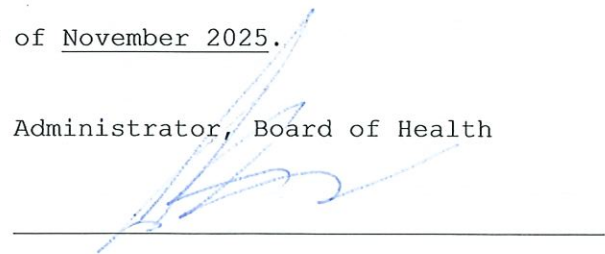
Christine Sutter seconded the resolution and the vote being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES" 4 "NAYS" 0

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Adam Litke, Administrator of the Board of Health do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the said Board on November 19, 2025.

Witness my hand this 19th day of November 2025.

Administrator, Board of Health




Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report

Invoice Date Range 10/01/25 - 10/31/25

Vendor	Invoice No.	Invoice Description	Status	Invoice Date	G/L Date	Invoice Amount
Fund 6002 - Board of Health Fund						
Department 053 - Health Department						
Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental						
Account 601 - Contract Services						
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1552388	May 2025	Paid by Check # 10/08/2025	10/08/2025	10/15/2025	500.00
			1188514			
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1560962	July 2025	Paid by Check # 10/08/2025	10/08/2025	10/15/2025	500.00
			1188515			
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1565279	August 2025	Paid by Check # 10/08/2025	10/08/2025	10/15/2025	500.00
			1188516			
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1565280	August 2025	Paid by Check # 10/08/2025	10/08/2025	10/15/2025	6,127.50
			1188517			
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	SafeComMay- Sept1	Safe Communities May- Sept	Paid by Check # 10/10/2025	10/10/2025	10/15/2025	5,148.26
			1188513			
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	SafeComMay- Sept2	Safe Communities May- Sept	Paid by Check # 10/10/2025	10/10/2025	10/15/2025	8,999.33
			1188513			
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1568156	September 2025	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	2,827.50
			1189470			
53003 - McDONALD HOPKINS LLC	1568154	September 2025	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	500.00
			1189471			
		Account 601 - Contract Services Totals			Invoice Transactions	\$25,102.59
Account 701.5301 - Materials and Supplies Supplies						
27248 - STAPLES INC DBA QUILL LLC	45818926	Office Supplies & Materials	Paid by Check # 10/01/2025	10/01/2025	10/08/2025	291.31
			1188369			
31282 - SUNRISE SPRINGS WATER CO	703405	Office Supplies & Materials	Paid by Check # 10/01/2025	10/01/2025	10/08/2025	52.50
			1188371			
45837 - SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	B20278402	Acrobat Pro for Teams	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	142.17
			1189469			
31282 - SUNRISE SPRINGS WATER CO	722126	10/16/2025	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	43.00
			1189467			
31282 - SUNRISE SPRINGS WATER CO	712694	10/2/2025	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	22.50
			1189466			
		Account 701.5301 - Materials and Supplies Supplies Totals			Invoice Transactions	\$551.48
Account 801 - Equipment						
10451 - AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	6002 SEPT	Invoice	Paid by Check # 10/08/2025	10/08/2025	10/15/2025	275.89
		#287350926304X092520	1188486			
33211 - CDW GOVERNMENT INC	AG2CD2P	HP Color LaserJet Printer 499Q3F#BGJ	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	441.78
			1189468			
14430 - DEX IMAGING LLC	AR14115607	9/9/25-10/8/25	Paid by Check # 10/22/2025	10/22/2025	10/29/2025	805.00
			1189457			



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Account	Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	Transaction Date	Transaction Amount
15312 - SOS COMPUTERS, LLC	Dell UltraSharp Curved Monitor 49" Incident	1189460	10/29/2025	1,261.00	10/29/2025	1,261.00
	Account 901 - Equipment Totals			<u>\$2,783.67</u>		
	Fund 6002 - Board of Health Fund Totals			<u>\$28,437.74</u>		
Fund 6005 - Food Service Fund						
Department 053 - Health Department						
Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental						
Account 901 - Other						
10451 - AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	Invoice #287350926304X092520	1188487	10/15/2025	83.34	10/15/2025	83.34
	Account 901 - Other Totals			<u>\$83.34</u>		
	Fund 6005 - Food Service Fund Totals			<u>\$83.34</u>		
Fund 6023 - Sewage Treatment System						
Department 053 - Health Department						
Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental						
Account 901 - Other						
2725 - SC STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS LLC	Sewage equip - SC Strategic Invoice	1188328	10/08/2025	150.00	10/08/2025	150.00
10451 - AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	Invoice #287350926304X092520	1188488	10/15/2025	247.56	10/15/2025	247.56
54925 - LISA LABANC PROPERTIES LLC	Reimbursement for Receipts 63811, 63812, 1189472	1189472	10/29/2025	60.00	10/29/2025	60.00
17294 - NAMCO MACHINE & GEAR WORKS USA LLC	Reimburse Receipt 63810	1189464	10/29/2025	20.00	10/29/2025	20.00
	Account 901 - Other Totals			<u>\$477.56</u>		
Account 902 - Travel						
8314 - CENTERRA CO-OP	09/01/2025-09/30/2025	1189455	10/29/2025	175.02	10/29/2025	175.02
16987 - GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF	Geauga Public Health, Invoice #25-118, 2020	1189463	10/29/2025	222.21	10/29/2025	222.21
	Account 902 - Travel Totals			<u>\$397.23</u>		
	Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental Totals			<u>\$874.79</u>		
	Department 053 - Health Department Totals			<u>\$874.79</u>		
	Fund 6023 - Sewage Treatment System Totals			<u>\$874.79</u>		
Fund 6037 - Health For Sale of Property						



