



July 2, 2025

The Van Buren/Cass District Board of Health will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 3:00 pm**. The meeting will be held in the Dowagiac Community Center at 302 S Front Street, Dowagiac, MI as well as on Microsoft Teams.

AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Finance Director's Report
4. Administrator/Health Officer's Report
5. Nursing Report
6. Medical Director
7. Dental Report
8. Environmental Health Report
9. Health Promotions Report
10. Other Business
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment



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Chairperson Leary called the meeting to order at 3:00pm in the Van Buren Cass District Health Department at 260 South Street, Lawrence, MI on June 11, 2025. Roll call taken.

Board members present: Priscilla Gatties, Don Hanson, Jeremiah Jones, Tina Leary, Robert Linderman, Randall Peat in-person and Roseann Marchetti virtually

Employees present: Alisha Bartlett, Nancy Desai, Lauren Jaramillo, Danielle Persky in-person and Kelly Adkins, Julie Beeching, Larry Wile, Jennifer Zordan virtually

Others: None

The April and May meeting minutes were reviewed. Motioned by Jones and second by Peat to approve the April meeting minutes as written. All voting yes, motion carried. Motioned by Gatties and second by Jones to approve the May meeting minutes as written. All voting yes, motion carried.

Finance Director's Report

Desai stated the staff report considers the reduction in funding when evaluating the overall budget through the end of the fiscal year. The total reduction in revenue is \$510,914 and the total reduction in expenses is \$345,678. The HD will use \$165,236 in general fund reserves to cover the shortfall in revenue. After the May meeting, the State provided an additional \$74,480 to assist in the shortfall from the ELCCT grant funding. These funds must be expended by 09/30/2025. Persky noted the health department is expected to receive next year's budget from the state soon. The recommended motion by Desai is to approve and adopt the recommended budget adjustments and to approve the usage of general fund reserves to cover the shortfall in revenue for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motioned by Peat, second by Hanson to accept the budget adjustments and usage of general fund reserves. All voting yes, motion carried.

Linderman asked how the personnel reductions were affecting this budget amendment. Desai explained that the personnel adjustments are reflected through the salary and benefits portion of the budgeted expenses. Changes in the operations & maintenance budget reflect how the overall expenses are trending. For example, Persky stated that some of the operational and facility costs are calculated as estimates with the intention of mid-year amendments regardless of the unexpected funding reduction. There is now more clarity on these utility costs.

Linderman communicated concern for the next financial year's absorption. Persky answered that next fiscal year's budget will show a more accurate assessment of where the absorption is planned, and it won't be just pulling from the general fund. Desai noted that the MDHHS has not committed to ELCCT funding in FY 2025-2026. The HD is expected to be notified in the fall whether or not funding will be available. This will leave many question marks and a promised amended budget after the start of the fiscal year. Persky commented that funding for public health infrastructure has a remaining balance with some costs being absorbed though that fund if it is capital in nature.

January Expenditures Report

Desai reviewed the summary of disbursements for May. Linderman is concerned about the amount of building lease payments and asked about the health department's correspondence with the mortgage lending

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company. Persky responded that they just reached out to prepare an adjustment, but nothing is set up at this time. Linderman noted these numbers are frustrating. Desai explained that the lease payment amount is set as such to include a small variation in interest rates. Any major changes in interest rates will trigger an increase in the lease payment amount because the original loan agreement was entered into as a variable interest loan. The general fund reserves are invested with MI Class which provided a 4.3% rate of return for the month of May. Year to date the interest income is approximately \$37,000. Linderman asked how much money had been invested. Desai answered that \$1.5 million had been invested.

Discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Peat, second by Hanson to accept the expenditures report. All voting yes, motion carried.

Administrator/Health Officer's Report

Persky highlighted the utility separation staff report and the next steps to resolve heating and cooling issues. Experts were brought in collaboration with Van Buren Tech facilities and health department maintenance to create a cost-effective solution. This will be a valve system to maintain our own heating and cooling controls, such as the external dampeners. In total, this project will cost \$47,000 with a request to carry this cost up to \$50,000. Linderman asked about the public health infrastructure grant. Persky answered that there is concern of it being stable funding, so the goal is to spend down what we can. This is one project the health department is looking at using this funding. Others include a new phone system, cybersecurity upgrades, a new server, safety updates, and building structure improvements. Hanson asked about what the architects would look at. Persky answered that the architects will review recommendations by Fishbeck. Hanson asked what changes will be made. Persky answered that it is dependent on affordability, so more details are to come.

Other potential changes include Dowagiac clinic changes as there is a vacancy on the first level. The goal would be to offload the community room in a swap for the vacant clinic space. There are slight structural changes that will need to be completed; looking to this grant for funding to make that project work. Leary noted the heating and cooling split has been discussed before, and it is a cost-effective solution. Discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Peat, second by Jones to accept the utility separation staff report and costs. All voting yes, motion carried.

Linderman asked what the cost range is for when the board is required to vote on. Persky answered that it is anything over \$5,000. Linderman asked if the Dowagiac meeting room will be available for board meetings if offloading occurs. Persky answered yes, it will be free to use as a community space coordinating through the City of Dowagiac. If there is a request to also utilize the office space that is currently being used by Environmental Health, they could move to the second level. Desai added that since most Environmental Health permitting is done online, there is less foot traffic. Leary noted ease of access is incredibly important for clinical patients. Linderman asked if this first level clinic space would have its own doors to the outside. Persky answered that there are staff doors, but the main entry way to all of the first level remains the same. Finalizing the conversation of the public health infrastructure grant, Persky highlighted that although this funding can be used for staffing, it is not a sustainable funding source. The goal is to focus on matters that truly are infrastructure issues.

Linderman asked about a previous matter referencing a closed session. Persky answered that the situation is resolved with the health department ready to move on. Barlett confirmed the matter closed last week.

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Persky moved to highlighting efforts for advocacy through a media roundtable. The Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) was pleased to provide this opportunity for public health leaders across the state to gather and review the cost of funding cuts for local communities.

Persky reviewed a small grant that will implement a performance management process at the health department. This is a key principle in the national public health accreditation process. Although we are not moving forward with national accreditation, the potential for it to be added to state accreditation is likely. It also provides accountability to do our job through evaluation with the opportunity to review the impact the health department makes.

So far, there is no current structure for staff performance or staff development. The goal with human resources is setting these expectations. Hanson asked about the current evaluation process. Persky answered that it is currently annual and difficult for supervisors to complete. It's not a valuable process with accountability for all staff. A performance management process will make expectations clear for teams and provide consistency for staff to get the same experience across the board.

Another process that will provide consistency is a one-day leadership retreat for health department directors. The intent of hosting this meeting is to put structure in place for better consistency and improved functions for the benefit of staff engagement and development. Linderman asked who was leading this leadership retreat. Persky responded that Kristin Harrington (Handled, LLC), a leadership consultant, will lead. Persky noted she also is a part of a regional workforce development group that coordinates the creation of tools that health departments can use.

Gatties asked what the ultimate goal of the leadership retreat is. The goal per Persky is to create a structure for better accountability for staff and supervisors. When asked by the community, the health department can then speak about the value and impact of the health department. It will also support a healthy workplace culture for our employees. Gatties asked if any staff engagement surveys have been done for issues such as turnover. Persky answered that the health department has low turnover, and Bartlett will be conducting a staff survey. Bartlett added that a staff engagement survey will also support succession planning. As more senior staff members retire, there will be a need to fill those positions with staff that can do those roles.

