



**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors Meeting
June 18, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
DPH, RTP, Room 1115, 65 Moore Drive, Durham**

Call to Order Jen Greene

Approval of Minutes from May Meeting Jennifer McCracken

Treasurer's/Financial Report Jennifer McCracken

Rural Health Transformation Plans – Region 1 Laurie Stradley, Impact Health

State Health Director & Chief Medical Officer..... Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt

Rural Health Transformation Plans – Regions 3 and 5 Cindy Ellers, Trillium

President's Report Jen Greene

Executive Director's Report Patrick Brown

Division of Public Health Director Dr. Kelly Kimple

DCFW Yvonne Copeland

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

Rural Health Transformation..... Maggie Woods

NCALHD Region, Committee and Workgroup Reports as needed

Partner Reports as needed

Adjourn

**Next Meeting: July 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Virtual Only**

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Business Meeting
May 21, 2026 – 9:30 am
DPH, RTP, Room 1115, 65 Moore Drive, Durham NC & Virtual**

Meeting Called to Order – Jen Greene

President Jen Greene (Appalachian Health District) opened the meeting at 9:30 am and thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of April Minutes – Jennifer McCracken

Minutes from the April 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 Dr. Marilyn Pearson (Johnston 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 Janet Clayton (Person Co.) and seconded by Dr. Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.). No objections – Treasurer's Report was approved by consensus.

State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer Report – Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt

Happy Older Americans Month.

Rural Health Transformation Program – The Root Hub lead entities have been chosen.

Region 1 – Impact Health

Region 2 – Trillium Health

Region 3 – Vaya Health

Region 4 – UNC Health

Region 5 – Trillium Health

Region 6 – Access East

The contract process has started. The entities will be conducting a community needs assessment and excited to get to work.

The Governor released an economic development white paper and many RHTP initiatives are listed. Local health departments will be key players in all of this work and Dr. Greenblatt encouraged LHDs to connect with the hubs

Cannabis – we don't have legalized cannabis in NC – this may happen in long session. There is a regulatory framework to best protect youth and public health.

Nationally, marijuana was re-schedulized from 1 to 3. This may affect interstate transfer. The advisory council has not recommended a medical marijuana program. Currently, it is not a regulated environment and this will provide some regulation

Hemp products will become illegal this year. Most products currently being sold will become illegal mid-November.

Patrick was a part of several associations that reached out to Hubs to offer support. Patrick will reach out to each Hub lead to attend a future NCALHD meeting.

President's Report – Jen Greene

Jen asked if there were any new or retiring Health Directors in the room. There were none.

Jen congratulated Eastern District NC Public Health Association group regarding a wonderful conference – focusing on the ripple effect of PH in our communities. Nina Oliver (Carteret Co.) is the new president of Eastern District. Wilson County Health Department won the Public Health Group Award. Trey Wright received the Career Achievement Award. Congratulations to all!

Jen thanked the group for their support during the recent RIF that her district experienced.

Jen asked for continued attention to HR 1. Local PH overall is highly dependent on Medicaid revenue. Especially in rural communities, local public health is filling many health care gaps. If local public health is not supported, we are risking dismantling the PH system.

Jen thanked Patrick for his work in navigating communication with Care Management over the last year. Care Management is vital to promote healthy pregnancies, babies, and children. As we navigate what the future looks like, we must be ready for change and not lose the importance of the work and the people that we serve. We need to protect the programs, and we need to do all that we can to support. Jen thanked the association for supporting the work and Patrick for navigating us through. Jen also thanked Kate B. Reynolds for providing funding for this work.

Executive Director's Report – Patrick Brown

Care Management – the two calls that were scheduled for Care Management staff were well attended with 375 attendees on first call and 175 attendees on the second call. There were many good questions, and Patrick will continue to engage with staff as necessary. Patrick is willing to meet with county level teams as that is helpful.

Next steps for care management – Patrick meets with Tailored plans tomorrow. He continues to meet and talk with PHP's. He feels good about 3 out of the 4 health plans.

Through Community Care Physician Network (CCPN), there seems to be a singular contracting avenue. Patrick will keep pursuing that when there is more formal clarity.

