

**Panhandle Public Health District  
Board of Health Agenda**

<b>Date:</b> November 13, 2025 <b>Time:</b> 8:00 am – 9:30 am <b>Location:</b> Platte River Room, Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, NE			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Exhibit – number indicates electronic copy</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Call to Order, Open Meeting Act, & Introductions		D. Kling	
Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Agenda</li> <li>• September 2025 Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Directors Report – November 2025</li> <li>• Upcoming Training Opportunities</li> </ul>	00 – White 01 – White 02 – Purple 03 – White	D. Kling	Motion
Finance Committee Report Minutes, July-September 2025 Financial Statements, Program Spreadsheets	04 – Orange 05-08 – Blue	S. Williamson	Motion
Workforce Development Plan 2025-2028	09 – Handout	S. Williamson	Motion
Vehicle Bid	10 – White	J. Davies	Motion
De minimis		J. Davies	Motion
2026 Community Health Assessment Community Conversations & Kick Off	11 – White	J. Davies	Status Update
Rural Health Transformation Grant Update		J. Davies	Status Update
Board of Health Physician Transition & Appointment		J. Davies	Motion
MHI & Annual Report to Legislature	12-13 – White	J. Davies	Status Update
Food Access Coalition and NE Panhandle Farm and Food Economy Report		M. Barhafer	Status Update
Strategic Plan Update		S. Williamson	Status Update
Accreditation Update		S. Williamson	Status Update
Other Business		D. Kling	Status Update
Public Comment			
Meeting Adjourns		D. Kling	Motion

**Next Meeting Date:** January 29, 2026  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 9:30 am  
**Place:** Gering Civic Center, Gering, NE  
 See back for a glossary of program, process, and partner names

<b>Partners &amp; Public Health Organizations:</b>	
CAPWN – Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	PPI – Panhandle Partnership aka “The Partnership”
DHHS – Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	PRMRS – Panhandle Regional Medical Response System
NACCHO – National Association of City and County Health Officials	RNHN – Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network
NALBOH – National Association of Local Boards of Health	SACCHO – State Association of City and County Health Officials
NALHD – Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors	SALBOH – State Association of Local Boards of Health
PHAN – Public Health Association of Nebraska	UNMC – University of Nebraska Medical Center
PHAB – Public Health Accreditation Board	WCHR – Western Community Health Resources
PPC – Panhandle Prevention Coalition	

**Panhandle Public Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2025  
Virtual Meeting**

<b>Members Present</b>		<b>Member Absent</b>	
Hayley Beaudette	Board Dentist	Brian Brennemann	Grant County Commissioner
Bob Gifford	Banner County Spirited Citizen	David Cornutt	Board Physician
Dan Kling	Sheridan County Commissioner	Diana Lecher	Dawes County Spirited Citizen
Don Lease	Banner County Commissioner	Dixann Krajewski	Garden County Commissioner
Elyse Lukassen	Kimball County Commissioner	Hal Downer	Sioux County Commissioner
Jackie Delatour	Sioux County Spirited Citizen	Jim Reichman	Deuel County Commissioner
Joni Jespersen	Box Butte County Spirited Citizen	Jon Werth	Grant County Spirited Citizen/ Board Veterinarian
Judy Soper	Deuel County Spirited Citizen	Mark Harris	Scotts Bluff County Commissioner
Kay Anderson	Morrill County Spirited Citizen	Randy Miller	Cheyenne County Commissioner
Mandi Raffelson	Cheyenne County Spirited Citizen	Vic Rivera	Dawes County Commissioner
Marie Parker	Scotts Bluff County Spirited Citizen		
Mike Sautter	Box Butte County Commissioner		
Pat Wellnitz	Sheridan County Spirited Citizen		
Randy Bohac	Kimball County Spirited Citizen		
Sara Quinn	Garden County Spirited Citizen		
Susanna Batterman	Morrill County Commissioner		

<b>Staff Present</b>		<b>Guests Present</b>	
Jessica Davies	PPHD Director	Sara Rittgarn	Casey Peterson, P.C.
Sara Williamson	PPHD Dep. Dir. Finance & Accreditation		
Tabi Prochazka	Assistant Director		
Erin Sorensen	HR Coordinator		
Amanda McClaren	PPHD Finance Coordinator		

<b>Key Actions Taken:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved the 2025-2026 Budget</li> <li>• Approved 1% Lid Increase for the 2025-2026 Budget</li> <li>• Approved updated Personnel Policies &amp; Procedures Manual</li> </ul>

**Call to Order/Introductions:**

President Kling called the meeting to order at 8:04 am. Quorum was confirmed. The meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meeting Act, with a copy of the Act posted on PPHD's website and available on the wall in the Director's office of the Scottsbluff PPHD office, serving as the public location option for the meeting. The notice of budget hearing and regular meeting notice were publicized in the Star-Herald and posted on the Nebraska Meeting Notice Repository on Thursday, September 4.

