



Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant

Public Hearing Meeting

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Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Solina Searcy-Martin

Roll Call

- Members:
 - Virtual: Cathy Billings (OSDH), Daryn Kirkpatrick (CHD), Isabella Valderrama (OSDH)
 - In-person: None
 - Absent: Danielle Smith (OSDH), Tiffany Holmes (OSDH),
- Guests:
 - In-person: Solina Searcy-Martin (OSDH), and Karin Leimbach (OSDH)
 - Virtual: Eleven (11) attendees

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - FY2025 Program Workplans and Budgets

Ms. Solina welcomed the public hearing attendees and thanked everyone for joining the discussion in-person and virtual. The meeting began with housekeeping information regarding the public hearing; the meeting will be recorded to allow non-attendees the opportunity to view the public hearing discussion, all material will be available via OSDH's SharePoint page, PHHS Block Grant teams page and webpage.

The public hearing presentation began with Solina providing historical related background information to the PHHS Block Grant existence. The program and audience were provided with the when, what, why, how and other pertinent information. Beginning with the PHHS Block Grant existence for more than 40 years, and that the:

- Funding is flexible,
- Responsive – to community needs and drives decision making,
- Innovative – to where the recipient can be creative in directing funds to new or ongoing programs and strategies,
- Accountable – for ongoing evaluation or organizational, systems, and health related outcomes,

- Funds are intended to address emerging health needs and gaps where no Federal or local support exists, it is designed to bring about efficiencies and eliminate duplication of effort,
- Activities and budgets must be aligned and categorized under the Healthy People 2030 selected topics,
- Programs that receive funding must provide qualitative and quantitative data for reporting purposes,
- Proposed Work Plans (WP) which include budgets are recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Commissioner,
- Legislation is authorized under United States Code- Title 42, Chapter 6A, subchapter 17, part- A, Section 300w-1 to 300w-10.

Also, shared that each program awardee received the following material:

- Notice of Funding letters and all supporting documents (workplan templates, adjusted & proposed budgets, resource material) were shared via email,
- Budgets must be reviewed to determine if the funding is feasible for their existing program area, and adjustments may be required or requested,
- Program awardees were given a timeline, May 12, 2025, to accept AC recommended funding approved by the commissioner,
- PHHS Block Grant is pending the allocation table and NOA, the grant cycle operates on the Federal Fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2025, and ends September 2026.
- Note- these preliminary FY25 workplans and budgets will be submitted to CDC to finalize the grant year, as funding is subject to change at the discretion of the funder,
- PHHS Block Grant - Office Hours – Budget and workplan.

AP6 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - Awardees Program Names

Below is a snapshot of the AP6-FY25 PHHS Block Grant applicants by name or title.

Program Name/Title:

1. Enhancing Access, Promoting Wellness and Telehealth Initiative
2. Increasing Nutrition Security in County Health Departments with Statewide Partners FY25
3. Community Engagement & Partnership Community of Practice Training
4. Oral Health Outreach Project
5. Partner Inflicted Brain Injury- PIBI Training & Surveillance
6. A Way to Wellness +
7. Suicide Prevention & Surveillance
8. Healthy Aging and Injury Prevention

9. Sexual Assault Hotline Training, Support & Surveillance (SV)
10. Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Microbiology Department Enteric Culture Initiative
11. Child Passenger Safety Program- CPS
12. Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Molecular Department Enteric Screening Initiative
13. Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) TB/Mycology Department
14. Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) Department HIV Testing Initiative
15. Improving School Health Statewide
16. Oklahoma CHW Training Program: Building a Unified & Sustainable Workforce
17. Go NAPSACC Technical Assistance
18. Certified Healthy Oklahoma Community and Congregation Consultation- CHO
19. Northeastern Oklahoma CATCH Coordinated School Health Initiative
20. D8 Southcentral Oklahoma Healthy Youth Initiative

The public hearing presentation continued with Solina identifying the twenty (20) AP6 PHHS Block Grant awardees for the grant period of FY25 program workplans and their FFY2026 budgets that were recommended by the Advisory Committee group and approved by Commissioner Reed. Attendees were informed that the preliminary FY25 workplans and budgets will be submitted to CDC to finalize the project year, as funding is subject to change at the funder's discretion. The AP6 grant year allocations were projected based on the historical award of 1.4 million that was received from FY21 until FY24, and AP5-FY24 award was in the sum of 1.6 million. If the allocations total changes for the FY25 grant period, adjustments will be required, and the Block Grant coordinator will be reaching out to program recipients.

