

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors Meeting
August 20, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
DPH, RTP, Room 1115, 65 Moore Drive, Durham

Call to Order	Jen Greene
Approval of Minutes from July Meeting	Jennifer McCracken
Treasurer's/Financial Report	Jennifer McCracken
President's Report	Jen Greene
Executive Director's Report	Patrick Brown
State Health Director & Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Larry Greenblatt
Division of Public Health Director	Dr. Kelly Kimple
Deputy Director/Section Chief, Local and Community Support, DPH	Stacie Turpin Saunders
DCFW	Yvonne Copeland
Updates from NC Association of DSS Directors	Karen Powell
Patch-NC Maternal Health Program	Chris Bishop/Shannon Dowler

ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES - from Work Groups

Partner Updates	Patrick Brown
PH Funding and Investments	Jen Greene
Workforce Recruitment and Retention	Janet Clayton
PH Data and Performance Measures	Wes Gray
Communications	Lisa Harrison
Nominations and Bylaws	Rod Jenkins
Education and Awards	Rachel Willard

Region Reports & District Health Department Reports

Region I	Anna Lippard
Region II	David Jenkins
Region III	Rachel Willard
Region IV	Alyssa Harris
Region V	Trey Wright
Region VI	Helene Edwards
Region VII	Cinnamon Narron
Region VIII	Krissy Hoover
Region IX	Ashley Stoop
Region X	Joy Brock
District Workgroup	Lisa Harrison

Partner Reports

NCAPHA	Rod Jenkins
NCPHA	Nina Beech
NACCHO	Lisa Harrison
CETAC	Dolly Clayton
NCIPH	Amy Joy Lanou
ANCBH	Merle Green
NC-SOG	Kirsten Leloudis
NC SOPHE	Rose Haddock

Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 29, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites, 5400 John Q Hammonds Dr, NW, Concord NC

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Business Meeting
July 23, 2026 – 9:30 am
Virtual**

Meeting Called to Order – Jen Greene

President Jen Greene (Appalachian Health District) opened the meeting at 9:33 am and thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of June Minutes – Jennifer McCracken

Minutes from the June meeting were distributed via email. President Greene asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.

Motion: Motion to approve was made by Dr. Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.) and seconded by Angel Callicutt (Montgomery Co.). No objections – minutes were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer McCracken

The Treasurer's Report was distributed with the packet via email. President Greene asked for a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Motion to approve was made by Dr. Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.) and seconded by Joy Brock (Greene Co.). No objections – Treasurer's Report was approved by consensus.

Approval of Proposed FY 2027 NCALHD Budget – Jennifer McCracken

Budget in packet. Motion to approve was made by–Dr. Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.) and seconded by David Howard (Brunswick Co.).

President's Report – Jen Greene

These are challenging times with Care Management. Jen took a moment for all health directors to acknowledge the difficulties facing the care management program and reminded us that we are all in this together. She emphasized that we do this work for the health and well-being of mothers and babies. These programs focus on prevention and early intervention that is critical for the health and well-being of our communities. Jen asked health directors to share the value of care managers and the work they do in each of our counties. Several health directors spoke about the value of care management in their communities.

Jen asked if there were any new or retiring Health Directors in the room. Luana Gibbs (Hyde Co.) is retiring. Angela Manning is the new Health Director for Nash Co. Melissa Saddler will be the Hyde County Health Director beginning August 1, 2026. Dorothy Cilenti introduced herself as the Orange County Interim Health Director.

Jennifer Yourkavitch is the new Chief of Health Statistics with NC DHHS.

Executive Director's Report – Patrick Brown

Patrick announced that there will be more discussion later in the meeting about Care Management. Three key things have emerged with health plans this week: platform readiness; contracting infrastructure; commitment from local health departments. This will be discussed in a health director's only closed session.