**Budget Hearing:**

Kling opened the budget hearing at 8:05 am. Sara Rittgarn from Casey Peterson, P.C., joined to present the 2025-2026 budget documents, due September 30. The proposed budget for 2025-2026 is \$5,649,279 and includes \$800,000 contingency that allows PPHD to expend unanticipated funds received during the year without needing an additional budget hearing. Davies noted the proposed budget includes a pending application to HUD for about \$405,000.

Davies also noted that the budget includes two new vehicles to keep the fleet current, and computer upgrades due to the phase out of Windows 10. Overall employee costs have increased about 3.5% and the budget includes

two currently vacant positions: one for the pending HUD project and one for home visitation that should be filled later in the year. There is an overall decrease of about 15% in operating costs. Davies and Williamson discussed new or changing funding sources by category, noting that current funding from federal sources are holding steady and continue to be monitored.

**Public Comment:**

The floor was opened for questions. No members of the public were present to provide comment.

**Budget Hearing Adjourn:**

The budget hearing was adjourned at 8:33 am and the regular meeting resumed.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Lease and seconded by Gifford. Voice vote with all in favor.

**Budget 2025-2026:**

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget for \$5,649,279 as presented by Batterman and seconded by Lukassen. Roll call vote with all in favor, none opposed or abstained.

**1% Lid Increase:**

Motion to approve the 1% lid increase from 2.5% to 3.5% for 2025-2026 made by Gifford and seconded by Bohac. Roll call vote with all present in favor, none opposed or abstained, Dr. Beaudette was absent for this vote.

Rittgarn left the meeting.

**Finance Committee:**

Williamson presented on behalf of the finance committee that met via conference call on September 3. She reviewed the financial statement for June and program spreadsheets.

There was a motion from committee to approve the June financial statement and program spreadsheets as presented. A roll call vote was held with all in favor, none opposed or abstained.

**Policies and Procedures Manual:**

Davies reviewed the update to the PPHD Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. She noted a non-material change needed to be made to the formatting of the values. The manual was reviewed by legal prior to inclusion in board packets.

Key changes include updates under Attendance, Travel – changes to per diem rates and mileage reimbursements, Personal travel, Accommodations for pregnancy, Childbirth and related medical, AI policy, FMLA, Family Military Leave, Flexible Work schedule, Maternity and Paternity Leave, Personal Leave of Absence, and Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Batterman left during this discussion.

Motion to approve the revised policies and procedures manual as presented with update to values statement by Wellnitz and seconded by Anderson. A roll call vote was held with all present in favor, none opposed, Batterman absent during the vote.

**PH WINS:**

Erin Sorensen, HR Coordinator, presented on the Public Health Workforce Interest and Needs Survey. This national survey was conducted in late 2024 and results released in July. It was the time smaller health departments were able to participate and there was 100% participation by PPHD staff.

Sorensen presented the data for PPHD benchmarked to Nebraska and national results. PPHD has a high level of satisfaction and belonging within the workplace, ranking higher than state and national averages. This data will be used to inform PPHD's workforce development plan, currently under revision.

Raffelson left at 8:58 am. Lukassen left at 9:10 am.

### **Rural Transformation Grant:**

Davies provided an update on the Rural health Transformation Grant. This funding will allocate about \$100 million/year for 5 years to Nebraska. The state is working on the application due in November. Health department directors are planning together to identify opportunities for public health under the funding. Davies will be meeting with the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network to discuss additional partnership opportunities.

Batterman expressed the need for additional funds to target mental health and substance misuse. Davies noted it has been prioritized by health directors across the state.

### **2026 Community Health Assessment Timeline:**

PPHD staff are preparing for the 2026 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The initial process will include distributing the survey, conducting community interviews, compiling data, and presenting at the Kick-Off day on January 29. The board of health, public, and community partners are invited to attend to review data and participate in the visioning process. A new partnership is evolving with the Center for Rural Affairs around food access in the Panhandle regarding a report the CRA recently prepared. As in the past, PPHD will also be partnering with the RNHN to support all Panhandle hospitals with development of their community health needs assessments.

### **Medical Cannabis Commission:**

Davies provided an update on the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission. The updated regulations no longer impose any requirements on local health departments. Any cannabis establishments must follow any local legal requirements. No future requirements will be imposed on LHDs and other local subdivisions. Health directors have crafted a response. One grower has reached out to PPHD and Davies shared the updated guidance.

A member of the Colorado State Patrol will present workplace concerns regarding marijuana at the Panhandle Safety and Wellness Conference on September 18.

