



Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant

Public Hearing Meeting

May 06, 2026

Oklahoma State Department of Health
123 Robert S. Kerr, Room 2, 28th Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm by Sara Willhight, Advisory Committee Chair, (OSDH)

Roll Call

- Members:
 - In-person: Sara Willhight, Chair; Floritta Pope, OSDH; Tracy Wendling, OSDH.
 - Virtual: None.
 - Absent: Claire Nyugen, OSDH; Daryn Kirkpatrick, County Health Department
- Guests:
 - In-person: Solina Searcy-Martin (OSDH), and D'Elbie Walker, Program awardee (OSDH)
 - Virtual: Muwaffaka Siyoothy-Elneser, OSDH, and La Juan Lewis, OSDH.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - FY2026 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 adhere to 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 300, US Dept of Health and Human Services - Term and Conditions for Non-Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- The Advisory Committee team met on 4/27/2026 to address and discuss the funding recommendations for the FY26 Workplan and AP7- FFY2027 grant period and data sent to the Commissioner for OSDH approval.

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, 2026, 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, 2026, and ends September 2027,
- The FY26 Work plan and Budget activities will be allowable, allocable or reasonable effective 10/1/2026, and based on the level-based funding of \$1,445,519,
- Note- these preliminary FY26 workplans and budgets will be submitted to CDC for approval via the PHIVE platform system, if there are no changes in the program activities and funding, as funding is subject to change at the discretion of the funder,
- If there are any proposed work plan changes and/or allocation changes, the AC team will be informed and next steps will be implemented for the team's approval,
- 2026 PHHS Block Grant - Office Hours – Work Plan and Budget. Work Plan templates were sent to program awardees to complete. Calendar dates, May 18th @10am and May20th @1pm.

AP7 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - Awardees Program Names

Below is a snapshot of the AP7 - FY26 PHHS Block Grant proposal/ applicants by name or title.

Program Name/Title:

List of the twenty-four (24) programs requesting PHHS Block Grant funds.

1. D7 Community Engagement and Health Planning Maternal & Infant Health Initiative
2. Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention and Response Program
3. Violence Prevention Program
4. A Way to Wellness+ 2026
5. Sexual Assault Training & Surveillance
6. Statewide School Health Technical Assistance
7. Work@Health Technical Assistance
8. District 3 Communication & Health Literacy Project

9. Enhancing Statewide Evidence-Based Programming
10. Increasing Nutrition Security through County Health Departments
11. Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) - Department Syphilis Testing Initiative
12. Healthy Aging and Injury Prevention Program
13. OSDH Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Molecular Department Enteric Screening Initiative
14. CHW Workforce Advancement Initiative
15. Child Passenger Safety Program
16. Perinatal Child Parent Psychotherapy in Oklahoma - P-CPP
17. D5 Birth Certificate Waiver Program
18. Health Access Partnership Initiative Training
19. Office of Health Access - Strengthening Health Access Pathways to Preventive Health Services Across Oklahoma
20. Southcentral Oklahoma Oral Health Improvement Initiative
21. D1 Bridges Out of Poverty & Getting Ahead While Getting by Project
22. Oral Health Outreach Program
23. Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance
24. OSDH Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Microbiology Department

The public hearing presentation continued with Solina identifying the twenty-three (23) of the twenty-four AP7 PHHS Block Grant awardees for the grant period of FY26 program workplans and their FFY2027 budgets that were recommended by the Advisory Committee group and approved by Commissioner Reed. Attendees were informed that the preliminary FY26 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 AP7 grant year allocations were projected based on the based level - historical award of 1.4 million or \$1,445,519. If the allocations total changes for the FY26 grant period, adjustments will be required, and the Block Grant coordinator will be reaching out to program recipients and sharing all data and budget adjustment with Advisory Committee Team.

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. Ms. Floritta questioned "what were the new programs for the AP7 grant period?" Solina responded, only to her specific program questions during the slide presentation. Below is a list of new program awardees.

New PHHS Block grant programs for the AP7 grant cycle:

- Maternal & Infant Health,
- Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention and Response Program,
- Work@Health Technical Assistance,
- Violence Prevention Program,
- Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) Department Syphilis Testing Initiative,
- Perinatal Child Parent Psychotherapy in Oklahoma - P-CPP,
- Southcentral Oklahoma Oral Health Improvement Initiative.

All virtual attendees were also given the opportunity to ask questions.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - FY2026 Program Awardee Work Plan data

Ms. Solina moved forward with the presentation by providing the PHHS Block Grant awardee's workplan data that was submitted via the annual proposal, and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee (AC) and approved by the

Commissioner. Table-1 “Program Awardee” provides a snapshot of the PHHS Block Grant program awardees approved allotted budgets, budget line items, Healthy People 20230 Objective, role of the grant funds, program SMART objective and activities to be accomplished during the FY26 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, 2026, timeline to accept funding recommended by the AC team and approved by the commissioner.