The program recipients and/or representatives that were in attendance were given the opportunity to elaborate on their program areas and address any questions or concerns from the audience. The eager in-person program awardee included the following by the last name: Leimbach. All virtual awardees were also given the opportunity to elaborate on their program and were available to seek guidance or questions.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - FY2025 Program Awardee Work Plan data

Ms. Solina moved forward with the presentation by providing the PHHS Block Grant awardees workplan data that was submitted via their annual application. Table-1 provides a snapshot of the PHHS Block Grant program awardees approved allotted budgets, budget line items, Healthy People 20230 Objective, program SMART objective and activities to be accomplished during the FY2025 Workplan project period. The awardees were informed that the work plans must coincide or be tied back to their budgets. Also work plans and budgets can be modified if the program chooses to add any additional program SMART objectives or activities and/or revised budgets before final submission to CDC, as they are the program experts and know what is feasible for their program area.

Program awardees have been given a May 12, 2025, timeline to accept funding recommended by the AC team and approved by the commissioner.

The following data from table.1 was addressed for the twenty program awardees:

Table 1. Program Awardees

NUMBER	Program name/title:	Oct2025 Final Budget	Budget items	Program SMART Objective	Activity for Program SMART Objective	Healthy People 2030 Objective	Role of the PHHS Block Grant Funds
1	Enhancing Access, Promoting Wellness and Telehealth Initiative	\$ 84,324.00	FTEs: 1 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Other direct cost	By September 2026, the percentage of patients in Oklahoma who feel confident in communicating with their health care providers, from 60% to 70% through patient education workshops.	<p>To increased Participation: Track the number of patients attending workshops and accessing online tutorials.</p> <p>Aim for at least 10 patients per workshop and 50 online tutorial views per month.</p> <p>Improved Confidence: Conduct pre- and post-workshop surveys to measure patients' confidence levels.</p> <p>Aim for a 10% increase in confidence among workshop participants.</p> <p>Positive Feedback: Collect feedback from patients about the workshops and tutorials.</p> <p>Use this feedback to continuously improve the program and address any gaps.</p>	Decrease the proportion of adults who report poor communication with their health care provider — HC/HIT-02	Enhance or expand the program
2	Increasing Nutrition Security in County Health Departments with Statewide Partners FY25	\$ 48,891.00	FTEs: 1 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Travel/ Other direct cost	By September 2026, the two state food banks will establish 8 emergency food pantries in the state of Oklahoma, focusing on CHD implementation.	The food banks will provide logistical support and technical assistance to establish 8 new emergency food parties and continue the sustainability of the 20+ emergency food pantries located in clinics and county health departments throughout the state.	Reduce household food insecurity and hunger – NWS-01	Enhance or expand the program

3	Community Engagement & Partnership Community of Practice Training	\$ 19,500.00	FTEs:0 existing staff Other: Contractual	By September 2026, to increase the number of training sessions provided to internal and external partners, also to enhance prevention services in Oklahoma by 50%. To be achieved by conducting 12 training courses for internal and 4 training courses for external partners, compared to 8 internal and 2 external trainings conducted in 2024.	By September 2026, to increase the number of training sessions to internal and external partners, and to enhance prevention services in Oklahoma by 50%.	Increase the number of community organizations that provide prevention services — ECBP D07	Enhance or expand the program
4	Oral Health Outreach Project	\$ 24,981.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies/ Other direct cost	By September 2026 staff in the Dental Health Service will provide 7500 Fluoride Varnish applications to the County Health Department and other partners for application to the teeth of vulnerable children.	Providing fluoride varnish to internal and external partners	Increased use of oral health care system- OH-08	Enhance or expand the program
5	Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury Training & Surveillance	\$ 37,335.00	FTEs: 1 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Contractual / Other direct cost	By September 2026, Injury Prevention Service staff will provide training on partner-inflicted brain injury recognition and accommodations to 250 domestic violence service providers and allied professionals.	Between 10/2025 and 09/2026, IPS staff will provide training on partner-inflicted brain injury recognition and accommodation at one statewide domestic violence service provider conference.	Reduce intimate partner violence – IVP D04	Maintain existing program (as is)