### **Legislative Update:**

Davies provided updates on legislative items in the Director's Report. She noted she has an upcoming meeting with Senator Hardin. Davies participated in a forum with Representative Adrian Smith, Senator Hardin and other local leaders on healthcare access and affordability in August. She is also working closely with Senator Strommen on opportunities to connect public health and new partners.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Williamson provided an update on the strategic plan. The 2025-2028 plan was adopted during the July meeting. Workgroups are meeting anywhere from monthly to quarterly to address implementation steps. A visual of the progress tracking dashboard is included in the Director's Report for every board meeting.

### **Accreditation Update:**

Williamson updated that PPHD will submit the second annual report to the Public Health Accreditation Board the end of September. This is a five-year accreditation cycle and assures that PPHD demonstrates the delivery of optimum public health.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business to discuss.

**Public Comment:**

No members of the public present for comment.

**Next Meeting Date:**

November 13, 2025, at 8:00 am at the Gering Civic Center.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Bohac and seconded by Gifford. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

## **November 2025**

### **Board of Health Report**

#### **From the Director**

##### ***Career Ladder***

The leadership team will have a facilitated discussion and planning time after the November board meeting led by Kelsy Sasse to more formally shape the structure of the career ladder.

##### ***Legislative***

Jess, Sandy Roes, and Betsy Vidlak meet with Senator Brian Hardin in October, in addition to a separate meeting with the senator, Jess, and Dez to discuss Healthy Families. Jess then coordinated a meeting with Senator Hardin and NALHD representatives to discuss legislation on Community Health Worker certification. Jess has a meeting with Senator Strommen in mid-November as well.

##### ***Staffing***

We have internally opened up a Community Health Worker Supervisor position.

##### ***New Grant Applications, Contracts, & Initiatives***

###### ***Rural @ Heart***

We have received an opportunity in partnership with the American Heart Association to be a host site for a Rural @ Heart position. This position serves as a key resource in rural communities to help accelerate cardiovascular health improvement efforts through collaboration with clinical and community partners. The Rural at Heart Team Member will focus on these priority areas: controlling blood pressure, increasing community readiness, addressing chronic illness, and assisting community members and patients with navigating the barriers to care.

###### ***Engaging Community Health Workers to Support Rural Students' Mental Health Needs***

This pilot project seeks to address significant gaps in access to mental health care in rural areas by testing whether Community Health Workers can help connect students and families to needed mental health resources, strengthen school-community partnerships, and create a sustainable model to improve access statewide. We have met with Hemingford Public Schools Counselor and LMHP, ESU 13 Director of Psychological and Behavioral Health, Psychologists, and Psychiatrists to further understand the gap areas and how individuals and families can best be served.

###### ***Sherwood 2026 Operating Grant***

We're excited to share that we've officially received funding to serve as the match for the larger \$2.5 million federal HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant! We're now eagerly awaiting the final decision on that award.

###### ***Rural Health Transformation***

Jess participated in the Rural Health Transformation Stakeholder Meeting, joining organizational representatives from across the state to discuss key priorities for the upcoming grant application. The Nebraska DHHS plans to submit the application by early November, with award announcements anticipated by the end of December 2025. Contracts and project implementation are expected to begin in early 2026.

###### ***Nebraska West Nile Virus Immunity and Geographic Surveillance (NE-WINGS) among Agricultural Workers in Rural Nebraska***

In partnership with UNMC and the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety & Health, this collaboration aligns closely with our ongoing efforts to support agricultural worker health. The intent is to conduct surveillance of the prevalence of West Nile among our ag community. PPHD will engage our Environmental Health Advisory Committee and other relevant partners for the study. We will help facilitate access to local collection events, such as the 2026 Farm & Ranch Expo. We also plan to help promote the study and share information through our regular communication channels.

### *Suicide Prevention Mini-grant*

We have submitted for a Suicide Mini grant from the state to support a media campaign aimed at adult males, maintain QPR certification, and provide a Suicide & Perinatal Mental Health training for home visitors and adjacent staff.

### *PHHS Block Grant*

We have received a PHHS Block Grant to expand access to, increase awareness of, and promote participation in Living Well and the National DPP. We will achieve this through a media campaign and by increasing the number of staff trained to provide Living Well.

### *Tellegacy*

Tellegacy is a program PPHD recently received funding for through DHHS. The goal of this grant is to increase the number of at-risk youth who feel they have a trusted adult they can confide in. Tellegacy is an evidence-based program that connects college-aged students with an elderly adult. The youth & older adult meet a total of 6 times, sharing stories and connecting, creating intergenerational relationships that benefit both parties. The youth is trained in communication styles and story collecting techniques. At the end of their time together, the college student helps prepare a book for the older adult and presents them with a “legacy book” that tells the story of their Legacy. Once PPHD receives funding, we plan to pilot this program with Chadron State College and a senior center or nursing home in the area.