Table 1. Program Awardees:

Number	What is the program name/title?	Recommend Approved Budget	Budget Categories:	Healthy People 2030 Objective	Role of PHHS Block Grant funds	Program SMART Objective	Activity for Program SMART Objective
1	District 7 Community Engagement and Health Planning Maternal & Infant Health Initiative	\$ 77,000	FTE 0 SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce the rate of fetal deaths at 20 or more weeks of gestation – MICH-01	Start-up of a new program	By September 30, 2027, provide infant safety and maternal health education—including safe sleep, Period of Purple Crying, injury prevention, and car seat safety—to at least 1,000 caregivers through workshops, mobile outreach, and community events.	District 7 will implement coordinated, community based maternal and infant health outreach through mobile services, evidence-based education, and Community Health Worker engagement to reduce modifiable maternal risk factors and prevent infant mortality.
2	Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention and Response Program	\$ 49,021	FTE 0 SUPPLIES CONTRACTUAL OTHER	Reduce fatal traumatic brain injuries – IVP-05	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/2026 and 9/2027, the IPS will coordinate one comprehensive TBI Prevention and Response Program.	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, IPS staff will coordinate one comprehensive TBI Prevention and Response Program.
3	Violence Prevention Program	\$ 60,947	FTE 0 SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce firearm-related	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/2026 and 9/2027, the IPS will	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, IPS staff will conduct

				deaths – IVP-13		conduct at least three public health approaches to reduce violence.	at least three public health approaches to reduce violence.
4	A Way to Wellness+	\$ 32,822	SUPPLIES OTHER Equipment CONTRACTUAL	Reduce the proportion of adults with high blood pressure – HDS-04	Start-up of a new program	During an eight-week period of class interventions, participants will lose 3-5% of their total body weight.	To lose 3-5% total body weight during the eight-week interventional program.
5	Sexual Assault Training & Surveillance	\$ 85,680	Contractual OTHER	Reduce contact sexual violence — IVP D05	Start-up of a new program	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, the Injury Prevention Service staff will contract with at least one identified sexual violence expert to provide training to 150 sexual violence responders and allied professionals	The Injury Prevention Service staff will contract with one sexual violence expert to provide training
6	Statewide School Health Technical Assistance	\$ 39,201	FTE 0 SUPPLIES Contractual OTHER	Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents with obesity— NWS04	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/01/2026 and 09/30/2027 Community Development Services will contract - Healthy Schools Oklahoma to implement Painted Play-spaces at 10 schools.	Community Development Services will contract with Healthy Schools Oklahoma to identify 10 school communities to implement Painted Play-spaces and at least 5 schools will be in underserved communities.

7	Work@Health Technical Assistance	\$ 10,950	FTE 0 SUPPLIES Contractual OTHER	Increase the proportion of worksites that offer an employee health promotion program — ECBP-D03	Enhance or expand the program	Between October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027, at least 10 new employers will complete an Oklahoma Work@Health training.	The Community Engagement Manager will hold two Work@Health trainings for employers between October 2026 and September 2027.
8	District 3 Communication & Health Literacy Project	\$ 31,000	SUPPLIES	Increase the health literacy of the population — HC/HIT-R01	Enhance or expand the program	By September 30, 2027, we will host at least 4 staff development opportunities, host 2 community workshops, and provide community education literature regarding CHD programs and services to at least 75 community partners across District 3.	Partner with local training center and determine staff development topics, dates, and objectives to assist with enhancing health literacy with goal of benefiting our clients. Develop plans for Bridges Out of Poverty Facilitator training, local workshop planning, and community partner recruitment for involvement. Develop and distribute health programs and services materials tailored to our local community needs with goal of being legible for individuals with lower health literacy.
9	Enhancing Statewide Evidence- Based Programming	\$ 26,236	SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce the proportion of adults with obesity — NWS-03	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/1/2026 and 3/01/2027, blood pressure monitoring cuffs will be purchased and delivered to each	Track the number of participants using blood pressure monitoring cuffs through Healthy Heart Ambassador Blood Pressure