There has been communication around Medicaid Direct and changes in payment. The good news is that there is no intent for a recoupment plan. Moving forward, there will be a change in the payment plan.

Legislative updates – the legislative short session started on Tuesday. Two Medicaid bills of note were filed in the Senate – one for Medicaid primary care rates and one for Medicaid dental rates. Patrick and team will monitor those. Both bills were referred straight to the rules committee.

Naterra has received notice from AmeriHealth that their contract for genetic screening has been terminated effective August 2026. AmeriHealth will be contracting with LabCorp for a very similar genetic screening test. Local Health Departments should begin looking at the volume of these tests and come up with a contingency plan. Patrick will get clarification on the new billing structure. This is a requirement in AA 101.

Patrick sent out an email about training from AHEC on clinical quality indicators. Registration is open now. Please share with staff.

This year, we have 3 Kate B. Reynolds grants. One of these grants is taking Steven Garner's cost settlement/state directed payment training to have an education/design partner augment his in-person training with on-demand resources. They are currently gathering proposals. Patrick will ask Steven Garner to attend a funding workgroup meeting in the future to discuss his findings with cost settlement/separate directed payments.

Meeting schedule for rest of year – we will be back in Durham at the RTP location in June. We are virtual in July and will meet Thursday, July 23, due to NACCHO the week prior. If there is a need, will do work groups on July 22. The August meeting will be held in Durham (RTP). The September meeting will be in conjunction with NCPHA in Concord. October, November and December meetings will be held in Raleigh at the DHHS building.

Division of Public Health Director – Dr. Kelly Kimple

Dr. Kimple thanked local health department directors for the work we continue to do and how we navigate many different challenges. We are making progress as a state related to deaths, with a historic low infant mortality. There has been a decline in overdose deaths, heart and cancer deaths as well. She thanked the group for helping make that progress possible.

The Division of Public Health continues to monitor Hanta virus. The risk to public is extremely low. This is a virus we have been monitoring for years.

Ebola outbreak – declared PH outbreak of concern. It is fast moving with many resources mobilizing throughout the country to respond. This leads to continued focus on CD response, surveillance, etc. There is a NACCHO call this afternoon about Ebola and Patrick will send out notes.

DCFW Updates - Yvonne Copeland

Yvonne recognized the important work we are doing

WIC – LHD's received WIC notifications for special funding. DCFW issued \$1.4 million in special funding. There were some proposals not approved. If there are questions, reach out to team.

AA 351 – 2 revisions – added additional funds that must be expended by May 31, 2026. The second revision was related to budget codes with no funding implications

AA803 – revisions to budget estimates for 2026-27. This only was related to budget codes, not funding.

Looking for guidance around sports physical funding (parameters around sliding scale and billing). Virginia Niehaus is reviewing guidance. Guidance is awaiting her review. Dr. Little added that the sliding fee scale is separate from the sports physical and is waiting for feedback from Tara in DCFW. Susan Little's office is supportive and wants input from local health departments. Jen Green encouraged this type of conversation could happen through the Funding Workgroup. Yvonne Copeland will send draft guidance to the Funding workgroup and is very cognizant of this guidance needing to get released as soon as possible.

Job specs for Nutritionists in WIC were brought up. A sub-work group was working on it and did receive guidance from OSHR. Yvonne will bring this work back up to her team and information will be shared at a future meeting.

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

There is an opportunity to add more funds \$355,592 to AA117. Stacie asked the group to consider if we want money to be added through current formula – or – evenly distribute among 98 counties (Wake and Mecklenburg not eligible). Stacie sent out the spreadsheet this morning that shows original and existing funding formula along with the even distribution. There were many comments on the funding formula and that will be added to the funding workgroup agenda. A motion was made to move forward with an even distribution of \$355,398 across 98 counties (Joy Brock, Greene County) with Dr. Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.) seconding the motion. The motion carried. This will be added to FY27 AA117. This is a part of AA117, which is PHIG funding. If a LHD declines this additional pot of money, they will decline the remaining PHIG funding each county has left. The timeframe for spending does not change (deadline October 2027).