### *Center for Rural Affairs*

We’re partnering with the Center for Rural Affairs to share resources and support specific initiatives around housing and the grocery store in Hemingford. We also look forward to continuing this collaboration to expand opportunities for other communities in the Panhandle.

### **Promotional Campaigns**

September Facebook Posts: 242 | Reach: 67,616 | Reactions: 1,427

### **Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan**

Megan has scheduled community conversations in each county and hosted two so far. These conversations gather community input on what to prioritize in each community when preparing the community health assessment. The survey is finalized and has been reviewed by the MAPP steering committee and partner agencies. This will go out in January. See handout of upcoming community conversations in the board packet.

*Lead– Megan Barhafer*

### **Minority Health Initiative**

Kelsy prepared a presentation on Bias in Healthcare at the request of Chadron Community Hospital for ongoing cultural education. She presented the training 11 times to over 80 staff members and feedback was very positive. The training was built on materials from Dr. Fagans, Because People Matter, course that PPHD Leadership and staff completed in 2024. We will add this training to our list of resources available to other partners. The Youth Advisory Council met virtually on October 14th to review various promotional materials for the PPC, and co-created a radio ad for underage drinking.

*Lead– Kelsy Sasse*

### **Performance Management and Quality Improvement**

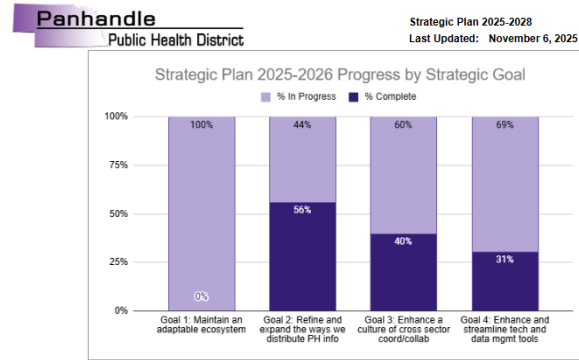
Metrics are available on the website here: [http://www.pphd.org/performance\\_management.htm](http://www.pphd.org/performance_management.htm)

*Lead – Megan Barhafer*

### **Strategic Plan**

Staff continue with the implementation of the 2025-2028 strategic plan. Kelsy is making some slight updates to improve clarity based on feedback from PHAB.



Year 1 - Q1

2025-2026 Overall				
Complete	In Progress	Objectives	% Complete	% In Progress
17	33	50	34.00%	66.00%

*Lead - Leadership Team*

## Clinical Services

### Vaccinations

It's been a busy month at the immunization clinic. Casual nurses and MRC volunteer nurses supported full-time staff in providing education and screening to 694 clients, and giving 2,505 vaccines.

We held the annual flu clinic onsite at our Scottsbluff Office this year. By doing this, we were able to provide all the vaccines needed. We also piloted offering tetanus vaccinations on-site at a few businesses, which was received very well. We then had the clinic open for walk-ins for a couple of hours.

### Clinic Stats:

#### September

212 Clients Seen | 49 under 19 years of age | 331 vaccines given

#### October

482 Clients Seen | 79 under 19 years of age | 711 vaccines given

Total Vaccines Given September-October: 2,505

Off-site flu clinic visits were held in September and October. Site visits included long-term care facilities, businesses, and schools. In September, 8 outreach clinics were held, during which we saw a total of 185 clients and administered 248 vaccines. In October, 51 outreach clinics were held, during which we saw a total of 983 clients and administered a total of 1,215 vaccines.

*Lead - Tina Cook and Ally De Los Santos*

### HPV

HPV promotion included a page in the annual report to promote the Why 9 HPV project. We were able to obtain specific data about HPV completion rates by county from the state and will be working with local providers to increase the completion rate for the HPV series.

Nebraska Comp Cancer was selected to participate in the Tri-Networks Cancer Prevention Community of Practice. This initiative is designed to build the capacity of National Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs, cancer coalitions, and other partners to implement policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change. The coalition is named the Nebraska Cancer Alliance. Ally has taken on the role as part of the leadership team for the state HPV work group. The state launched the Nebraska Cancer Strategy Plan in January. The workgroup that Ally is the chair for, is a statewide effort to increase HPV vaccination. The local HPV campaign that was put into place last year by PPHD is being used as a template across Nebraska for HPV promotion. Some things that the workgroup is currently working on include getting all LHD's access to run their own vaccine reports for their jurisdiction in the Nebraska Immunization System and changing vaccine forecasting for the HPV vaccine in the Nebraska Immunization System to show that you can receive the HPV vaccine starting at age 9 rather than age 11.