Persky continued by announcing the opioid settlement request for proposal (RFP) for Van Buren County. Van Buren County's RFP will be hosted at the health department's website. An additional emerging goal for the health department is to develop a better, more robust way to share data and statistics with the community and external stakeholders. Agencies from southwest Michigan are working together to identify a strategy for creating a shared data repository. More information is to come on this.

Nursing and Medical Director Report

Updates are discussed in the written report. Linderman noted a need for a local church to look towards the health department for flu clinic services in the fall. Beeching noted she can be contacted to organize this no later than the end of July.

Linderman asked about Lyme Disease. Wile answered with tick bites, general tick numbers, and Lyme Disease rates are rising. It's important to protect yourself. Lyme Disease is a sleeper disease with potential for it to cause long-term health issues. It's important to take ticks seriously. Wile added that the health department and local providers are working together to provide treatment when there is a tick bite.

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Dental Report

Updates are discussed in the written report.

Environmental Health Report

Updates are discussed in the written report.

Health Promotions Report

Updates are discussed in the written report. Zordan updated the board that health promotions and health department staff are in the community all summer through festivals and events. Persky remarked that all radiological exercises in Gobles and Paw Paw passed FEMA's graded exercise last month. Zordan added that this couldn't have been done without staff participation and thanked all attendees. Leary asked if all are complete with Zordan answering the health department's portion is complete.

Persky noted other business included an article by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) president about the importance of public health. It's important to review and remember the important services that local public health departments provide to communities.

Persky moved to review and request adjustments to the drafted annual report. The goal is to approve this before sending it to community partners with program services and numbers. An adjustment already noted is updating the Board of Health section. The board unanimously provides positive feedback to Young for leading this effort. Motioned by Jones, second by Peat to approve the annual report.

There was no other business and no public comment.

Motion to adjourn at 3:58pm by Jones, second by Peat. The next regular District Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, at 3:00pm in the Dowagiac Community Center, lower level at 302 S Front Street, Dowagiac, MI.

Tina Leary, Board of Health Chairperson

Danielle Persky, Health Officer

Lauren Jaramillo, Board of Health Secretary

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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - JUNE 2025

Item No.	Date	Check Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Check Amount
1	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Various Employees	06062025 Payroll - Wages/Production	178,781.46
2	6/20/2025	06202025PR	Various Employees	06202025 Payroll - Wages/Production	177,391.84
3	6/6/2025	12699	Blue Care Network of Michigan	Health Insurance Premium POS/HRA - June 25	30,724.95
4	6/6/2025	12698	Blue Care Network of Michigan	Health Insurance Premium HMO - June 25	29,986.50
5	6/30/2025	12778	Van Buren Cass Community Health Properties	Lawrence Building - Rent - June 2025	19,200.91
6	6/10/2025	V30187808	Internal Revenue Services	060625PR FICA/Medicare Tax Pmt	12,889.88
7	6/24/2025	84766811	Department of Treasury		
			Internal Revenue Services	06202025PR FICA/Medicare Tax	12,809.03
			Department of Treasury		
8	6/13/2025	12720	Accident Fund Insurance Co.	Premium Payment Coverage - July, Aug, Sept 2025	8,896.75
9	6/6/2025	V713703	Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan	MERS Employer DC Plan - 060625PR	8,356.00
10	6/20/2025	062025MERSDC	Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan	06202025PR MERS ER Contribution	8,193.07
11	6/30/2025	12762	Sentage Corp DBA Dental Services Group	Dental Laboratory Services	7,310.02
12	6/30/2025	12777	Van Buren Cass Community Health Properties	Dowagiac Building Rent - June 2025	7,100.00
13	6/13/2025	12731	Henry Schein Practice Solutions/Enterprise	Dentrix Annual Software Support 05/1/25-04/30/26	6,869.00
14	6/20/2025	12755	Patterson Dental	Dental Instrument Order/Dental Supplies	6,725.70
15	6/13/2025	12719	Sentage Corp DBA Dental Services Group	Dental Laboratory Services	5,583.45
16	6/6/2025	V06062025 24	Handled, LLC	Leadership Training For Directors in July 2025	4,995.00
17	6/6/2025	12713	Patterson Dental	Dental Supplies PO# 9041	4,902.72
18	6/30/2025	V 06302025 5	Handled, LLC	Leadership Directors Training - July 2025	4,875.00
19	6/30/2025	06302025 CD	Huntington National Bank	June Credit Card Expenses for supplies, conferences, and membership	4,768.28
20	6/13/2025	12726	DBIX IT	Network Consulting/Support/Implementation	4,630.50
21	6/13/2025	12723	Benco Dental Company	Dental Supplies PO# 9134	3,401.32
22	6/20/2025	12753	Michigan Dept of Agriculture & Rural Development	Food Service Licensing Fees	3,116.00
23	6/6/2025	12701	Delta Dental	Delta Dental Premium - 06.01.25-06.30.25	3,027.66
24	6/6/2025	12716	Standard Insurance Company	Life & Short Term Disability Premiums - June 2025	2,940.46
25	6/6/2025	12700	Benco Dental Company	Dental Supplies PO# 9130	2,688.85
26	6/20/2025	12761	West Michigan Office Interiors	HR Office - A Bartlett	2,397.72
27	6/13/2025	12736	Pfizer Inc	Prevnar 20 VAC 10 doses Lot# LN4931 Exp 07.31.26	2,382.61
28		12694	Sentage Corp DBA Dental Services Group	Dental Laboratory Services	2,359.00
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29	6/20/2025	12746	Sentage Corp DBA Dental Services Group	Dental Laboratories Services	2,256.00
30	6/30/2025	12764	Benco Dental Company	Dental Supplies PO# 9146	2,186.74
31	6/13/2025	12735	Patterson Dental	Dental Supplies PO# 9147	1,988.21
32	6/13/2025	12727	Foune Well Drilling	Coliform/E.coli/Nitrate Testing	1,975.00
33	6/30/2025	12768	City of Dowagiac	Electric/Water/Sewer 05.01.25-05.31.25	1,338.80