Funding strategy sessions will be held in 5 counties; Haywood; Catawba; Johnston; Sampson; Washington Counties. Patrick will reach out to those counties soon regarding logistics. He is working with the HMA team on scoping out the agenda. Patrick asked membership to begin thinking about who should attend from each of our counties. Meetings will be held late August through October 2026. This will convene local and legislative leaders around funding needs. Patrick now has proposed dates:

Regions 1 & 2: Haywood County – Oct. 12

Regions 3 & 4: Catawba County – Oct. 13

Regions 4 & 7: Johnston County – Sept. 14

Regions 6 & 8: Sampson County – Sept. 9

Region 9 & 10: Washington County – Sept. 24

These sessions will most likely be held from 10 am – 2 pm, with lunch provided. These sessions will be in-person only. We will be asked to RSVP soon.

Patrick may schedule a small mini-session in some areas that are more heavily concentrated with health leaders after the initial sessions have been concluded.

There was an increase in general aid to county by \$1.5 recurring, divided equally among local health departments. There is a technical correction meeting coming up in August. Patrick asked the group for feedback about proposing a technical correction. Collectively, the group indicated that work needs to be done on the formula. There was much discussion by the membership. This will be added to the funding workgroup agenda for the August NCALHD meeting. Jen Greene made the recommendation for Patrick continue to evaluate the need for a technical correction and come back to us if there is a true need to pursue the technical correction during the August window.

The October NCALHD meeting was scheduled to be at the NCDHHS headquarters in Raleigh. This coincides with the first day of the NC State Fair. The officers/executive committee will be discussing options for the October meeting. Please send any ideas about meeting location to Patrick.

Patrick has been in conversation with DCFW team regarding a briefing related to SNAP and administrative cost changes. A virtual webinar will be scheduled soon.

Karen Powell, formerly Foothills Health Director is now president of the NC DSS Association. She will join us at the August NCALHD meeting.

Patrick recognized Dr. Larry Greenblatt, State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer and thanked him for attending.

Belinda Pettiford discussed Talc funds. Some of the state funds we are receiving are talc powder settlement funds. It is the same dollar amount, but funding sources have changed. We will see this in some of the MCH programs.

This is the year for the Title X RFA to be released sometime this fall. Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Improving outcomes for MCH funding will also be coming out this fall. Other RFA's will be forthcoming as well. More Title X funds may be available to LHD's (unexpended funds from last FY). See funding opportunities that Belinda Pettiford posted in the chat below:

1. Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (AP3) - LHDs and other community organizations can apply; 2. Reducing Infant Mortality in Communities (RIMC) - only LHDs can apply; 3. Supporting Women's Health Services (SWHSs) - only LHDs and community health centers can apply; 4. Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) - only LHDs can apply; 5. Title X/Women's Health Services - LHDs, community health centers, etc. can apply.

Division of Public Health Director – Dr. Kelly Kimple

Dr. Kimple thanked the counties that worked on the FIFA World Cup.

The Division of Public Health continues to respond and plan the response to the budget. DHHS is required to abolish \$35 million dollars worth of vacant positions. The office of health disparities work is being transitioned to DPH.

Thanks to all the teams that continue to respond to the Ebola outbreak. The state is scheduling a call for next week to update LHD's on Ebola and other communicable disease issues. The Ebola risk continues to be low in the United States.

Cyclosporiasis - 561 cases with 16 hospitalizations in NC. Most cases are in Wake County. The state is working on surge support for contact investigation. Parsley, cilantro and romaine lettuce are the most common sources identified. The state is working to build out a dashboard as well as developing a FAQ document.

Deputy Director/Section Chief, Local and Community Support, DPH - Stacie Turpin Saunders

It was great to see so many NC representatives at the NACCHO conference in Louisville, KY.

DPH has identified some additional PHIG funding (\$6 million) to add to AA117. More information will be presented in September. This funding will focus on the "big spenders" – those counties that have spent most of their current AA117 funds.

AA117 (PHIG) – will start to look at the T-minus plan. This ensures the PHIG dollars are spent down. Doug and his team are analyzing spend rates. There will be information coming this fall.

Stacie has been getting questions about carry-forward AA's and asking when they will be released (117 121, 122). They are being finalized now as well as the new BE's. LHD's should see these in the beginning of August.