						OSDH district for the Healthy Heart Ambassador Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program.	Self-Monitoring Program.
10	Increasing Nutrition Security through County Health Departments	\$ 50,000	Contractual	Reduce household food insecurity and hunger-NWS-01	Maintain existing program (as is)	Between October 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, contracts will be in place with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.	The food banks will provide technical assistance and continued support to county health department emergency food pantry sites.
11	OSDH Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) Department Syphilis Testing Initiative	\$ 93,525	SUPPLIES Contractual OTHER	Reduce congenital syphilis — STI-04	Maintain existing program (as is)	Between 10/2026 and 9/2027, the OSDH PHL STI department will test at least 25,500 samples for Syphilis submitted from STI Departments, clinics and programs statewide.	Complete and receive a score of no less than 80% on an external proficiency test for detecting Syphilis between 10/1/2026 and 9/30/2027.
12	Healthy Aging and Injury Prevention Program	\$ 81,669	FTE 1 SUPPLIES Contractual OTHER	Reduce fall-related deaths among older adults – IVP-08	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/2026 to 09/2027, the IPS will conduct at least three public health approaches to reduce injury-related morbidity and mortality among adults 65 years and older.	1) Engage state and community stakeholders to reduce unintentional injuries (falls and MVCs) among older adults and 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 Car-Fit.
3) Increase awareness and uptake of CDC's STEADI toolkit among health care providers and CHD staff.

1 3	OSDH PHL Molecular Department Enteric Screening Initiative	\$ 50,148	SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce infections caused by Salmonella - FS-04	Maintain existing program (as is)	The OSDH PHL Molecular Department will screen 400 clinical stool specimens for the presence of Salmonella using PCR, and serotype 95% of those stool specimens detected for Salmonella from 10/2026 to 09/2027.	Maintain a service agreement for Luminex 200 from 10/2026 to 09/2027.
						From October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2028, the program will increase the proportion of CHWs who receive continuing education on core public health competencie s by delivering at least four advanced professional development training courses and hosting one statewide CHW	The program will coordinate, schedule, and deliver four advanced professional development training courses and one statewide CHW conference to expand CHW access to continuing education opportunities aligned with core public health competencies.
1 4	CHW Workforce Advancement Initiative	\$ 50,000	FTE 0 Contractual OTHER	PHI 08: Increase the proportion of public health workers who receive continuing education on public health competencie s.	Enhance or expand the program		

						conference, resulting in a minimum of 200 CHWs completing at least one continuing education activity.	
1 5	Child Passenger Safety Program	\$ 294,177	SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce the proportion of deaths of car passengers who weren't buckled in — IVP-07	Maintain existing program (as is)	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, the Injury Prevention Service will distribute an average of 264 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 child passenger safety technicians in the OSDH Central Office, county health departments, and partnering community organizations to offer free car seat checks to the public and installations of free car/booster seats to eligible low-income families.
1 6	Perinatal Child Parent Psychotherapy in Oklahoma - P-CPP	\$ 44,340	SUPPLIES OTHER	Increase the proportion of women who get screened for postpartum depression — MICH-D01	Enhance or expand the program	From 06/2026 to 12/2027, the number of mental health professionals trained in the Perinatal Child Parent Psychotherapy modality screening perinatal parents for postpartum depression will increase from 1 to 15 providers.	15 mental health providers in Oklahoma will successfully complete the Perinatal Child Parent Psychotherapy 18-month long training cohort by December 2027.
1 7	D5 Birth Certificate Waiver Program	\$ 23,000	SUPPLIES OTHER	SDOH-01 Reduce the proportion of people living in poverty	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, District 5 CHWs will support at least 100 clients	The PIT count in January of 2027 could be an activity tied to this program which would provide updated data on

						experiencing homelessness with birth certificates at no cost.	individuals experiencing homelessness in District 5.
						Between 10/2026 and 9/2027, the Office of Health Access will expand and actively engage at least 12 community, faith-based organizations, tribal and local partners, deliver a minimum of 8 health access training sessions to at least 25 partner representatives and increase documented coordinated referrals to health services by 2% compared to the baseline established during first quarter of implementation using partner referral tracking logs.	
18	Health Access Partnership Initiative Training	\$ 52,200	SUPPLIES OTHER	Expanding community support networks through partnerships (SDOH-04)	Enhance or expand the program		Delivering eight health access training sessions and provide standardized referral tools and technical assistance to participating partners to improve coordination and increase documented referrals to health services.
19	Office of Health Access - Strengthening Health Access Pathways to Preventive Health Services Across Oklahoma	\$ 56,567	SUPPLIES OTHER	Increase the proportion of adults whose health care providers involved them in decisions as much as they wanted - HC/HIT-01	Enhance or expand the program	Between 10/1/2026 and 09/30/2027, the Office of Health Access will improve health literacy related to preventive and primary	Implement a coordinated health literacy activity that includes training community and partner staff on clear communication practices and supporting navigation and referral