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34	6/6/2025	12710	KSS Enterprises	Janitorial Supplies PO# 9158	1,203.45
35	6/13/2025	V06132025 3	Insight Public Sector, Inc.	Windows Server 2025 Std - 16 CORE - One Time Pmnt	1,176.00
36	6/13/2025	12738	Sanofi Pasteur	Tubersol 5TU & IPOL 40/8/32	1,150.44
37	6/30/2025	12766	Patterson Dental	Dental Supplies PO# 9177	1,134.00
38	6/13/2025	12729	Garrett Laboratories Inc.	Coliforms/E.coli/Nitrate/Nitrite Testing	850.05
39	6/30/2025	12779	Verizon Wireless	Cellular Services 05.09.25-06.08.25	749.02
40	6/6/2025	12696	AFLAC	AFLAC Premiums - May 2025	668.60
41	6/30/2025	12767	AFLAC	AFLAC Monthly Premiums - June 2025 Billing Period	668.60
42	6/6/2025	V06062025 6	Conway, Richard	Food Services/Prof Training/RAD Drill Mileage Reimb 5.2025	652.60
43	6/6/2025	12715	Service Plus Office Supplies	Office Supplies/Janitorial Supplies PO# 9157	635.84
44	6/6/2025	V06062025 12	Lint, Brian	Well/Sewer Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	631.40
45	6/20/2025	12750	Fleetwood Mechanical Services, Inc	AC Service - Condenser Cleaning/Filter Change	625.00
46	6/20/2025	12748	Benco Dental Company	Dental Supplies PO# 9175	621.49
47	6/6/2025	12703	Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co.	Vision Insurance Premium - June 2025	591.38
48	6/30/2025	V 06302025 16	Taylor, Corrinne	Sewer/Well/DSS Mileage Reimbursement 06.02.25-06.30.25	581.00
49	6/30/2025	12770	Frontier Communications	Dowagiac Fax Line - 269.782.0121	543.21
50	6/6/2025	V06062025 18	Smith, Jessica	Food Service/RAD Drills Mileage Reimbursement 5.2025	527.10
51	6/13/2025	12737	Quadient, Inc	Postage Meter Rental/Maintenance 06.01.25-08.31.25	524.94
52	6/6/2025	12704	Frontier Communications	Dowagiac Fax Lines - 269.782.0121	522.67
53	6/13/2025	12725	Crystal Flash	EH/Maintenance/Dental Vehicle Fuel	519.19
54	6/6/2025	V06062025 13	McNair, Caitlin	Food Services Mileage Reimb/RAD Drills 05.2025	515.20
55	6/30/2025	V 06302025 8	McNair, Caitlin	Food Svs/RAD Drills Mileage Reimbursement 06.03.25-06.30.25	514.50
56	6/30/2025	V 06302025 7	Lint, Brian	Sewer/Camp/Well Mileage Reimbursement 06.02.25-06.30.25	513.80
57	6/6/2025	V06062025 19	Taylor, Corrinne	Sewer/TypeIII Well/RAD Drill Mileage Reimb 05.01.25-05.30.25	492.10
58	6/13/2025	12744	Waste Management	Waste Removal - Dowagiac/Lawrence	476.18
59	6/30/2025	V 06302025 15	Smith, Jessica	Food Services /RAD Drill Mileage Reimb. 06.01.25-06.30.25	467.60
60	6/6/2025	V06062025 5	Carr, Ellen	Food/Sewer/RAD Drills Mileage Reimb 05.2025	457.80
61	6/30/2025	V 06302025 2	Conway, Richard	Food Services Mileage Reimbursement 06.01.25-06.27.25	436.80
62	6/6/2025	V06062025 14	McNair, Caitlin	Reimbursement for REHS/RS Testing and Associated Fees	420.00
63	6/6/2025	12697	Anterior Quest	Liquid Dental Waste Removal	404.50
64	6/20/2025	V06202025 4	Zordan, Jennifer	Mileage/Parking/RAD Drills/PHEP Face2Face	360.88
65	6/13/2025	12722	Airgas USA, LLC	Gases Cylinder Rental	341.52
66	6/13/2025	12740	Service Plus Office Supplies	Multi-fold Towels	335.88

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67	6/6/2025	V06062025 20	Wagoner, Amy	Hearing & Vision Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	305.20
68	6/13/2025	V06132025 4	TelNet Worldwide	Desk Phone Services - 06.01.25-06.30.25	302.90
69	6/13/2025	12734	O'Neil, Michelle	Food Plan Rvw Refund	300.00
70	6/30/2025	12776	United States Postal Service	Dowagiac Postage Meter Postage	300.00
71	6/20/2025	12752	Menards	Janitorial Supplies	286.33
72	6/6/2025	12711	Legal Shield	Legal Services Premium 05.01.25-05.31.25	273.15
73	6/30/2025	V 06302025 11	Persky, Danielle	RAD Drill x3/MALPHx2 Mileage Reimbursement 05.05.25-06.09.25	264.74
74	6/20/2025	12756	Savage, Mark	Septic Permit Refund/Double Paid	250.00
75	6/30/2025	V 06302025 10	Oosterwal, Susan	STI/HIV Mileage Reimbursement 05.01.25- 06.16.25	238.42
76	6/6/2025	12708	Henry Schein Inc	Epi Inj SD Ampule & Vacutainers	223.62
77	6/6/2025	V06062025 15	Nyeboer, Myah	STI/HIV/IAP Mileage Reimbursement 05.01.25-05.31.25	221.91
78	6/30/2025	V 06302025 9	Nyeboer, Myah	PHEP/STI/HIV/IAP Mileage Reimbursement 06.03.25-06.26.25	204.26
79	6/30/2025	12769	City of Dowagiac	Electric/Water/Sewer 05.01.25-05.31.25	185.48
80	6/30/2025	V 06302025 12	Rouse, Dawn	FEMA/KRoundup/PATAGO Conf Mileage Reimbursement 06.03.25-06.	179.34
81	6/30/2025	12771	Henry Schein Inc	Medical Supplies PO# 9153	175.91
82	6/6/2025	V06062025 3	Balcuns, Nicole	IMMS/RAD Drill Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	162.26
83	6/6/2025	V06062025 2	Baker, Diana	FEMA Training & CD Program Mileage Reimbursement 05.05.25-05	157.08
84	6/13/2025	V06132025 1	Lingo Telecom, LLC	Elevator Emergency Line 269-674-4766	153.10
85	6/6/2025	V06062025 8	Eldred, Melissa	Hearing/Vision/RAD Drills - Mileage Reimb	142.87
86	6/13/2025	12728	Frontier Communications	Fax Line - Lawrence 269-674-4914	136.23
87	6/6/2025	V06062025 4	Burge, Rebecca	Type II Well Program Mileage Reimbursement 05.07.25-05.13.25	134.40
88	6/30/2025	V 06302025 14	Smith, Jessica	Thermometer Purchase Reimbursement - 06.18.25	126.14
89	6/6/2025	12695	Spencer's Soft Water	Water/Distilled Water Delivery	124.52
90	6/13/2025	12730	Gordon Water Systems	Water Cooler/Water Delivery	124.09
91	6/13/2025	12743	Village of Paw Paw	Bacteria/Colilert/Nitrate Testing	120.00
92	6/30/2025	12763	Spencer's Soft Water	Water Cooler Rental/Water/Distilled Water (Dental)	117.53
93	6/30/2025	V 06302025 19	Young, Holly	RAD Drills/Health Promo Mileage Reimb. 06.03.25-06.25.25	114.10
94	6/30/2025	V 06302025 3	Friday, George	Water/Camp/Misc Mileage Reimbursement 06.10.25-06.20.25	111.30
95	6/13/2025	12742	The UPS Store #3816	Expired Flu Vaccine Return/Rabies Prevention Program	108.16
96	6/20/2025	12749		Dental Refund DOS10.08.2025	104.00
97	6/6/2025	V06062025 16	Rouse, Dawn	Vet Outreach/Gobles/Paw Paw Rad Drills Mileage Reimb 05.2025	103.46
98	6/6/2025	V06062025 23	Young, Holly	Health Promotions/Rad Drills Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	94.57
99	6/6/2025	V06062025 22	Woodhams, Michele	RAD Drill and CSHCS Meeting Mileage Reimbursement 05.01.25-0	94.08
100	6/13/2025	12741	The UPS Store #5277	CCAC Rebies Specimen	92.43