6	A Way to Wellness +	\$ 29,997.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies / Other direct cost	By September 2026 to increase awareness and during an eight-week interventions period, participants will lose 3-5% of their total body weight	To lose 3-5% total body weight during the eight-week interventional program.	Reduce the proportion of adults with high blood pressure - HDS-04	Start-up of a new program
7	Suicide Prevention & Surveillance	\$ 98,438.00	FTEs: 1 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Travel / Other direct cost	By September 2026, the Injury Prevention Service will implement at least one suicide prevention strategy across OSDH, CHDs and allied partners.	The IPS will distribute firearm locks to CHDs, public interacting OSDH services, and allied partners.	Reduce the suicide rate – MHMD 01	Enhance or expand the program
8	Healthy Aging and Injury Prevention	\$ 129,995.00	FTEs: 3 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Travel / Other direct cost	By September 2026, stabilize the rate (122.2 per 100,000 in 2023) of unintentional fall-related deaths among adults 65 years and older.	1) Engage state and community stakeholders across sectors of healthy aging to strengthen capacity to address age-related factors that increase risk of injury. 2) Conduct training and increase implementation of evidence-based injury prevention programs, including TCMMB, MOB, TCAFP, SAIL, and CarFit. 3) Increase awareness and uptake of CDC's STEADI toolkit among health care providers statewide.	Reduce fall-related deaths among older adults – IVP-08	Enhance or expand the program
9	Sexual Assault Training & Surveillance	\$ 82,656.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Contractual / Other direct cost	By September 2026, the Injury Prevention Service staff will contract with at least one identified nursing expert in sexual violence and one sexual violence advocates to provide training to 175 public health nurses.	Between 10/2025 and 09/2026, IPS staff and Nursing Service will identify a nursing expert in sexual violence to design and conduct training in Oklahoma for public health nurses.	Reduce contact sexual violence — IVP D05	Start-up of a new program

10	OSDH Public Health Lab (PHL) - Microbiology Department Enteric Culture Initiative	\$ 73,619.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies / Other direct cost	By September 2026, the OSDH PHL Microbiology Department will increase the number of suspected Shiga toxin-producing E. coli isolates for sequencing by 3.2% from 210 isolates per year to 217 isolates per year.	From 10/2025 to 09/2026, the OSDH PHL Microbiology Department will plate 200 Shiga toxin-producing E. coli positive clinical stool specimens on selective media for the isolation of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli.	Reduce infections caused by Shiga toxin-producing E. coli - FS-02	Maintain existing program (as is)
11	Child Passenger Safety Program	\$ 250,565.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies	By September 2026, the Injury Prevention Service will distribute an average of 300 child safety seats monthly to participating sites statewide as part of the child safety seat installation and education program.	The IPS will procure child safety seats and work with certified CPS technicians in the OSDH Central Office, county health departments, and partnering community organizations to identify opportunities to offer free car seat checks to the public and installations of free car/booster seats to eligible low-income families.	Reduce the proportion of deaths of car passengers who weren't buckled in — IVP-07	Maintain existing program (as is)
12	OSDH PHL - Molecular Department Enteric Screening Initiative	\$ 74,985.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies	The OSDH PHL Molecular Department will screen 500 clinical stool specimens for the presence of Salmonella using PCR from 10/2025 to 09/2026.	Maintain a service agreement for Luminex 200 from 10/2025 to 09/2026.	Reduce infections caused by Salmonella - FS-04	Maintain existing program (as is)
13	OSDH PHL - TB/Mycology Department	\$ 46,584.00	FTEs: 2 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Other direct cost	By September 2026 the OSDH PHL TB/Mycology Department will increase the percentage of clinical specimens sent for acid-fast bacilli smear and culture testing reported within turn-around time from 85% to 88%.	By 01/01/2025, the OSDH PHL TB/Mycology Department will have 5 employees registered for access to the KHEL portal.	Reduce tuberculosis cases - IID-17	Maintain existing program (as is)