						care services by training at least 30 community and partner staff, developing or updating at least 2 plain-language health education tools, and supporting approximately 400 individuals through navigation and referral coordination to better understand and access available health services.	coordination to help individuals better understand and access preventive and primary care services.
20	Southcentral Oklahoma Oral Health Improvement Initiative	\$ 10,000	SUPPLIES OTHER	Increase the proportion of low-income youth who have a preventive dental visit — OH 09 Reduce the proportion of people who can't get the dental care they need when they need it — AHS 05	Start-up of a new program	Between 10/2026 to 9/2027, Health Department staff will participate in 10 outreach events within District 8's coverage area to provide oral health education and screenings for insurance eligibility.	During outreach events, Health Department staff screen uninsured individuals to see if they qualify for Sooner Care insurance and educate those already enrolled on dental service benefits under the Expansion Healthy Adult Program. 2) Provide educational information on the importance of oral health as it relates to reducing the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. 3) Health Department staff will align outreach efforts in conjunction

with the Mobile Smiles Unit. Mobile Smiles unit will be scheduled to provide dental services in Jefferson and Love counties.

2 1	District 1 Bridges Out of Poverty & Getting Ahead While Getting by Project	\$ 28,000	SUPPLIES OTHER	Reduce the proportion of people living in poverty - SDOH-01	Start-up of a new program	By Sept. 2027 D1 will train and support at least one community partner in each county to deliver twice-yearly Bridges Out of Poverty and/or Getting Ahead While Getting by classes, reaching a minimum of 200 residents annually and increasing participant knowledge and access to resources that support economic stability and reduce poverty- related health disparities.	Train one designated community partner in each District One county to deliver twice yearly Bridges Out of Poverty and/or Getting Ahead While Getting By classes, building local capacity to address economic instability and reduce poverty- related health disparities.
2 2	Oral Health Outreach Program - Fluoride Varnish	\$ 50,200	SUPPLIES OTHER	Increase use of Oral Health Care System OH- 08	Enhance or expand the program	Between Oct 2025 and Sept 2026 Staff in the Dental Health Service will provide 7500 Fluoride Varnish applications to the County Health Department	Between October 2025 and September 2026, OSDH will distribute single- use 5% sodium fluoride varnish packets to partners who will apply Fluoride Varnish to teeth of Oklahomans.

						and other partners for applications to the teeth of vulnerable Oklahomans.	
2 4	OSDH PHL Microbiology Department	\$ 50,833	SUPPLIES	Reduce infections caused by Shiga toxin-producing E. coli - FS-02	Maintain existing program (as is)	Between 10/2026 and 09/2027, the OSDH PHL Microbiology Department will increase the number of suspected Shiga toxin-producing E. coli isolates sequenced by 2.5% from 82 isolates per year to 84 isolates per year.	From 10/2025 to 09/2026, the OSDH PHL Microbiology Department will plate 100 Shiga toxin-producing E. coli positive clinical stool specimens on selective media for the isolation of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli.
Gen. Adm		\$ 98,003	FTE TRAVEL SUPPLIES OTHER				
		\$ 1,445,519					

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. Florita, expressed concern about the Program SMART objective and activity being the same. Solina responded, yes, they can, if the activity coincides with budget or other related objectives and goals.

Solina informed the audience that there is a planned PHHS Block Grant – Office Hours – Work Plan and Budget meeting scheduled on May 18th, at 10:00am and May 20th, at 1:00pm. Also, if applicable there will be times allotted to schedule one-on-one meetings to discuss the detailed program budgets at the program's request. There were twenty-three budgets approved, unable to recall each budget line item of each program but that information can be reviewed if there are questions, and yes budgets can be modified to meet their program needs. There were no additional questions

Ms. Solina thanked 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, the chair called the meeting to be adjourned.

Closing Remarks, Questions and Adjournment

Next meeting dates:

- Program Funding Acceptations - May 12th, 2:00pm
- PHHS Block Grant – Office Hours – Work Plan and Budget
 - May 18th, at 10:00am and May 20th, at 1:00pm
- Program Kick-Off Meeting – late July or early August 2026 (tentative dates 7/27/2026 at 1pm or 8/4/2026)

No closing remarks. Meeting adjourned by Sara Willhight, Chair at 2:44 p.m

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 6, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
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The purpose of this meeting is to give the general public the opportunity to review and provide input on the planned use of Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Funds.

Advisory Committee Members attending in person include:

Sara Willhight, Chair

Daryn Kirkpatrick
Claire Nguyen

Tracy Wendling
Floritta Pope

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**Sara Willhight, Chair
2. **Public Hearing**.....Solina Searcy-Martin
FY26 State Work Plan Presentation
 A. Discussion and questions
3. **Adjournment**.....Sara Willhight, Chair

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***Next PHHSBG Advisory Meeting, is scheduled for December 02, 2026.*