Stacie gave a shout out to Harnett County. The Oral Health section had an opportunity to participate in an oral health community event. The state team provided screenings and sealants.

Please reach out if oral health can help support any of your community events or other similar opportunities.

Back to School Immunization Update – Jenny Myers

North Carolina general statutes describe all immunization requirements. The Administrative Code provides all the details about immunizations. Annual immunization reporting is required by schools. Immunizations are required for anyone to attend school. They must present an immunization record on day one and have 30 days to provide an updated record. The enforcement of these rules falls on school principals or administrators (school entry and exclusion; annual reporting) and the local health director (accordance with NC G. S. 130A-41).

Medical and religious are the only exemptions allowed in NC.

NC Immunization Compliance Reporting: Students submit vaccine records; schools, colleges and universities submit a report to DHHS; data is cleaned and analyzed and schools with errors are contacted; Kindergarten data is reported to CDC; Immunization reports are submitted to LHD's.

Updates with ACIP: There is a new ACIP charter with a broader focus on safety data and shifted committee governance to the CDC director – no committed meeting schedule and alters membership criteria. DHHS says ACIP cannot meet because of a court injunction. Impacts include insurance coverage, VFC program coverage, some policies or rules are dependent on the actual ACIP recommendations. HHS is seeking expedited appeal, but for now the injunction is in place.

Currently it is business as usual in NC. NC immunization requirements have not changed and there are no plans to revise. NC law aligns with AAP recommendations. The reporting process remains unchanged; specific instructions and details are forthcoming via memo and website.

DCFW Updates - Yvonne Copeland

Nurse Family Partnership – DCFW is funding this program for this FY. This will not be recurring.

RHTP application for school health centers went out yesterday and sent to counties with AA357. This was also sent to contractors for school health centers. Total funding available is \$1,250,000 per year.

DCFW met with the Workforce Workgroup on July 1 and addressed the WIC workforce issue. Determining strategies and pathways related to recruiting nutritionists. They are exploring training that South Carolina offers as well as Colorado. This training could serve to qualify applicants. Also exploring intersections with the RHTP related to workforce incentive programs and funding for bonuses. Lastly, her team reviewed the ACEND accreditation to ensure it meets the national standards for nutrition and dietetics. Graduates from ACEND accredited programs can sit for the RD exam. Therefore, they are continuing to explore avenues to expand the workforce

Scheduling a briefing on the SNAP cost shift to counties. There is also a 75% cost share for local counties related to admin. For the first time in program history, states will have to share in the benefit cost.

The general assembly made a historic investment in staff (32 positions) to support infrastructure and accuracy. DCFW is creating those positions as quickly as they can. The payment error rate has significantly decreased.

DCFW is also eliminating vacant positions and evaluating impact to services.

HIS is retiring Sept. 2026. Yvonne asked if any LHD's are still using this system and if there is any functionality that needs to be flagged.

Scott Harrelson (Craven Co.) asked for some time to discuss Medicaid challenges and asked to get an intermediary in place to link LHD's to the state as we have had in the past. There is continued concern with delays in Medicaid cost settlement payments as well as inconsistent quarterly separate directed payments.

Action Items and Updates – from Workgroups:

No reports.

Region Reports & District Health Department Reports:

No reports.

Jen Greene will be the NCALHD representative on the State RHTP board.

Partner Reports:

NCAPHA – Rod Jenkins – no report

NCPHA – Nina Beech – Embassy Suites and Home 2 Suites are both sold out. There is a TRU by Hilton block of rooms that has been opened. Rooms are filling fast.

NACCHO – Lisa Harrison – no report

CETAC – Dolly Clayton – working on a Strategic Plan

NCIPH – Amy Joy Lanou -

Foundational Capabilities Task Force Initiatives ♦ Check out the North Carolina Foundational Capabilities website! Go to ncfoundationalcapabilities.org for a host of resources and information about our various Foundational Capabilities initiatives. ♦ The results are in! Our 2026 Foundational Capabilities Assessment is complete and findings are public. Take a look at what we heard, learned, and shared with decision makers—your voice is making a difference! ♦ How is this Foundational Capabilities work making an impact for your staff and the communities you serve? Check out the 2025 Impact Report to learn all about it!

