

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors Meeting
May 21, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
DPH, RTP, Room 1115, 65 Moore Drive, Durham**

Call to Order	Jen Greene
Approval of Minutes from April Meeting	Jennifer McCracken
Treasurer’s/Financial Report	Jennifer McCracken
State Health Director & Chief Medical Officer.....	Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt
President’s Report	Jen Greene
Executive Director’s Report	Patrick Brown
Division of Public Health Director	Dr. Kelly Kimple
Deputy Director/Section Chief, Local and Community Support, DPH.....	Stacie Turpin Saunders

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 Greene
NC-SOG	Kirsten Leloudis
NC SOPHE.....	Rose Haddock

Adjourn

**Next Meeting: June 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
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North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Business Meeting
April 23, 2026 – 1:00pm
UNC SOG, 400 South Road, Chapel Hill, NC – Room 2603 & Virtual

Meeting Called to Order – Jen Greene

President Jen Greene (Appalachian Health District) opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of February Minutes – Jennifer McCracken

Minutes from the February 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 Alyssa Haris (Rowan 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.

President’s Report – Jen Greene

Jen welcomed everyone to Chapel Hill, NC.

Jen asked if there were any new Health Directors in the room. Ashley Jarrett was introduced as the interim Burke County Health Director. Liz Lord was introduced as the interim Nash County Health Director.

Jen thanked Helene Edwards (Hoke Co.) and Rachel Willard (Wilkes Co.) for assisting with new Health Director orientation. Helene will be stepping down, and Rachel will take the lead duties with Anna Lippard (Jackson Co.) joining to assist.

Jen wished a Happy Birthday to Ashley Stoop!

Jen gave a shout out to PH colleagues during the RIF that Appalachian Health District is experiencing and thanked those who sent link for jobs so she can assist her employees with Public Health employment options.

Jen announced that the NC state legislature is now in short session. NC Health News is a good place to get information about legislative happenings.

Executive Director's Report – Patrick Brown

Legislative updates – 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 rules committee.

T21 lobby day is April 29. The day begins at 10 am with a press conference. Legislators and other partners will be speaking.

Vital records language – Patrick has been in contact with Rep. White's staff. There will be language changes rather than a technical correction. Hoping to see that introduced in the next few weeks.

Environmental Health – there is a minor language change related to delegation of authority for wells. Swapping DEQ language for DHHS.

Nurse Family Partnership may come back around this session. If you are a NFP site, start talking with county leadership and legislators. In House budget last year, \$2 million was removed and then moved to general ATC where it would have been divided by 86 into the ATC budget. Keeping in touch with NFP lobbyist. Patrick will continue to update.

Patrick polled group to see if there is interest in having every other Monday (10 am) legislative update calls. Membership indicated to add these back on our calendars.

Medicaid rebase funding bill has been introduced.

Carolina Complete Health funding - Patrick sent out the overall summary scope of work and proposed funding formula. This is community reinvestment funding (\$8.9 million) is to be used for broadly defined preventive health services. The Alliance will administer the program, using 5% to cover overhead. The formula Patrick sent was 50% base by county served and 50% per capita. Patrick asked membership if the broadly defined preventive health services language seems broad enough. Membership was in favor of language and funding formula. Carolina Complete Health would like this funding to last over a 3-year timeframe. Patrick polled the group about how to receive funds – all up front or in an allocation format over 2 fiscal years. The majority wanted the funds up front. This will keep administrative overhead lower. The Alliance will develop a subcontract with local health departments. A report will be built in Smart Sheets for reporting. Compelling stories of funding impact are highly encouraged.

Medical Malpractice – premium reduction. They are finalizing numbers and final cost. Projected premiums will be lower than the numbers we were given. Matt is hoping to have proposals sent out to counties by May 1, 2026.

Care Management – last month we received a formal notice that the 6-month extension was granted at the same funding levels as current PMPM. This will be in place for the first half of next FY. PHP's now have funding levels. CMARC will be level funded for the rest of the FY. CMHRP is looking at a 10-20% reduction for the second half of the FY. Patrick is asking for clarification. Patrick is meeting with PHP's to start discussing contracting specifics. He has spoken to CCNC about the data transfer plan and direct access to Virtual Health beginning 1/1/2027. Kate B. Reynolds Foundation may provide funding for the transition. Patrick will bring HMA back in to assist with contracting and transition. If your county is considering any major decisions related to CM,

please reach out to Patrick. “We are not dead yet,” and we would hate for counties to start getting out of this business as the six-month extension is about providing a runway to continue the program. Jen encouraged LHD’s to keep lines of communication open with staff and keep them informed. It would be a good idea to go ahead and look at what the funding reduction impact would be for the second half of the FY27 for CMHRP (20% cut). However, we are still waiting on clarification and contracts with final language. Statewide access to Virtual Health was roughly \$350,000 per year, amount may increase. Patrick thinks the Kate B Reynolds funds may cover some of the cost for the last half of the FY. There is more information to come. The Alliance would most likely have the contract with Virtual Health and pass funds to county.

CMARC/CMHRP AA’s – taking a portion of the funding and putting it back in MH (101)/CH (351) to help with CMARC/CMHRP programs.

When new information is known, Patrick will let membership know.

Dr. Larry Greenblatt, NCDHHS, State Health Director –

Glad to see Medicaid rebase funded. Co-payments will be raised to maximum rate allowed by federal law. Bill will be finalized this week.

Things are moving along nicely with Rural Health Transformation. Funded entities will be announced in early May.

Dr. Greenblatt thanked the group for all that we do.