The HPV workgroup has developed a HPV data fact sheet for the Panhandle with the help of an APEX student. This fact sheet is going to be used as a template for other LHD's across the State. Plans are in place to distribute this fact sheet, along with a HPV provider letter in November to our partners during visits. 1,100 fact sheet flyers will be distributed to our partners. The HPV provider letter, NESIIS instructions for how to complete reminder calls, and the fact sheet, (along with other materials for other programs) are being put into a book that will be shared with the partners as well. The HPV program coordinator at the State has asked that we share their materials with them so that they can be used as a template for what other LHD's can do in their HPV programs. The HPV coordinator also asked about the potential for sharing the work that PPHD has done, along with the work that has been done with the Nebraska Cancer Alliance HPV Workgroup at the 2026 Immunize Nebraska Conference.

The American Cancer Society created a social media template of posts for HPV. These posts started running on October 31st and will continue to run through April of 2026. We will track engagement on these posts.

*Lead – Ally De Los Santos*

### ***Munroe-Meyer Institute Clinics***

We continue to coordinate the Medical Handicapped Children's Clinic and the Genetic Clinic. Ally De Los Santos is the lead for this clinic. The genetics clinic consists of both telehealth and in person sessions. The in person sessions are hosted as a two day clinic twice a year. The telehealth sessions fall in between the in person sessions. All Medically Handicapped Children's Clinics are in person.

- Genetics Clinics
  - September 9th was a telehealth clinic where 4 patients were seen.
  - September 25th was an in person clinic where 1 patient was seen.
  - September 26th was an in person clinic where 5 patients were seen.
- Medically Handicapped Children's Clinic
  - September 5th 2 patients were seen.

*Lead – Ally De Los Santos*

### ***Healthy Brain Initiative***

PPHD is dedicated to improving education and promoting early detection of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Our health strategists—Nicole, Janelle, and Jessica—are leading this effort and will be presenting throughout the Panhandle. The last Dementia Coalition meeting was held on August 22nd at Regional West, drawing 20 attendees. The next coalition meeting is scheduled for November 5th at the same location for in-person. Zoom option is available for those who can not join in-person.

Janelle and Jessica are in the process of becoming Community Educators through training given by the Alzheimer's Association.

*Leads – Janelle Visser, Jessica Rocha, and Nicole Berosek*

### ***Fit Testing***

January=11 | February=11 | March=4 | April=8 | May=7 | June=2 | July=5 | August=4 | September=7 | October=7

*Staffing – Myranda Kelley, Ally De Los Santos*

### ***CPR***

- We provided hands on CPR and choking training for the Healthy Family Fun Day on October 7th to 7 people
- We provided hands on CPR and choking training to 40 Bluffs Middle School students on October 15th

*Staffing – Myranda, Ally, and Nicole*

### **Worksite Wellness**

#### ***PWWC***

The Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council continues to provide valuable education and training opportunities across the region. Below is a summary of recent trainings and upcoming initiatives:

- Hosted the October Wellness Chat on October 9th at Kimball Health Services and online.
- Offering a virtual Living Well Worksite Workshop
- 51 Panhandle residents signed up for The Old Switcheroo wellness challenge
- Working with SRMC and MCCH Hospitals on their CHIP
- Joined the Menopause Steering committee
- Presented at Mental Health Conference in Gordon, NE (22 and 20 attendees)
- Helped facilitate the Panhandle Nebraska Food Access Coalition meeting
- Attended the HCAN Assister Fall Training
- Graduated from Great Plains Leadership Institute (GPLI)
- Had a PWWC virtual advisory council meeting where we discussed the 2025 Fall Safety and Wellness Conference as well as speakers for 2026.

*Staffing – Nicole Berosek*

#### **Governor's Wellness Award:**

We received 21 applications for the GWA. Fourteen (14) of the 21 organizations attended the recognition on September 23rd at the Capitol. The frames were mailed for the organizations who couldn't attend the Capitol recognition.

*Staffing – Nicole Berosek*

#### **Chronic Disease/Obesity State Grant**

This new grant from the State supports programming and education focused on physical activity and nutrition. Our goals include strengthening worksite wellness efforts through initiatives like Walk at Lunch Day, the Living Well program, Active Living, and other evidence-based educational opportunities. In addition, we will promote CredibleMind and support physical activity programs in schools and community organizations.

We are grateful for this opportunity to enhance health and wellness across our region.

- Around 900 students attended 3rd Grade Wellness Day
- Bayard Public Schools and Community Christian are offering CATCH After School Program at their schools.
- Weekly CredibleMind promotions
- Three sample policies were given to the City of Chadron, City of Gordon, and City of Alliance for a community garden.
- 75 people attended the Fall Safety and Wellness Conference.
- Janelle reached out to all Farmer's Markets offering additional promotional opportunities
- 11 Panhandle residents signed up for the Fall Living Well class; 6 participants have joined.