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101	6/20/2025	12760	The UPS Store #3816	Rabies Prevention Program	91.72
102	6/6/2025	12717	The UPS Store #3816	CD Program Specimen	88.66
103	6/6/2025	12714	Semco Energy	Utilities - Natural Gas 04.07.25-05.06.25	88.15
104	6/6/2025	V06062025 1	Adkins, Kelly	RAD Drills Mileage Reimbursements 05.01.25-05.30.25	85.68
105	6/13/2025	12739	Phonetics, Inc. dba Sensaphone	Vaccine Monitoring Device Annual Ethernet	83.40
106	6/30/2025	V 06302025 6	Hoenes, Missie	Dental Assistant Mileage Reimbursement 06.04, 06.24, 06.26	81.06
107	6/6/2025	12709	Humana	Insurance Provider Overpayment - Dental	81.00
108	6/13/2025	12733	New Age/Landmark Inc	Coliform/E.coli/Nitrate Testing	80.00
109	6/20/2025	12754	New Age/Landmark Inc	Coliform/E.coli/Nitrate Testing	80.00
110	6/6/2025	V06062025 25	Marchetti, Roseann	Boar Meeting Per Diem & Mileage	78.00
111	6/20/2025	V06202025 3	Whitcomb, Melissa	MI Professional License Renewal	78.00
112	6/20/2025	12757	SBF Enterprises	Dental Appointment Cards	73.50
113	6/13/2025	12732		Dental Refund - DOS 05.13.25	72.00
114	6/6/2025	12707	Hanson, Don	Board Meeting Per Diem & Mileage	68.20
115	6/20/2025	V06202025 1	Adkins, Kelly	RAD Drills/Paw Paw & Gobles, SWAN Meeting	67.76
116	6/13/2025	12745	West Michigan Document Shredding, LLC	Secure Shredding Service 06.10.25	67.00
117	6/30/2025	12774	Montgomery, Kellie	Dental Refund - DOS 05.30.24	66.50
118	6/30/2025	V 06302025 4	Friday, George	Well/Camp Mileage Reimbursement 06.23.25 & 06.26.25	63.70
119	6/20/2025	12759	Summit Fire Protection	Monthly Extinguisher Inspection - Lawrence	56.00
120	6/6/2025	12705	Gatties, Priscilla	Board Meeting Per Diem & Mileage	54.20
121	6/20/2025	V06202025 2	Kazlauskas, Mindie	Dental Assist for Lawrence 06.05.25 & 06.12.25	54.04
122	6/30/2025	V 06302025 13	Slack, Lisa	Dental Assisting Mileage Reimbursement - 06.16.25-06.23.25	54.04
123	6/20/2025	12758	Semco Energy	Utilities - Natural Gas 05.06.25-06.06.25	51.77
124	6/6/2025	12712	Linderman, Robert	Board Meeting Per Diem	50.00
125	6/6/2025	12702	Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co.	COBRA Vision Premium - Retro for Feb, Mar, & April 2025	49.20
126	6/30/2025	12773	Menards	Oil for Suction Machine Motor	45.94
127	6/30/2025	V 06302025 17	Wagoner, Amy	Hearing & Vision Mileage Rembursement 06.02.25-06.17.25	44.80
128	6/6/2025	V06062025 9	Heimsath, Ryan	RAD Drills Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	40.60
129	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Anna L. De La Rosa	Cell	40.00
130	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Amy M. Malsbary	Cell	40.00
131	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Danielle Persky	Cell	40.00
132	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Ellen E. Carr	Cell	40.00
133	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Jessica A. Smith	Cell	40.00
134	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Jennifer L. Zordan	Cell	40.00
135	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Lauren E. Jaramillo	Cell	40.00
136	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Michele L. Woodhams	Cell	40.00
137	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Nancy B. Desai	Cell	40.00
138	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Rebecca L. Burge	Cell	40.00
139	6/6/2025	06062025PR	Richard T. Conway	Cell	40.00
140	6/13/2025	V06132025 2	Cornejo, Robin	RAD Drills - Paw Paw & Gobles	39.20
141	6/6/2025	V06062025 10	Hiemstra, Carrie	RAD Drills Gobles/Paw Paw 05.2025	36.05
142	6/20/2025	12751	Hanson Beverage Services	Distilled Water Delivery	35.00

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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - JUNE 2025**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
143	6/30/2025	12765	Hanson Beverage Services	Dental Supplies - Distilled Water	35.00
144	6/30/2025	V 06302025 1	Balcuns, Nicole	IMMS Mileage Reimbursement 06.12.25-06.25.25	27.44
145	6/6/2025	V06062025 11	King, Karen	RAD DRILL Mileage Reimbursement 05.13.25-06.03.25	27.30
146	6/6/2025	V06062025 17	Slack, Lisa	Traveling Dental Assist 05.28.2025	27.02
147	6/6/2025	V06062025 21	Wanberg, Sherri	Traveling Dental Assist 05.22.2025	27.02
148	6/30/2025	V 06302025 18	Wanberg, Sherri	Dental Assisting Mileage Reimbursement 06.18.2025	27.02
149	6/30/2025	12775	Summit Fire Protection	Monthly Extinguisher Inspection - Dowagiac	25.00
150	6/6/2025	V06062025 7	Cornejo, Robin	RAD Drills Mileage Reimbursement 05.2025	23.80
151	6/6/2025	12706	Hanson Beverage Services	Dental Supplies/Distilled Water	17.50
152	6/13/2025	12721	Spencer's Soft Water	Water Cooler Rental	14.98
153	6/20/2025	12747	Spencer's Soft Water	Water Cooler Rental	14.98
154	6/13/2025	12724		Dental Refund - DOS 11.12.2024	13.42
155	6/30/2025	12772	Heyman, Ronald	Refund Septic Permit Overpayment	7.50
					<u>\$ 606,125.90</u>



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FEDERAL FUNDING					
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE OUTREACH & ADVOCACY	DHHS	100,821	-	-	
COVID IMMUNIZATION	DHHS - ETLHD	10,529	10,529	10,529	100.00%
COVID WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	DHHS - ETLHD	110,000	-	-	
CSHCS CARE COORDINATION	DHHS	35,000	35,000	17,239	49.25%
CSHCS MEDICAID ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD CASE MGMT	DHHS	5,000	5,000	887	17.74%
CSHCS MEDICAID OUTREACH	DHHS	26,938	26,938	13,469	50.00%
CSHCS CARE VACCINE INITIATIVE	DHHS	5,324	-	-	
INFECTION PREVENTION & HEALTHCARE - ASSOC INFECTIONS RESPONSE SUPPORT	DHHS - ETLHD	650,000	325,000	325,001	100.00%
HIV PREVENTION	DHHS	2,000	2,000		0.00%
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN	DHHS	61,868	61,868	46,402	75.00%
LOCAL MCH	MDHHS	78,545	78,545	58,909	75.00%
MEDICAID OUTREACH REIMBURSEMENT	MDHHS	22,450	22,450	12,380	55.14%
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)	DHHS	127,353	127,353	104,865	82.34%
TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CONTROL	DHHS	172	172	86	50.00%
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING		\$ 1,236,000	\$ 694,855	589,766	
STATE FUNDING					
BEACH MONITORING	EGLE	8,200	8,200	-	0.00%
BODY ART INSPECTIONS	EGLE	1,000	1,000	728	72.85%
CAMPGROUND PROGRAM	EGLE	5,500	5,500	9,616	174.84%
LHD EMERGING HEALTH THREATS READINESS & RESPONSE	MDHHS		74,480	-	0.00%
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE OUTREACH & ADVOCACY	DHHS	100,821	100,821	75,617	75.00%
DRINKING WATER LONG-TERM MONITORING PROGRAM	EGLE	3,800	3,800	-	0.00%
EGLE DRINKING WATER & ONSITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT	MDHHS	725,204	725,204	543,904	75.00%
ESSENTIAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	MDHHS	466,559	466,559	349,920	75.00%
FOOD ELPHS	MDHHS	198,822	198,822	149,117	75.00%
HEARING ELPHS	MDHHS	46,009	46,009	55,141	119.85%
HIV PREVENTION	MDHHS	38,000	38,000	30,000	78.95%
IMMUNIZATION VACCINE QUALITY ASSURANCE	MDHHS	16,895	16,895	12,672	75.00%
LEAD CASE MANAGEMENT	MDHHS	2,500	2,500		0.00%
LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AUTHORITY	MDHHS	192,942	192,942	192,942	100.00%
NON-COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM	EGLE	231,974	231,974	47,811	20.61%
ORAL HEALTH - KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT	MDHHS	182,386	182,386	125,988	69.08%
SEAL! MICHIGAN DENTAL SEALANT	DHHS	50,000	50,000	41,101	82.20%
PFAS RESPONSE VAN BUREN DUWEL	ETLHD	16,108	9,396	12,081	128.58%
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PROGRAM	EGLE	8,475	8,475	7,000	82.60%
SEPTIC HAULERS PROGRAM	EGLE	2,800	2,800	792	28.29%
VECTOR BORNE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM	MDHHS	18,000	18,000	13,500	75.00%
VFC SITE VISITS	MDHHS	-	-	-	
DIS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN	MDHHS	35,000	35,000	23,100	66.00%
VISION ELPHS	MDHHS	46,009	46,009	55,141	119.85%
TOTAL STATE FUNDING		\$ 2,397,004	\$ 2,464,772	1,746,172	
NON-PROFIT FUNDING					
EAT WELL BE WELL	UNITED WAY	45,500	45,500	34,379	75.56%
NACCHO	NACCHO	-	24,882	24,882	100.00%
VAN BUREN CAN	VBC CAN	5,000	5,000	2,500	50.00%
TOTAL NON-PROFIT FUNDING		\$ 50,500	\$ 75,382	61,761	
LICENSES & PERMITS					
SEPTIC TANK PERMITS	VBCASSDHD	140,000	140,000	116,743	83.39%
BURIAL PERMIT	VBCASSDHD	-	-	20	
WELL PERMIT FEES	VBCASSDHD	165,000	165,000	128,700	78.00%
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS		\$ 305,000	\$ 305,000	245,463	