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

Dr. Kimple could not be with us due to schedule conflicts.

The Director of Rural Health Transformation Office is Maggie Woods and are excited to have her on the team.

The new Medicaid Deputy Secretary is Melanie Bush.

The 2024 death data file has been closed. Health Directors will receive embargoed data ahead of the press release.

The new health director orientation was successful yesterday and Stacie welcomed all new health directors.

Will Broughton will be attending our May meeting to discuss AA’s transition over to Smart Sheets. Training for local staff is forthcoming. There will be information in the upcoming NCPHA newsletter.

Susan Little LTAT branch shared a 2-slide presentation regarding HSIS database decommissioning. HSIS is a legacy system (pre-2007) for patient tracking and billing was phased out and migrated to HIS. DHHS ITD. and DPH leadership support the HSIS decommission. Susan requested that NCALHD vote today to support the decommissioning of the HSIS database with a minute’s signifying vote memorializing support and send to Ranana S. Allamsetty, Applications Systems Manager, DHHS ITD.

Sheila Davies (Dare Co.) made the motion and Rod Jenkins (Durham Co.) seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tara Lucas – DCFW update on FY26 CH351 AA for one-time additional funding - ATC opened yesterday, however, there have been some access issues. All documentation is ready to be entered when ATC access issues have been resolved.

Rachel (Wilkes Co.) brought up that Crossroads was down earlier this week; however, health directors were not updated. Tara will take that information back to DCFW leadership.

Work Groups No action items from workgroups

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Workforce Recruitment and Retention – Janet Clayton

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Communications – Lisa Harrison

No region reports

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Education and Awards – Helene Edwards

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NCPHA – Nina Beech

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NACCHO – Lisa Harrison

No report

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

Kelly Spangler Social Worker Conference was a success. Next conference in 2028

NCIPH – Margaret Benson Nemitz
Foundational Capabilities Task Force Initiatives

- ❖ **Keep up with programs and resources here:** [Public Health Infrastructure Grant \(PHIG\)](#) Programs are free for LHD staff courtesy of DPH via the PHIG grant. See [what's coming in 2026](#).
- ❖ Please join us for the next Public Health Policy Forum on May 8th at 11:00 AM. We'll be discussing Mental Health Policy in Practice: Access, Coverage, and Crisis Response. Email: Lauren.Jones@unc.edu if you are not already receiving the invitation.

Workforce Development

- ❖ **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

- ❖ Congratulations to our health departments who completed a site visit over these past few months! Our NCLHDA Board will be adjudicating 13 health departments next Friday, May 1 at DHHS Headquarters. This marks the LAST site visits to take place under our old rules, and the program is fully gearing up to implement our new rules for the fall 2026 cohort!
- ❖ Keep an eye out for our NCLHDA annual survey, which will launch later in May. Your feedback is so helpful!

ANCBH – Karl Johnson

No report

NC-SOG – Kirsten Leloudis

Jen and the group congratulated Kirsten on a wonderful legal conference!

NC SOPHE – Rose Haddock

No report

Jen recognized Krissy Hoover (Onslow Co.) as having received her PhD. Congratulations Krissy! 😊

Patrick shared that Bethany had her baby and both are doing well. Beckie Hughes became a grandmother for the second time this morning. Congratulations to all!

Adjourn

Motion: Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, Inc
Statement of Financial Position
As of April 30, 2026

ASSETS

Bank Accounts (SECU)	
Certificate of Deposit	40,000.00
Checking	466.59
Money Market	9,462.03
Savings	44.27
Total Bank Accounts (SECU)	\$ 49,972.89
Bank Accounts (TowneBank)	
Checking	84,286.48
Insured Cash Sweep	208,025.27
Money Market	250,514.21
Total Bank Accounts (TowneBank)	\$ 542,825.96
Accounts Receivable	3,213.50
Prepaid Expenses	1,263.10
Investment in NCPHI	10,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 607,275.45

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	(367.87)
Deferred Revenue	53,394.46
Total Liabilities	\$ 53,026.59
Equity	
Temporarily Restricted Funds	
Accreditation Fund	147,037.94
Legal Fund	59,886.40
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 206,924.34
Unrestricted Net Assets	250,313.83
Change in Net Assets	97,010.69
Total Equity	\$ 554,248.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 607,275.45

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

	Actual	Budget	Amt over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Accreditation Revenue	279,500.00	279,500.00	0.00	100.00%
Grant Revenue	80,762.50	50,000.00	30,762.50	161.53%
Interest/Dividend Income	13,550.99	30,000.00	(16,449.01)	45.17%
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	\$ 564,179.27	\$ 599,157.00	\$ (34,977.73)	94.16%
Expenses				
Accreditation Expense	221,099.34	279,500.00	(58,400.66)	79.11%
Administrative Services	62,500.00	75,000.00	(12,500.00)	83.33%
Awards	534.68	700.00	(165.32)	76.38%
Bank Charges	10.00	12.00	(2.00)	83.33%
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	18,176.62	12,000.00	6,176.62	151.47%
Postage	45.90	100.00	(54.10)	45.90%
Professional Services				
Accounting Fees	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
Consulting Fees	86,945.20	142,000.00	(55,054.80)	61.23%
Services	\$ 86,945.20	\$ 144,000.00	\$ (57,054.80)	60.38%
Technology & Website	75,049.21	84,345.00	(9,295.79)	88.98%
Total Expenses	\$ 467,168.58	\$ 597,666.00	\$ (131,420.15)	78.17%
Change in Net Assets	\$ 97,010.69	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 96,442.42	6506.42%