*Staffing – Nicole Berosek, Janelle Visser, Cheri Farris, Megan Barhafer, Emily Timm, and Jessica Rocha*

#### **Preparedness**

##### **PRMRS – Panhandle Regional Medical Response System**

PRMRS met in-person for the September meeting. A tabletop exercise and discussion were held regarding severe winter weather hazards and preparedness planning, mass casualty, and multi-agency response. Discussion and plans were finalized among the coalition to host our own MRSE; this will be a functional exercise similar to last year's, with other Nebraska HCC coordinators assisting with the SimCell activities.

Emily and Tabi attended the virtual DHHS Public Health Preparedness Seminar on October 7th and 8th. Topics included lessons learned from real-world events in Nebraska LHD's, Community Reception Centers, and Population Focused Emergency Planning from the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Seminar ended with a Tabletop exercise pertaining to winter weather hazards.

Emily continues to provide PRMRS members with situational awareness, training opportunities, and communication as it arises.

Our next PRMRS meeting is scheduled for November 14th and will be held virtually.

*Lead – Emily Timm*

### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

We continue to strengthen regional response capabilities through training, exercises, and collaboration with local emergency management, healthcare partners, schools, and first responders. Ally attended the NICN & APIC NE Symposium in August. We completed the Measles Response AAR and have implemented the improvement plan objectives.

*Lead – Tabi Prochazka*

### **MRC - Panhandle Public Health Medical Reserve Corp**

Work has continued to strengthen the MRC. Two new MRC members were added in August. In September, CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed training were offered to all MRC volunteers. Four MRC members completed the training, and one MRC member became a Stop the Bleed instructor. Two MRC nurses continue to provide support in the Walk-In Immunization Clinic weekly. They also help to support efforts at various off-site clinics. In September and October, they volunteered a total of 42 hours.

*Lead – Ally De Los Santos*

### **Disease Investigation**

PPHD continues to review and/or investigate infectious disease cases. In October, Ally provided two presentations at Bluffs Middle School to educate the students about foodborne illness and what the role of disease investigation looks like in Public Health. Planning has begun for partner visits to each hospital in the Panhandle. Part of these visits will be to review reportable diseases, make connections with infection control personnel at each hospital, and to discuss any challenges partners may be having related to reportable diseases. The EPI team submitted an abstract for the 2026 Nebraska Public Health Conference to share about working a measles case and the important takeaways from this event. We have started planning for pattern visits that will occur in November. Emily and Ally are going to share information about reportable diseases, the new STI reporting sheet, lead poisoning resources, the genetics clinic, and the HPV vaccine. All of this information will be binded into a book that each partner can use as a quick and easy resource if they have questions. We will also use this opportunity to connect with all infection control staff at each hospital and long term care facility. Reportable diseases in Nebraska are listed at: [Nebraska Reportable Diseases](#).

*Staffing – Ally De Los Santos, Emily Timm, Kendra Lauruhn*

### **STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) tracking**

Ally and Emily continue to work on HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia STI cases. In September and October, 46 chlamydia investigations were completed, one gonorrhea investigation was completed, and one syphilis investigation was completed. Ally and Emily met with WCHR and CAPWN and created a new template for STI reporting to ensure a strong process is in place for information sharing. An MOU was put in place between PPHD and CAPWN as well as PPHD and WCHR for the Ryan White Program to ensure testing referral systems are in place. The STI reporting template will be distributed to all of our partners during site visits that will occur in November. We will explain what the form is and why we are using it.

*Staffing – Ally De Los Santos, Emily Timm*

### **School Surveillance**

Nebraska DHHS continues the School Absenteeism Reporting Project for the 2025-2026 school year. PPHD is following the same infection control measures as we did pre-COVID. PPHD reaches out to a school when over 10% of the student body is absent to discuss the situation and if there are concerns and possible solutions/suggestions. One school reported absenteeism rates greater than 10% in October; two schools were provided information and a letter to share with parents regarding a local Pertussis outbreak, and one school was experiencing a Varicella outbreak. We are here to support the school in making their decisions and assist as needed.

*Lead – Emily Timm*

## **Cancer Prevention**

### ***Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Screening Updates***

73 FIT kits have been distributed in 2025, with a return rate of 74%. Currently, FIT kit distribution is paused. We look forward to continuing to distribute one-sample FIT test kits and promote the awareness campaign materials developed in partnership with NC2 to Panhandle residents ages 45–74 once DHHS sends the kits to PPHD for distribution. *Lead: Cheri Farris*

## **Chronic Disease Prevention & Management**

### ***National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Coach Training and Technical Assistance***

Cheri continues to collaborate with the state to provide ongoing training and support for lifestyle coaches across Nebraska. Cheri recently launched monthly office hours and a quarterly Nebraska National DPP newsletter, which is sent to all DPP lifestyle coaches and program coordinators across the state. Cheri is currently conducting follow-up sessions with the August-trained lifestyle coaches to provide guidance on promotion, sustainability, CDC recognition, and other key topics, ensuring the successful implementation of the National DPP across Nebraska.

