



Delaware County Health Department

Board of Health Meeting June 12, 2025

ATTENDEES

Rosemarie Halt, Chair
Lily Higgins, MD, Vice Chair
Oni Richards (via Teams)
Annemarie Hirsch
P.J. Brennan, MD
Lora Werner DCHD Director
Vennesha Bailey, DCHD Program Coordinator (notes)

Meeting Minutes

- I. There being a duly convened quorum, Chair Rosemarie Halt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Chair Announcements
 1. Lead campaign
- III. Public Comment – None
- IV. Approval of minutes – motion made by Rosemarie Halt, P.J. Brennan approved, Annemarie Hirsch seconded.
- V. DCHD Director Updates – Lora Werner
 1. Crozer Health System
 - a. Negotiations continue for next steps with the bankruptcy proceedings and former assets of the system. The DCHD Wellness Line remains available for questions from the community. DCHD is providing resources and support to former patients.
 2. Lead Campaign
 - a. DCHD had a kick-off last month with billboards, education materials, and posters. The goal of the campaign is increasing awareness about lead exposures, and increasing lead screening and mitigation in Delaware County. The material is available in different languages.
 3. Expansion of Public Health Kiosks – Dr. Gifty Key and Rasheeda Williamson
 - a. There are five (5) Test & Go kiosks; one is located at the entrance to the Government Center Building, one is located at Keystone First in Chester,

one at the Yeadon Wellness Center, one at at 69th St Terminal and the last at Delaware County Community College.

4. Grants –

- Immunization (budget and resources)
- Epidemiology
- Overall DCHD budget FY 2025 - 2026

Executive orders at the federal level impact DCHD since we are primarily grant-funded. COVID funding via the Epidemiological Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant and supplemental funding in the Immunization Grant may particularly be impacted. DCHD is working on plans to be resilient and carry on.

Other discussion –

- a. The Program Plan that was submitted to the State for approval
- b. Personal/non-personal budget/expenses all Health Departments 2025-2026
- c. DCHD expenses and revenues

Question: What percent of the DCHD budget comes from grants?

~70%+ of funding for DCHD comes from a variety of federal and state grants.

VI. New Business

1. Population Health Update – Dr. Gifty Key, DCHD Population Health Administrator

- a. Presentation on DCHD's breast cancer survey, mammogram events, and the Test & Go Kiosks

Question: What information are entered and how is it entered in the Test & Go Kiosks?

Basic demography is needed however the supply will be given to you without entering data if you wish not to provide any information. The exception is if you request an STI or respiratory lab testing kit; personal contact information is required for the laboratory results to be returned to you. The data are not stored on the machine and are handled securely.

Question: Can additional Test & Go Kiosks be installed at other locations?

Additional funding and partnerships would be needed.

2. Epidemiology Update – Dr. Victor Alos Rullan, DCHD Epidemiologist

- a. Presentation on the leading causes of deaths in Delaware County.

Question: Why is cancer death so high in Ridley?

More investigation and assessment will be conducted by the Epi team.

3. Public Comment – None.
4. Motion to adjourn made by Chair Rosemarie Halt; approved by Annemarie Hirsch, seconded by P.J. Brennan.

Next meeting is September 25, 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 7:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Werner, DCHD Director