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CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
HOME LOANS	VBCASSDHD	7,500	7,500	4,650	62.00%
SOIL EVALUATIONS	VBCASSDHD	10,000	10,000	1,075	10.75%
SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS	VBCASSDHD	7,500	7,500	7,000	93.33%
FOSTER HOME & DAYCARE INSPECTIONS	VBCASSDHD	13,000	13,000	11,195	86.12%
WATER SAMPLING FEE	VBCASSDHD	-	-	-	
RADON/LEAD TESTS	VBCASSDHD	200	200	30	15.00%
CAMPGROUND INSPECTION FEES	VBCASSDHD	12,000	12,000	9,616	80.13%
FOOD INSPECTION/LICENSE FEES	VBCASSDHD	160,000	160,000	143,899	89.94%
FOOD PLAN REVIEW	VBCASSDHD	5,000	5,000	12,025	240.50%
COPY FEES	VBCASSDHD	4,000	4,000	2,785	69.63%
IMMUNIZATION SERVICES	VBCASSDHD	60,000	60,000	43,671	72.78%
DENTAL SERVICES	VBCASSDHD	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,697,357	94.30%
STD'S SERVICES	VBCASSDHD	15,000	15,000	2,659	17.73%
HEARING/VISION SERVICES	VBCASSDHD	25,000	25,000	11,849	47.39%
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		\$ 2,119,200	\$ 2,119,200	1,947,810	
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS					
APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL	VAN BUREN CO	494,425	432,007	432,007	100.00%
APPROPRIATIONS - LAWRENCE BUILDING SPACE	VAN BUREN CO	75,000	75,000	75,000	100.00%
APPROPRIATIONS - VETERAN'S REIMB DENTAL	VAN BUREN CO	50,000	50,000	53,402	106.80%
APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL	CASS CO	293,545	293,545	146,772	50.00%
APPROPRIATIONS - VETERAN'S REIMB DENTAL	CASS CO	18,000	18,000	1,628	9.04%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS		\$ 930,970	\$ 868,552	708,809	
INVESTMENT INCOME					
INTEREST		50,000	50,000	43,577	87.15%
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	VBCASSDHD	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	43,577	
OTHER REVENUE					
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		1,000	1,000	4,796	479.56%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	VBCASSDHD	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	4,796	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 7,089,674	\$ 6,578,761	5,348,154	81.29%
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION			165,236	-	
TOTAL REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025		\$ 7,089,674	\$ 6,743,997	5,348,154	79.30%



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<u>PERSONNEL COSTS</u>				
7001 SALARIES & WAGES	4,241,050	4,056,740	2,863,526	81.34%
7005 PRODUCTION PAY		-	337,889	
7006 PTO PAYOUT		-	98,281	
7010 SALARIES & WAGES OVERTIME	10,000	10,000	8,720	87.20%
7101 FICA	325,205	311,105	237,119	76.22%
7102 HEALTH INSURANCE	743,864	600,763	459,325	76.46%
7112 DENTAL INSURANCE	27,800	25,423	21,787	85.70%
7105 VISION INSURANCE	6,500	5,940	4,453	74.96%
7106 LIFE INSURANCE	6,135	5,740	5,101	88.88%
7107 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION - ER	210,800	201,585	84,236	41.79%
7108 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	30,000	29,450	23,284	79.06%
7110 HEALTH INSURANCE OPT OUT	32,400	32,400	30,600	94.44%
7111 SHORT TERM DISABILITY	27,170	26,000	18,481	71.08%
TOTAL PERSONNEL BUDGET	\$ 5,660,924	\$ 5,305,146	4,192,800	79.03%
<u>OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE</u>				
7201 GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	35,000	35,000	13,118	37.48%
7202 SUBSCRIPTIONS & PUBLICATIONS	8,500	8,500	7,639	89.88%
7203 UNIFORMS & ACCESSORIES	5,000	5,000	1,357	27.14%
7204 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	2,500	2,500	327	13.07%
7205 COMPUTER SOFTWARE/MAINT FEES	100,000	100,000	80,234	80.23%
7206 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	10,000	10,000	9,864	98.64%
7207 MEDICAL SUPPLIES	5,000	5,000	4,669	93.39%
7208 NON CAPITAL EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	30,000	7,500	4,274	56.99%
7209 IMMUNIZATION VACCINES			40,382	
7210 OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,000	5,500	4,917	89.41%
7211 PROMOTIONAL SUPPLIES	5,000	5,000	5,361	107.21%
7220 DENTAL SUPPLIES	175,000	175,000	129,841	74.19%
7245 FUEL CHARGES	10,000	7,500	4,314	57.52%
7301 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	75,000	75,000	40,331	53.77%
7302 MEALS	1,750	1,750	1,900	108.55%
7303 LODGING	5,000	5,000	2,916	58.31%
7304 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CONFERENCES	7,500	7,500	2,589	34.52%
7305 PARKING FEES	1,000	500	77	15.40%
7306 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TRAINING & SEMINARS	20,000	10,000	6,430	64.30%
7308 TRANSPORTATION - AIRFARE/CAR/TRAIN	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
7320 BOARD OF HEALTH - MILEAGE	500	1,100	842	76.56%
7401 UTILITIES - TELEPHONE	25,000	25,000	21,339	85.36%
7402 UTILITIES - CABLE/INTERNET	5,000	12,500	11,148	89.18%
7403 POSTAGE	15,000	15,000	11,643	77.62%
7501 ELECTRICITY	25,000	25,000	21,166	84.67%
7502 UTILITIES GAS	8,000	9,500	8,988	94.61%
7503 UTILITIES - WASTE/RECYCLE	10,000	10,000	7,171	71.71%
7504 UTILITIES - WATER/SEWER	5,000	3,500	2,056	58.74%
7520 BUILDING RENTAL	345,000	345,000	236,708	68.61%
7540 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	9,000	11,000	13,739	124.90%
7600 CONSULTANTS - MEDIA	5,000	15,000	15,976	106.51%