There was an idea for peer to peer sharing through Office Hours for AA117.

There was a question asked about non-Medicaid funding for CMHRP. As the CM landscape changes, DPH is thinking about how best to use those AA's. There has been no decision yet. Stacie will have the team come and discuss at a future meeting.

DPH is recruiting a state dental director.

Oral Health Summit will be held August 5-6 in Asheville. Please consider sending dental staff to this event.

Tara Ankrah - presented on the data modernization work and gave the following updates:

There are many disparate systems and challenges in getting the data pulled for accessibility and visibility.

Will be changing the why and the what behind data story

Data forward is the movement towards a more modernized data infrastructure in NC.

Modernization allows us to use information more efficiently and meaningfully.

Trying to break silos, upscale staff around data science, trying to increase operational efficiency (leverage technology), identifying synergy around policy and practices.

Within the data modernization strategic plan is guided by the following goals: connect and integrate key PH data, make data easy to access and use; support data driven PH decisions, build strong and sustaining data infrastructure, ensure transparency.

The strategic plan will be implemented in phases (2024-2027): Phase 1 – assessment and stakeholder engagement; Phase 2 – Infrastructure modernization and governance frameworks; Phase 3 – training and statewide onboarding; Phase 4- full implementation and evaluation; Phase 5 – quality improvement

A recording will be sent to the group for proof of value.

Data forward in action – Environmental health:

Problem: NC needs to know if they may be exposed to unsafe conditions and need fast responses to community health risks.

What can Data Forward do – Move EH data into the secure Data Lake to connect systems (provided demonstration of the NC DPH data portal website). An authorized portal user will have a log in to several reports and visualizations. There will be a public facing site as well.

Contact dphdata@dhhs.nc.gov to give them ideas as to what types data we want and what will benefit us at the local level.

Action Items and Updates – from Workgroups -

Partner Updates – Patrick Brown – no report

PH Funding and Investments – Jen Greene

AA 351 – a group is working on QI around this AA. This vote occurred earlier on AA117 additional funds for a billing project. The findings will be presented in an upcoming meeting.

Workforce Recruitment and Retention – Janet Clayton – no report

PH Data and Performance Measures – Wes Gray – Scott Harrelson reported on clinical, customer service and financial reporting in the workgroup yesterday.

Communications – Lisa Harrison – no report

Nominations & Bylaws – Dr. Rod Jenkins – no report

Education & Awards – Rachel Willard – no report

Region Reports & District Health Department Reports –

Region 1 & 2 – WNC health network approached both regions about a dogwood health grant opportunity to assist with CHA. The alliance will apply on behalf of these regions to be the fiduciary agent for this funding opportunity

Region 8 – Carolyn Moser (Pender Co.) expressed need to increase pay for medical examiners and rumor is that they are threatening to boycott. Funeral Directors are contacting local public health departments very concerned. Dr. Kimple said DPH is aware of this issue. They are trying to figure out how the NC system will respond.

Partner Reports

NCPHA– Rod Jenkins

Met and approved budget

NCPHA – Patrick

Data Conference went well. NCPHA fall conference registration opens June 1 – Concord, NC Embassy Suites

NACCHO – Lisa Harrison

NCCCHO 360 conference in July in Louisville, Kentucky. Lisa encouraged membership to listen in and participate in the monthly NACCHO calls.

CETAC (Continuing Education and Training Advisory Committee) – Dolly Clayton

Next conference will be in 2028.

NCIPH – Margaret Benson Nemitz

Foundational Capabilities Task Force Initiatives

- ❖ **We have a new website for the North Carolina Foundational Capabilities initiatives!** Go to ncfoundationalcapabilities.org for a host of resources and information about our various NCFC PHIG initiatives.
- ❖ Check out the most recent [Foundational Capabilities Newsletter](#) for highlights and upcoming events. The newsletter is quarterly and anyone can subscribe to keep in the know!