Get ready to feel proud to work in NC Public Health Workforce Development ♦ Thank you for sharing information about the upcoming Policy Skill-Building 6-session virtual seminar series. The upcoming fall course will focus on local policy engagement and implementation in North Carolina. Tuesdays starting September 1, 11am – 1pm. ♦ This series is an introduction to public health policy, offering hands-on skill development on topics such as informing policymakers about public

health expertise and needs, understanding policy processes, communication and strategy, building relationships with elected officials, and more. ♦ Please use this link to register: <https://cvent.me/gWEYDN>. Enrollment for this course is open from July 1- July 31, 2026.

NC Local Health Department Accreditation ♦ Registration is open for our Bi-Annual Accreditation 101 Training and Dashboard Webinar, taking place on September 8 and 10. Check out our website or newsletter for information to register! Both trainings are updated to reflect accreditation changes. ♦ We are recruiting new site visitors! Be on the lookout for an updated application form, and please share with anyone you know who may be interested in applying to serve as a site visitor.

ANCBH – Merle Green – award nominations due next week; LHD's need to respond to Merle's email about sending in BOH Chair names/contact info

NC-SOG – Kirsten Leloudis – no report

NC SOPHE – Rose Haddock – Award nominations are due; scholarships are available. Due dates are Sept. 30, 2026. NCSOPHE conference is Nov. 10-11 and UNC Wilmington

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 pm.

July 23, 2026
NCALHD Attendance Roster - Health Director Initial by County

✓	Alamance	Tony LoGiudice	Anna Lippard	Jackson	✓
✓	Albemarle District	Ashley Stoop	Marilyn Pearson	Johnston	
✓	Alexander	Billie Walker	Adrian Smith	Jones	
✓	Anson	Brian Ellerby	Heath Cain	Lee	✓
✓	Appalachian District	Jennifer Greene	Pam Brown	Lenoir	✓
	Beaufort	JaNell Octigan	Lena Jones	Lincoln	✓
	Bladen	Teresa Duncan	Kimberly Dills	Macon	
✓	Brunswick	David Howard	Tammy Cody	Madison	
✓	Buncombe	Ellis Matheson	Nicole Barnes	MTW District	✓
✓	Burke	Ashley Jarrett, Interim	Kimberly Scott	Mecklenburg	✓
✓	Cabarrus	Erin Shoe	Angel Callicutt	Montgomery	✓
✓	Caldwell	Anna Martin <i>Cook</i>	Matt Garner, Interim	Moore	
✓	Carteret	Nina Oliver	Angela Manning	Nash	✓
	Caswell	Jennifer Eastwood	Jon Campbell	New Hanover	
✓	Catawba	Jennifer McCracken	Megan Vick	Northampton	✓
✓	Chatham	Michael Zelek	Kristen Richmond-Hoover	Onslow	✓
	Cherokee	David Badger	Dorothy Cilenti, Interim	Orange	✓
✓	Clay	Clarissa Rogers, Interim	Melanie Campbell <i>Dixon</i>	Pamlico	✓
✓	Cleveland	Tiffany Hansen	Carolyn Moser	Pender	✓
	Columbus	Daniel Buck	Janet Clayton	Person	✓
✓	Craven	Scott Harrelson	Wes Gray	Pitt	✓
✓	Cumberland	Jennifer Green	Geoffrey Hiles, Interim	Polk	✓
	Dare	Sheila Davies	Tara Aker	Randolph	✓
✓	Davidson	Lillian Koontz	Heather Horne	Richmond	✓
✓	Davie	Suzanne Wright	Suzanne Jackson	Robeson	
✓	Duplin	Tracey S. Kornegay	Trey Wright	Rockingham	✓
✓	Durham	Rodney Jenkins	Alyssa Harris	Rowan	✓
✓	Edgecombe	Michelle Etheridge	Wanda Robinson	Sampson	✓
✓	Foothills Health Dist.	Jason Masters	April Snead, Interim	Scotland	
✓	Forsyth	Joshua Swift	Dolly Huffman Clayton	Stanly	✓
✓	Franklin	Scott LaVigne	Tammy Martin	Stokes	✓
✓	Gaston	Brittain Kenney	Samantha Ange	Surry	
	Graham	Angie Knight, Interim	Alison Cochran	Swain	✓
✓	Granville-Vance District	Lisa Macon-Harrison	Mason Gardner, Interim	Toe River District	✓
✓	Greene	Joy Brock	Elaine Russell	Transylvania	
✓	Guilford	Courtney McFadden <i>Anita Ramchandani</i>	Traci Colley <i>Jaret Payne</i>	Union	✓
✓	Halifax	Cheyenna James	Rebecca Kaufman	Wake	✓
✓	Harnett	Ainsley Johnson	Margaret Brake	Warren	
✓	Haywood	Sarah Banks	Suzanne LeDoyen	Wayne	✓
✓	Henderson	David Jenkins	Rachel Willard	Wilkes	
✓	Hoke	Helene Edwards	Cinnamon Narron	Wilson	✓
✓	Hyde	Luana Gibbs	Jessica Wall	Yadkin	
✓	Iredell	Brady Freeman	Misty Randolph	Yancey	