### ***Regional National DPP Updates***

Cheri serves as coordinator, data preparer, and coach for the National DPP in the Panhandle. The Healthy for Life virtual DPP program continues in 2025 with four active participants. In-person cohorts are currently being held in Chadron and Sidney.

The 2024 Diabetes Prevention Recognition Standards are now in effect, and Cheri is submitting data for all three sites in the Panhandle. She also provides technical assistance to regional lifestyle coaches with DPRP data collection and submission.

*Lead – Cheri Farris*

## **Living Well**

Cheri and Janelle co-facilitated a 4-day Leader Training in Fremont, September 8-12, in partnership with the Three Rivers Health Department, funded by the Obesity Grant. They also facilitated the Living Well with Diabetes Cross Training for existing Nebraska Living Well leaders on the 12th. The two of them are scheduled to offer a virtual leader training from January 12-February 25 in partnership with DHHS. The virtual training is the same number of training hours but is spread out over several weeks.

The Worksite Living Well workshop scheduled from October 14 to November 20 is in progress. Janelle & Cheri are hoping to get a Living Well with Chronic Pain workshop scheduled soon.

Cheri maintains monthly outreach to healthcare providers to increase awareness of available healthy living programs. Some providers have expressed interest. Our goal is to reach more residents who can benefit from these workshops.

*Lead – Cheri Farris and Janelle Visser*

## **Living Well with High Blood Pressure**

Cheri has completed leader training for the Health Coaches for Hypertension Program, branded in Nebraska as Living Well with Hypertension. Janelle and Suzanne will be taking the leader training soon and offering workshops. A virtual workshop is scheduled to begin on Thursdays over the noon hour, January 8 - February 26, to serve residents across the Panhandle. Registration is open to all residents with high blood pressure and includes a free home blood pressure monitor for those who need one.

*Lead – Cheri Farris*

## **Aging Office of Western Nebraska Partnership**

Title IIID funds from the Area Office on Aging (AOWN) support evidence-based programs like Living Well and the National DPP for Panhandle residents over age 60. These funds have been renewed for the 2025 fiscal year, and implementation will continue. We are exploring creative ways to engage and serve older adults in the region.

*Lead – Cheri Farris*

### ***Health & Wellness Coaching***

Cheri continues to offer individual health coaching to residents and Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council members. We are also exploring new opportunities to expand healthy living programs and make coaching available to more community members.

*Lead – Cheri Farris*

### ***Falls Prevention Programs***

Funding for Falls Prevention has moved from Chronic Disease Prevention and Control office to the Aging Office at the state level. The current funding cycle ends on September 30, 2026, and there is no new funding available at this time. PPHD is able to utilize AOWN Title IIID funds to support some of the ongoing programs at Regional West.

*Lead – Cheri Farris*

### ***Motivational Interviewing Trainings***

Cheri facilitated several Motivational Interviewing trainings in 2025, and is looking forward to scheduling more in 2026.

*Lead - Cheri Farris*

### ***Bridges Out of Poverty***

Cheri facilitated Bridges Out of Poverty training at the September Wellness Conference. She and Nicole are planning to facilitate Bridges Out of Poverty for the Benevolence Team at Mitchell Berean Church on a Saturday in February.

*Lead - Cheri Farris & Nicole Berosek*

## **Healthy Families – Nebraska Panhandle**

### ***Program Highlights***

Our newest Home Visitor, Brittney Todd, has completed her Healthy Families America training and officially began taking families. She has caught on quickly and is doing an outstanding job supporting new parents. The rest of the team remains hard at work, with much of their current focus on helping families navigate alternative community resources since SNAP benefits are temporarily unavailable.

In October, the team hosted Family Fun Days in both Scottsbluff and Alliance, offering fall-themed activities, opportunities for parent-child engagement, and a chance to meet other parents. Both events had excellent turnouts and provided meaningful opportunities for families to bond and learn together.

The team continues to stay active and visible across the Panhandle, participating in outreach and collaboration efforts that strengthen partnerships and increase awareness of prevention-focused home visiting services.