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Account	Reimburse Receipt	Paid by Check #	Date	Invoice Transactions	Amount
17295 - EG HOMES LLC	108540	1189465	10/29/2025		25.00
Account 701 - Materials and Supplies Totals					\$25.00
Account 917 - Refunds					
17213 - SARAH BRADY	Refund 28380	1188359	10/08/2025		100.00
17216 - ROBERT & SUSAN DE RUJE	Refund 25684	1188362	10/08/2025		30.00
17218 - KURT & KIMBERLY HOFFMAN	Refund 29067	1188364	10/08/2025		100.00
17219 - RAYMOND & MARY LYONS	Refund 28448	1188365	10/08/2025		100.00
17212 - KATHY O'NEAL	Refund 1477	1188358	10/08/2025		7.50
17217 - OHIO MAPLE SUGARBUSH FARMS	Refund 25402	1188363	10/08/2025		37.50
17211 - TOMLYN CHRISTINE REID ANDREW	Refund 25240	1188357	10/08/2025		30.00
17215 - LESTER & LAURA SCOTT	Refund 28816	1188361	10/08/2025		100.00
17210 - EVELYN & THOMAS SIU	Refund 29090	1188356	10/08/2025		70.00
17214 - SOLTESE BUILDERS INC	Refund 152374	1188360	10/08/2025		70.00
Account 917 - Refunds Totals					\$645.00
Fund 6037 - Health For Sale of Property Totals					\$670.00
Grand Totals					\$30,065.87

* = Prior Fiscal Year Activity

Fund Name	Fund #	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Expense	Rev - Exp.	Total	Rev-Exp (no transfers)
Board of Health	6002	\$ 151,869.77	\$ 1,040,599.00	\$ 429,718.83	\$ 610,880.17	\$ 762,749.94	\$ 610,880.17
Trailer Park	6004	\$ 18,849.38	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ (7,100.00)	\$ 11,749.38	\$ (7,100.00)
Food Service	6005	\$ 689,369.69	\$ 268,700.00	\$ 295,256.55	\$ (26,556.55)	\$ 662,813.14	\$ (26,556.55)
Infectious Waste	6008	\$ 126,591.35	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (85,000.00)	\$ 41,591.35	\$ (85,000.00)
Private Water Sys.	6011	\$ 324,400.59	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 207,500.00	\$ (145,500.00)	\$ 178,900.59	\$ (145,500.00)
Swimming Pool	6018	\$ 48,948.26	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 41,680.00	\$ (39,000.00)	\$ 9,948.26	\$ (39,000.00)
Public Health Inf.	6021	\$ 555,263.72	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 163,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 552,263.72	\$ (3,000.00)
Sewage Treatment	6023	\$ 776,986.41	\$ 409,300.00	\$ 403,855.17	\$ 5,444.83	\$ 782,431.23	\$ 5,444.83
Immun. Act. Plan	6025	\$ 27,341.18	\$ -	\$ 27,341.18	\$ (27,341.18)	\$ -	\$ (27,341.18)
WIC	6026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CFHS	6027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Response	6030	\$ 26,140.00	\$ -	\$ 22,806.02	\$ (22,806.02)	\$ 3,333.98	\$ (22,806.02)
Evn. Health Assist.	6036	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
For Sale of Prop.	6037	\$ 542,773.46	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 542,773.46	\$ -
O&M	6043	\$ 204,085.13	\$ 826,000.00	\$ 892,111.73	\$ (66,111.73)	\$ 137,973.41	\$ (66,111.73)
A.T.O.D	6039	\$ 52,879.66	\$ -	\$ 52,879.66	\$ (52,879.66)	\$ -	\$ (52,879.66)
Injury Prevention	6040	\$ 91,203.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,203.79	\$ -
Workforce Dev.	6041	\$ 314,589.01	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 314,589.01	\$ -
Population Health	6042	\$ 162,390.51	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 100,700.00	\$ (60,700.00)	\$ 101,690.51	\$ (60,700.00)
Total		\$ 4,113,681.91	\$ 3,088,279.00	\$ 3,007,949.14	\$ 80,329.86	\$ 4,194,011.76	\$ 80,329.86

\$ 80,329.86 Revenue above/(under) expenses
 \$ 20,721.65 Built in Buffer for Salary & Fringes
 \$ 101,051.51 Revenue over/(under) expense after Salary & Fringe buffer removed

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