✓ = Virtual
Attendee

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, Inc.
Statement of Activities - Budget vs Actual
July 2026

	Actual	Budget	Amt over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Accreditation Revenue	413,660.00	413,660.00	0.00	100.00%
Grant Revenue	6,816.25	462,595.46	(455,779.21)	1.47%
Interest/Dividend Income	924.60	15,000.00	(14,075.40)	6.16%
Membership Revenue				
NACCHO Rebate	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00%
NCALHD Dues	136,656.79	136,656.90	(0.11)	100.00%
Revenue	\$ 136,656.79	\$ 139,656.90	\$ (3,000.11)	97.85%
Total Revenue	\$ 558,057.64	\$ 1,030,912.36	\$ (472,854.72)	54.13%
Expenses				
Accreditation Expense	0.00	413,660.00	(413,660.00)	0.00%
Administrative Services	6,250.00	75,000.00	(68,750.00)	8.33%
Awards	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	0.00%
Bank Charges	1.00	12.00	(11.00)	8.33%
Education & Resources	0.00	1,200.00	(1,200.00)	0.00%
Licenses & Filing Fees	0.00	1,600.00	(1,600.00)	0.00%
Marketing & Sponsorships	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00%
Meetings & Travel	1,479.39	25,000.00	(23,520.61)	5.92%
Postage	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
Professional Services				
Accounting Fees	300.00	6,000.00	(5,700.00)	5.00%
Consulting Fees	3,500.00	452,234.00	(448,734.00)	0.77%
Services	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 458,234.00	\$ (454,434.00)	0.83%
Technology & Website	7,137.58	50,000.00	(42,862.42)	14.28%
Total Expenses	\$ 18,667.97	\$ 1,026,056.00	\$ (1,006,188.03)	1.82%
Change in Net Assets	\$ 539,389.67	\$ 4,856.36	\$ 533,333.31	11106.87%

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As of July 31, 2026

ASSETS

Bank Accounts (SECU)

Certificate of Deposit	40,000.00
Checking	463.71
Money Market	9,899.41
Savings	44.30

Total Bank Accounts (SECU)	\$ 50,407.42
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Bank Accounts (TowneBank)

Checking	175,818.24
Insured Cash Sweep	360,364.63
Money Market	250,501.58

Total Bank Accounts (TowneBank)	\$ 786,684.45
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Accounts Receivable	230,616.96
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Prepaid Expenses	789.40
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Investment in NCPHI	10,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,078,498.23
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	7,940.77
Deferred Revenue	32,945.71

Total Liabilities	\$ 40,886.48
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Equity

Temporarily Restricted Funds

Accreditation Fund	112,278.50
Legal Fund	59,886.40

Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 172,164.90
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Unrestricted Net Assets	326,057.18
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Change in Net Assets	539,389.67
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Total Equity	\$ 1,037,611.75
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,078,498.23
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