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7601 CONSULTANT FEES	10,000	30,000	35,924	119.75%
7602 LEGAL FEES	5,000	5,000	3,026	60.52%
7603 AUDITING FEES	20,000	16,000	16,000	100.00%
7604 COMPUTER CONSULTANTS	5,000	5,000	4,750	95.00%
7606 LABORATORY SERVICES	200,000	200,000	130,237	65.12%
7608 SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE	500	500	184	36.80%
7610 PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FEES	5,000	5,000	2,540	50.79%
7611 MEMBERSHIP DUES	6,000	9,000	9,428	104.76%
7612 ADVERTISING	40,000	40,000	18,044	45.11%
7613 PRINTING	5,000	5,000	1,767	35.34%
7615 FOOD LICENSE SURCHARGE	15,000	15,000	12,636	84.24%
7616 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	500	-	-	
7620 BOARD OF HEALTH - PER DIEM	3,500	3,500	1,928	55.09%
7630 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	8,500	8,500	9,724	114.40%
7631 PROPERTY LIABILITY INSURANCE	50,000	50,000	11,085	22.17%
7640 OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,000	10,000	13,526	135.26%
7650 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	8,708	87.08%
7651 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	7,044	70.44%
7655 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	50,000	50,000	46,100	92.20%
7656 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	15,000	15,000	3,844	25.63%
7670 BANK CHARGES	1,000	2,500	2,579	103.17%
7671 CREDIT CARD FEES			170	
7673 OTHER FEES	5,000	5,000	1,087	21.74%
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET	\$ 1,428,750	\$ 1,438,850	1,051,648.20	73.09%
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET - 2024-2025	\$ 7,089,674	\$ 6,743,996	5,244,448.49	77.76%



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Thursdays

Dental
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Medical Director and Nursing

June was marked by active participation in trainings, community outreach, and regional collaborations. The month kicked off a virtual training on rabies and specimen management for our communicable disease nursing team. A southwest Michigan regional meeting addressed the regional rise in HIV cases. National HIV Awareness Week was also observed in both locations. Meanwhile, the hearing and vision team was busy with screenings, outreach, and training for school staff on Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) data entry. The Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) team participated in their annual meeting and training. Community engagement continued with the Popsicles on the Playground Kindergarten Round-Up, where both the hearing and vision and immunization teams were present.

As of July 2, 2025, Michigan has reported 18 confirmed measles cases, with 44% of these cases linked to outbreaks. Arbovirus activity is also being monitored closely. Across the state, 11 mosquito pools have tested positive for arboviruses, and one animal has tested positive for West Nile Virus. No human cases have been reported to date. For more details, visit the [Michigan Measles Update](#) and the [Michigan Arbovirus Weekly Summary](#).

Dental Clinic and Outreach

In June, our clinics continued to serve the community with dedication and care. The Dowagiac location welcomed 354 patients, including 17 new faces, while the Lawrence clinic saw 509 patients, with 42 of them being new to our practice.

We're pleased to share that our new hygienist is settling in well at the Dowagiac office, bringing fresh energy and expertise to the team. Additionally, our dental assisting student from Ross Medical Education Center is wrapping up her clinical rotation this July—it's been a pleasure having her with us. Both clinics continue to make room for new patients as availability allows, with Lawrence currently having more flexibility in the hygiene department.

Environmental Health

- 65 septic permits
- 69 well permits
- 59 restaurant inspections
- 17 temporary food inspections
- 4 swimming pool inspections
- 37 septic final inspections
- 34 well final inspections
- 14 restaurant reinspection's
- 9 campground inspections



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Health Promotions

Health Promotions staff have implemented Yodeck, a new digital signage system for the health department lobbies. This upgrade makes health messaging more engaging and accessible for patients.

We're thrilled to announce that our concept paper has been accepted by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The grant process is now underway.

Senior Project Fresh is a seasonal supplemental nutrition program that provides eligible older adults with benefits to be used in exchange for locally-grown produce and honey from authorized Michigan farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Eligible seniors can now apply for and use their coupons online through the **Healthy Together app or website**. If you're 60 or older (or 55+ and part of a Michigan tribe), meet income guidelines, and live in Van Buren or Cass County, you may qualify. Need help getting started? The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department will be at Miller Court Senior Housing on **Tuesday, July 15th and Tuesday, July 22nd from 1:30PM to 3:30 PM** to assist with applications.

Farmers can also sign up on the **Healthy Together app or website**. For more information on the program and how to get involved, reach out to the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department at (269) 621-3143 or head to the **MDHHS site** for resource links.



From: [Danielle Persky](#)
To: [All Employees](#)
Subject: Staff Memo: Public Health Finance & Advocacy
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 8:01:44 AM
Attachments: [MDHHS Medicaid Funding Briefing May 2025 Final.pdf](#)
[NACCHO flyer_advocacy-na16-002.pdf](#)
[Legislative Alert School-Based Programs 062525.pdf](#)
[Staff Memo PH Finance and Advocacy July 2025.pdf](#)
[Your Guide to Advocating for PH Responsibly_VBCDHD_last updated 7.2025.pdf](#)
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Team:

With all the information floating around at the local, state, and national level about bills and budgets, I wanted to provide you with a summary of what I know, what I'm watching, and how you can help. As a reminder, our fiscal year runs October 1 - September 30 and is referred to using the forthcoming year. We are entering Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) on October 1.

What's Already Impacting Us

- **ELC Grant Eliminated:** In April 2025, our 'Epi and Lab Capacity' (ELC) grant was eliminated. This grant previously provided \$650,000 annually, supporting communicable disease monitoring and healthcare-associated infection prevention. While COVID-19 activities were once part of this grant, it had since shifted to broader public health surveillance. The loss of this funding leaves a significant financial gap in our budget.
- **One-Time State Support:** On July 1, we received a one-time allocation of \$74,480 from the State for 'Emerging Health Response', a temporary measure to help offset the loss of ELC funding. While appreciated, this amount is far short of what we need to sustain core services.
- **HIV Prevention Funds in Limbo:** Our HIV prevention funding expired on June 1, 2025. We've received an 'intent to award' notice pending final federal approval but given the current federal budget climate, we are told mid-year rescissions are likely. Unlike our other MDHHS allocated grants, we will have to wait to submit a budget for this grant until after the fiscal year begins.
- **PHEP Funding Cut:** Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) award dropped by 28%—from \$127,000 to \$92,000. The federal program has indicated that full funding may be restored later, but we won't know until FY26 begins on October 1.
- **MDHHS FY26 Allocations:** We have received most of our allocations for FY26. While the majority of our 25 state allocated grants remained the same, some programs saw changes.
 - Hearing *increased* from \$46,009 to \$87,278
 - Vision *increased* from \$46,009 to \$87,278
 - Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment *decreased* from \$182,386 to \$160,783
 - SEAL! Michigan Dental Sealant *increased* from \$50,000 to \$65,364

