



**Delaware County Health Department  
Board of Health Meeting  
September 25, 2025**

**ATTENDEES**

Lora Siegmann Werner  
Rosemarie Halt, Chair  
Lily Higgins, MD, Vice Chair  
Oni Richards (virtual)  
Annemarie Hirsch  
P.J. Brennan, MD (absent)

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. There being a duly convened quorum, Chair Rosemarie Halt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Chair Announcements:
  1. Board of Health Executive Session was held on September 11, 2025.
  2. Board of Health presenting at National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Conference in October and presenting with Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) staff members at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference in November. Presentations focus on the founding of a new health department, the BOH role, and DCHD's progress to date.
- III. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes: motion made by Rosemarie Halt, Lily Higgins approved, Annemarie Hirsch seconded.
- V. Director Updates
  1. FY24-25 actual budget reconciliation
    - a. DCHD Fund Summary has total operating expenditures of \$12,440,736.96 while the total revenue is \$10,466,713.44.
  2. Recent DCHD public events
    - a. Prostate Screening event last week where we partnered with Jefferson Health to provide over a dozen screenings.
    - b. Rally for Recovery event last week DCHD brought together local residents to speak about their experience in their recovery.
- VI. New Business
  1. Epi Update – Dr. Victor Alos Rullan, Epidemiologist, DCHD
    - a. Presentation on diseases impacting the county compared to the rest of the state of Pennsylvania.
      - i. There was a question about if the increased number of STI diseases is actually an increase or if the increase is due to better testing using public health kiosks and the prison partnership.
      - ii. The number of West Nile Virus cases was reviewed as well.
  2. Presentation – Ellen Morfei, Project Manager Consultant, DCHD Mobile Unit Listening Campaign Summary
    - a. Presentation discussed the campaigns goals for the mobile health service.
    - b. Potential services were discussed via an open dialog with residents of the county.

- c. Services of interest included vaccines, wellness outreach, blood lead testing, first aid, and stop the bleed trainings.
    - i. There was a question would the data from tonight's epidemiological presentation inform mobile unit programming. Yes, DCHD will use both available data and community feedback to develop the mobile unit programming.
- 3. Presentation – Bree Agett, Public Health Consultant, DCHD Public Health Accreditation Preliminary Readiness Assessment
  - a. Presentation reviewed accreditation requirements and costs, and DCHD's current readiness for becoming an accredited department.
    - i. There was discussion about the value and purpose of accreditation for a local health department.
    - ii. There was a question about how many local health departments are accredited. There are about 3,500 local health departments in the United States and about 11-12% are accredited nationally.

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Motion made to adjourn made by Rosemarie Halt, approved by Annemarie Hirsh, seconded by Lily Higgins.

Next meeting is December 4, 2025 at the County Council Room, 201 W. Front St., Media PA. There will be public notice of the location.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Siegmann Werner, DCHD Director