14	OSDH PHL - Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) Department HIV Testing Initiative	\$ 74,880.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies	By September 2026, the OSDH PHL STI Department will test at least 20,000 HIV samples submitted from STI Departments and clinics statewide.	Complete and received a score of no less than 80% on an external proficiency test for detecting HIV between 10/01/2025 and 09/30/2026.	HIV-02 - Increase knowledge of HIV status	Maintain existing program (as is)
15	Improving School Health Statewide	\$ 19,291.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies / Other direct cost	By September 2026, Community Development Services will contract with Healthy Schools Oklahoma to implement Painted Playspaces at 10 schools.	Community Development Services will contract with Healthy Schools Oklahoma to identify 10 schools' communities to implement Painted Play spaces and at least 5 schools will be in communities in inequity hotspots.	Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents with obesity — NWS 04	Enhance or expand the program
16	Go NAPSACC Technical Assistance	\$ 30,000.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies	By September 2026, ten (10) childcare providers registered in Go NAPSACC will complete an assessment and reassessment.	Program staff will hold monthly consultant meetings to discuss strategies to engage childcare providers in implementing a new or updated policy, practice, or environmental change.	Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents with obesity — NWS 04	Enhance or expand the program
17	Certified Healthy Oklahoma Statewide Technical Assistance	\$ 40,020.00	FTEs: 1 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Other direct cost	By September 2026, Certified Healthy Oklahoma program will develop and disseminate Grow to Next Level reports for all 2025 CHO applicants that did not meet Excellence.	Certified Healthy Oklahoma team will partner with OSDH Communications to develop marketing materials to promote Certified Healthy Oklahoma applications.	Reduce the proportion of adults with obesity- NWS03	Enhance or expand the program
18	Oklahoma CHW Training Program: Building a Unified & Sustainable Workforce	\$ 170,000.00	FTEs: 2 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Travel/ Contractual / Other direct cost	By September 2026, in collaboration with designated CHW consultants, we will develop a standardized training curriculum for Community Health Workers (CHWs) using the 12 CHW C3 Core Competency skills.	Complete 1 lesson focused on C3 core competency skills at a time.	Increase the proportion of local public health agencies that use core competencies in continuing education — PHI 07	Enhance or expand the program

19	Northeastern Oklahoma CATCH Coordinated Health Initiative	\$ 29,334.00	FTEs: 2 existing staff Other: Supplies/ IT Data Cost / Equipment/ Other direct cost	By September 2026, CATCH curriculum and equipment will be purchased and training will be provided to 2 daycares in District 4 in order to ensure the program is accessible to rural and low-income children who attend daycare.	Provide a one-day training to daycare staff to implement CATCH program.	Increase the proportion of children who do enough aerobic physical activity PA-09	Enhance or expand the program
20	Southcentral Oklahoma Healthy Youth Initiative	\$ 10,085.00	FTEs: 0 existing staff Other: Supplies / Other direct cost	By September 2026, Health education staff will receive training on and access to CATCH's ALL ACCESS evidence-based curriculum and equipment supplies.	Purchase CATCH ALL ACCESS licenses for each Health Educator.	Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents with obesity – NWS-04 Increase the proportion of children who do enough aerobic physical activity - PA-09	Enhance or expand the program

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant – Question(s)

Ms. Solina ended the presentation and opened the public hearing meeting for questions, discussion and/or concerns. Program awardee POC, Ms. Sheila, expressed concern about whether their program budget was final regarding a specific line item. Solina informed Ms. Sheila that there is a planned PHHS Block Grant – Office Hours – Budget meeting scheduled on 5/12/2025 at 2pm, and there will be time allotted to schedule one-on-one meetings to discuss the detailed program budgets. There were twenty budgets approved, unable to recall each budget line item of each program, and yes budgets can be modified to meet their program needs. There were no additional questions

Ms. Solina expressed thank you to the attendees for participating in and/or joining the public hearing discussion. Ms. Solina also asked if there were any follow-up questions or concerns. There were no additional questions, I called the meeting to be adjourned.

Closing Remarks, Questions and Adjournment

Next meeting dates:

PHHS Block Grant – Office Hours – Budget

May 12th, at 10:00am

PHHS Block Grant – Office Hours – Work Plan

May 14th, at 10:00am and May 15th, at 2:00pm

No closing remarks. Meeting adjourned by Solina at 2:44 p.m

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