What I'm Watching

- K-12 Budget Threatens Screenings:** The Michigan Senate-passed K-12 budget proposes eliminating categorical funding for Hearing, Vision, and Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments, as well as Child and Adolescent Health Centers. Despite confusion among legislators who were under the impression these programs are funded via the MDHHS budget, these programs are funded through the K-12 budget—not the DHHS budget—and are written into the public health code. There is uncertainty in what the implications will be on the conflict with the public health code if the House adopts this version. Some believe it means schools be responsible for paying us for these services directly. We don't know enough right now. I remain hopeful that the budget with these categorical line items eliminated will not make it all the way through to the final signed budget. The legislature failed to finalize the K-12 budget by the July 1 deadline (education's fiscal year begins July 1), so we'll continue to wait and see what happens here.
- Federal Medicaid Cuts:** The 'One Big Beautiful Bill' was signed by President Trump on Friday, July 4. According to reports from MDHHS, Michigan will lose billions from the federal Medicaid reform. Our health department relies on \$1.2 million annually in Medicaid revenue. Cuts could especially affect services for children, seniors, people with disabilities, and rural hospitals. Medicaid cuts are not planned to take effect until December 31, 2026. See the attached [MDHHS Medicaid Funding Brief](#) and [Commonwealth Fund](#) & [KFF analyses](#) for more information about the projections.
- Federal HHS Budget Changes:** The White House proposed budget proposes \$94.7 billion in discretionary funding which reduces HHS spending by more than \$31 billion from FY25. If enacted, this would mark HHS' lowest funding level in decades. We don't know how this will trickle down yet and if it will have a direct impact on our budgets and programs. In positive news, according to [HHS' Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in Brief](#), "\$114 million is earmarked for Public Health Leadership and Support to maintain CDC's capacity for these Centers of Disease Control and Prevention crosscutting functions. In addition, the budget includes \$260 million for the Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity grant (PHIG) to continue to address gaps in core public health capacity and infrastructure at the state, tribal, territorial, and local levels. PHIG's groundbreaking, flexible model lets health department recipients invest in the people, services, and systems that can address their communities' most pressing needs." The PHIG grant has been instrumental in our budget because of its size and flexibility in allowable spending.
- State Budget Adjustments:** We are closely monitoring how Michigan will respond to federal funding reductions and where the state will backfill lost dollars to protect essential public health services.

What I've Done to Advocate:

- Traveled to Lansing three times in two months to meet with fellow health officers, legislators and [our association's](#) public affairs team.
- Participated in a statewide media roundtable with two other Health Officers to highlight the impact of the most recent funding cuts and advocate for our mission, while fielding questions. ["People will notice this": Michigan LHD Leaders Speak on](#)

[Federal Funding Impacts on Their Communities | Michigan Association for Local Public Health.](#)

- Sent letters, emails, and made calls to local legislators, including connecting with Rep. Huizinga's District Director.

What You Can Do

- Reach out to legislators. Your voice matters. Legislators need to hear how these cuts and changes affect our community. I've attached a [Guide to Advocating for Public Health Responsibly](#) that includes direction on what you can and cannot do within the limits of your employment as a government employee.
- Be patient & stay focused. I know the uncertainty can stir anxious feelings, but I encourage you to trust the process and stay grounded. Budget decisions - especially at the state and federal levels- are complex, political and (as we've already seen) change multiple times before they're finalized.
- Remember that your work continues to matter deeply to the people we serve. Keep doing what we do best ~ serving our community with kindness and a passion for public health.

Our leadership team is still working on what our health department budget will look like for this next fiscal year. We are approaching it with caution and creativity with the intent to limit negative impact as much as possible, keeping our focus on supporting staff and ensuring we can continue delivering our essential services. We aim to have the draft budget to our Board of Health for initial review in August.

Thank you for your continued patience and trust, I will continue to keep you informed as budgets are finalized.

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Legislative Action Alert

**Hearing and Vision Screening Program
Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments
Child and Adolescent Health Centers**
June 2025

Issue

Currently, **Hearing and Vision Screening Programs, Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments, and Child and Adolescent Health Centers** are funded as categorical health programs in the School Aid Budget. These services are often provided within school buildings, but they are operated collaboratively with public health and health care providers, with funds from the School Aid Budget to MDHHS and LHDs.

The Michigan House has recommended that dedicated funding for these three programs be eliminated, and those funds lumped into the per-pupil funding, rather than remain as categorical programs.

The Hearing and Vision Screening Programs, Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments, and Child and Adolescent Health Centers are vital Public Health programs in ensuring child health. Schools rely on Health Departments to help implement health programs as schools are primarily focused on how to bring the best education to our children. Shifting this funding to the per-pupil fund would risk underfunding or eliminating these programs, jeopardizing health outcomes for children.

The **Hearing and Vision Screening Program** has:

- Provided hearing and vision screenings to around 1 million children each year, 85,000 of whom are referred for further hearing and/or vision clinical care.
- Provided information and referrals to parents/guardians of any child who needs further assessment of their vision or hearing.

The **Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program** has:

- Provided oral health assessments to incoming kindergarten students to identify and address problems before they get worse their ability to learn.

Child and Adolescent Health Centers have:

- Provided vital health care services to 41,000 students in FY24 through these centers including kids with asthma, sports injuries, and cancer.

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Take Action

1. Contact your legislators:

- Share why these impactful programs that are provided in Michigan's schools should not be eliminated.
- Urge them to maintain funding for these programs outside the per-pupil allocation.

Since the proposal to eliminate designated funding for these programs originated in the House, our House Representatives are our priority audience:

To find contact information for your **State House Representative**, [click here](#).

However, it would be helpful to make your Senator aware of your concerns, as well.