Workforce Development

- ❖ **One week left to submit your fall internship opportunities to the NC Public Health Pathways:**
 - From **May 11-29**, the [North Carolina Public Health Pathways Program](#) (NCPHP) invites health departments to submit their 12-week internship opportunities for inclusion in the [Fall 2026 Internship Program](#).
 - NCPHP manages position promotion, application collection and screening, and equips selected candidates with supplemental training and professional development to excel in their new roles. Please contact Program Manager Alexa Katon (akaton@unc.edu) with any questions.

NC Local Health Department Accreditation

- ❖ Our [annual accreditation survey is live!](#) You can find the link in our NCLHDA website, in next week's NCLHD newsletter, and in an accreditation monthly highlight special edition. Please share with your agency's accreditation team and help us hear from ALL health departments so we can include your voice in program improvements. The survey is open until June 5.
- ❖ In June, all health departments will receive an updated accreditation letter with a new expiration date, either November 30 or May 31, to align with new rule language.

ANCBH – Merle Greene

Website will be updated soon to be more user-friendly – www.ancbh.org

Recruiting new board members- looking for board of health members who serve or have served. Merle will be emailing this request out.

NC-SOG – Kirsten Leloudis

No report

NC SOPHE – Rose Haddock

No report

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

May 21, 2026

NCALHD Attendance Roster - Health Director Initial by County

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

V = Virtual Attendee

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

ASSETS

Bank Accounts (SECU)	
Certificate of Deposit	40,000.00
Checking	465.63
Money Market	9,605.09
Savings	44.28
Total Bank Accounts (SECU)	\$ 50,115.00
Bank Accounts (TowneBank)	
Checking	89,497.32
Insured Cash Sweep	208,858.32
Money Market	250,504.46
Total Bank Accounts (TowneBank)	\$ 548,860.10
Accounts Receivable	562,368.06
Prepaid Expenses	1,105.20
Investment in NCPHI	10,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,172,448.36

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	74,703.18
Deferred Revenue	577,567.78
Dues Invoiced for Other Orgs	(3,425.00)
Total Liabilities	\$ 648,845.96
Equity	
Temporarily Restricted Funds	
Accreditation Fund	128,271.32
Legal Fund	59,886.40
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 188,157.72
Unrestricted Net Assets	269,080.45
Change in Net Assets	66,364.23
Total Equity	\$ 523,602.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,172,448.36

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, Inc.
Statement of Activities - Budget vs Actual
July 2025 - May 2026

	Actual	Budget	Amt over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Accreditation Revenue	279,500.00	279,500.00	0.00	100.00%
Grant Revenue	87,578.75	50,000.00	37,578.75	175.16%
Interest/Dividend Income	14,523.23	30,000.00	(15,476.77)	48.41%
Membership Revenue				
NACCHO Rebate	3,213.50	3,000.00	213.50	107.12%
NCALHD Dues	136,656.90	136,657.00	(0.10)	100.00%
Supplemental Dues	50,495.38	100,000.00	(49,504.62)	50.50%
Total Membership Revenue	\$ 190,365.78	\$ 239,657.00	\$ (49,291.22)	79.43%
Total Revenue	\$ 571,967.76	\$ 599,157.00	\$ (27,189.24)	95.46%
Expenses				
Accreditation Expense	239,865.96	279,500.00	(39,634.04)	85.82%
Administrative Services	68,750.00	75,000.00	(6,250.00)	91.67%
Awards	534.68	700.00	(165.32)	76.38%
Bank Charges	11.00	12.00	(1.00)	91.67%
Education & Resources	922.73	0.00	922.73	
Licenses & Filing Fees	1,534.90	1,509.00	25.90	101.72%
Marketing & Sponsorships	350.00	500.00	(150.00)	70.00%
Meetings & Travel	18,375.98	12,000.00	6,375.98	153.13%
Postage	45.90	100.00	(54.10)	45.90%
Professional Services				
Accounting Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Consulting Fees	90,445.20	142,000.00	(51,554.80)	63.69%
Services	\$ 92,445.20	\$ 144,000.00	\$ (51,554.80)	64.20%
Technology & Website	82,767.18	84,345.00	(1,577.82)	98.13%
Total Expenses	\$ 505,603.53	\$ 597,666.00	\$ (92,985.20)	84.60%
Change in Net Assets	\$ 66,364.23	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 65,795.96	4450.99%