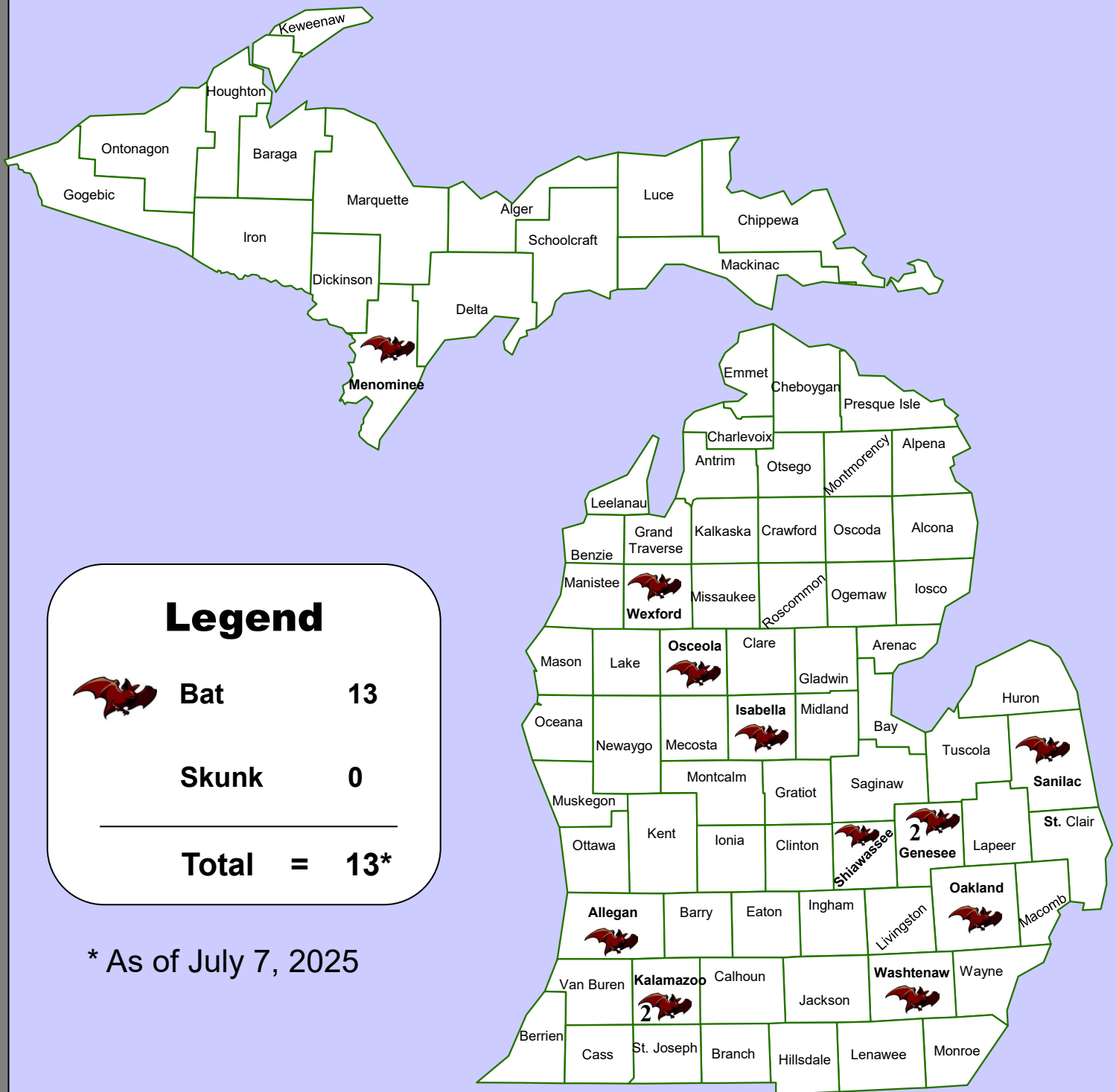
To find contact information for your **State Senator**, [click here](#).

2. The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan will be hosting a call **on Monday, June 30th at 1:30 PM** to discuss action related specifically to the **Child and Adolescent Health Centers program**.

They are asking that interested participants please register for this call in advance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/jk06yNZ8TtedZGcX671iDg>

-2025- Rabies Positive Animals in Michigan



Learn more about rabies in Michigan at Michigan.gov/rabies

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anaplasmosis					1								1	0	0	0	0	0	0
animal bites	4	4	8	5	5	7							33	32	66	73	66	63	61
anthrax													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
arboviral encephalitides													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
eastern equine													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
west nile													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
zika													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
babesiosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
blastomycosis													0	0	1	0	1	0	0
botulism													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
brucellosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
campylobacteriosis						2							2	3	6	5	3	4	5
candidiasis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
chancroid													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
chickenpox/varicella													0	0	0	0	1	0	1
cholera													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
coccioioidomycosis						1							1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CPO (CP-CRE)				1									1	0	0	1	0	1	0
cryptosporidiosis													0	1	1	1	1	2	4
cyclosporidiosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
dengue fever													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
diphtheria													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E-coli 0157:H7													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ehrlichiosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
encephalitis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
giardiasis			1										1	0	3	1	3	0	6
glanders													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
guillain-barre syndrome													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
haemopholis influenzae	1												1	2	2	4	0	0	1
hantavirus													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
hemolytic uremic syndrome													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
hemorrhagic fever virus													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
hepatitis A													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
hepatitis B		1				2							3	2	2	2	2	2	5
hepatitis C acute	3		1			1							5	4	9	8	0	2	2
hepatitis C chronic	1	3	2	1	1	1							9	6	8	17	6	3	9
hepatitis non A non B													0	3	0	0	0	0	0
histoplasmosis	1	1	1		1								4	0	2	1	0	0	0
influenza virus Ili and confirmed	186	411	141	75	67	7							887	643	1049	933	267	0	677
kawasaki disease													0	0	0	1	0	0	0
legionellosis	1												1	0	0	1	2	2	3
leprosy													0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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listeriosis													0	0	0	2	0	0	1
lyme disease						2							2	4	5	10	4	16	3
malaria													0	0	0	0	1	0	0
measles													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
melioidosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
meningitis - aseptic													0	0	0	2	2	1	2
meningitis - bacterial													0	0	0	2	0	0	0
meningococcal disease													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MERS-CoV													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
mumps													0	0	0	0	1	0	0
orthopox virsu													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
pertussis	1			2	3								6	0	2	0	0	0	0
plague													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
polio													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
prion disease													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
psittacosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q fever													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rabies													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rubella													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
salmonellosis													0	0	4	3	1	3	4
SARS													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
shigellosis													0	1	1	0	0	0	0
spotted fever													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEC - shiga toxin e-coli													0	0	0	0	1	0	0
staphylococcus aureus MRSA													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
streptococcus pneumonia,Invasive			1	1									2	2	5	2	5	0	4
streptococcus pyogenes grp A		1		1									2	3	5	10	0	2	3
tetanus													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
toxic shock syndrome													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
trichinellosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
tuberculosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
tularemia													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
typhoid fever													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vibriosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VISA(5)/VERSA(4)													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
yellow fever													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
yersiniosis				1									1	1	1	0	0	2	0
COVID-19	68	46	17	13	4	7							155	276	480	729	3748	5253	2895
RSV pediatric mortality (< 5 yrs of age)													0	0	0	na	na	na	na

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anaplasmosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
animal bites	11	12	21	17	18	23							102	68	150	117	185	131	151
anthrax													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
arboviral encephalitides													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
eastern equine													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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zika													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
babesiosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
blastomycosis				1									1	1	1	1	0	0	0
botulism													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
brucellosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
campylobacteriosis	1		1	1	3	1							7	7	18	12	13	16	7
candidiasis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
chancroid													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
chickenpox/varicella			1	1									2	0	5	0	0	0	1
cholera													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CPO (CP-CRE)													0	0	0	0	1	0	1
cryptosporidiosis													0	1	1	2	4	4	5
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encephalitis													0	0	0	0	0	0	2
giardiasis					1								1	0	1	4	3	3	9
glanders													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
guillain-barre syndrome													0	0	0	0	1	0	0
haemopholis influenzae				1	1								2	0	0	4	2	1	2
hantavirus													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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hepatitis A	1												1	0	0	0	0	0	1
hepatitis B													0	0	1	2	2	5	2
hepatitis C acute		1											1	3	11	3	1	4	6
hepatitis C chronic		1			2	1							4	13	20	18	12	13	17
hepatitis non A non B													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
histoplasmosis		3											3	0	0	3	8	3	0
influenza virus ILI & Confirmed	710	1460	714	365	184	29							3462	2172	3547	3070	1739	5	1699
kawasaki disease													0	0	0	0	1	0	0
legionellosis													0	3	4	0	1	3	3
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measles													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
meliodosis													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
meningitis - aseptic					1	1							2	1	1	2	6	2	4
meningitis - bacterial					1								1	2	5	3	2	0	0
meningococcal disease													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MERS-CoV													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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STEC - shiga toxin e-coli				1									1	1	3	4	1	1	2
staphylococcus aureus MRSA	1				1								2	11	11	1	2	0	0
streptococcus pneumonia Inv.	2	2	1	1	1								7	8	11	11	7	11	5
streptococcus pyogenes grp A	1	2		1									4	3	5	19	3	0	2
tetanus													0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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