### ***Maternal and Child Health Growth Updates***

#### ***Prenatal Group Development***

We have been learning more about what communities across the Panhandle currently offer and where prenatal groups could have the greatest impact. A recent meeting with the Regional West Women's Center resulted in positive feedback about the need for more supportive prenatal group options. The approach moving forward will focus on creating flexible, community-based prenatal group models that meet families where they are—reducing barriers and providing accessible, supportive spaces for expectant mothers to connect, learn, and prepare for birth and early parenthood.

#### ***Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) Program***



Significant progress has been made toward launching the SMBP initiative. Staff have completed extensive training, and we are finalizing processes for community roll-out, with an expected launch date later in November. This program will empower expectant mothers to take an active role in monitoring their blood pressure at home, improving early detection and response to hypertension during pregnancy.

In addition to education and home monitoring tools, we are developing partnerships with local healthcare providers to ensure smooth communication and timely referrals when elevated readings occur. This effort represents an exciting step forward in strengthening maternal health outcomes across the Panhandle.

*Lead – Dez Brandt*

### **Panhandle Prevention Coalition**

The Panhandle Prevention Coalition (PPC) continued strong momentum through regional collaboration, education, and youth-centered prevention efforts.

The September PPC meeting featured impactful guest speakers. Randy and Heather Bacchus shared their powerful story and educated attendees on the dangers of high-potency THC and its impact on today's youth. Jody Smith, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator with the VA Black Hills Healthcare System, also presented on veteran mental health and the importance of cross-sector collaboration. The next PPC meeting is scheduled for November 20th.

PPC remained active in community education. Vaping prevention was presented at Third Grade Wellness Day, offering age-appropriate content to young students. A Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meeting was also held during this time, where students gave feedback on PPC's current social media posts and contributed ideas for an upcoming Spotify prevention campaign.

A table was set up at the Monument Marathon Expo in Gering, where PPC partnered with WNCC nursing students to promote substance use prevention and mental wellness. The collaboration helped broaden community outreach and share PPC's message with a wider audience.

A Community Discussion was held during the Mental Health Conference in Gordon, Nebraska, providing an opportunity to engage attendees in meaningful conversation around mental health, substance misuse, and local prevention resources.

Resilience-First Aid Starter Trainings (RFAST) were held in person at the UNL Extension Office and the Nebraska Department of Roads in Gering a total of 157 people were trained. RFAST introduces the concept of *Connected Resilience* and equips participants with practical strategies to support mental well-being, recognize when others may need resilience support, and create safer, more supportive environments through psychosocial hazard awareness. Several additional RFAST trainings are scheduled for the coming months.

A virtual 8 to Great training was also held, providing participants with tools to foster positive decision-making, personal empowerment, and emotional resilience.

Suzanne is scheduled to attend the National Emerging Drug Trends Conference in Dallas, Texas, where she will gain new insights and strategies to strengthen PPC's local prevention work.

*Lead – Suzanne Crane, Nicole Berosek, Tabi Prochazka*

### **Suicide Prevention**

Suicide Prevention is such an important intervention piece in our very rural area, and we braid multiple sources of funding to implement the work.

Nicole offered a YMHFA workshop at Sidney Public Schools on Friday, September 12, 2025 for 6 counselors. Cheri attended Zero Suicide training Friday, August 29.

### ***QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Training***

Suicide prevention remains a priority for the team at PPHD. 25 individuals were trained in QPR since the last board report. The next QPR Webinar will be on November 12 at noon. PPHD recommends that all adults take the QPR training to learn how to help someone who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide. Register here for an upcoming webinar <https://tinyurl.com/2p8kb837>

We are available to offer in-person or virtual QPR training to individual organizations as requested. We are always looking for new funding opportunities to enable us to continue this important work. Additionally, the team has been involved in other mental and behavioral health trainings that strengthen our suicide prevention efforts, including partnering with the Suicide Prevention Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator (CEPC) for veterans across most of the Panhandle.

Janelle and Kelsy did a Hope Squad QPR training to the Rushville Hope Squad on October 21. There were 17 youth trained.

The Alliance Suicide Prevention Community Walk was held on September 27. The Alliance Hope Squad helped with the event. There were about 50 walkers. There were also walks in Scottsbluff and Sidney.

PPHD has submitted the 2025 Mini grant funding application. Awardees should be announced soon. We look forward to these funds to support our suicide prevention efforts.

PFS grant funds will also support QPR training for young adults ages 18 - 24.

*Lead – Cheri Farris, Janelle Visser, Kelsy Sasse, Tabi Prochazka, Nicole Berosek, Suzanne Crane, Jessica Rocha*

### ***PFS - Performance for Success***

Region 1 Behavioral Health offered us an opportunity to help fulfill a Five (5) year contract. This grant focuses on education for students and young adults over 18 in the following areas: vaping, suicide, alcohol, and diversity in the high-risk counties. Monument Prevention will provide vaping and alcohol education to Scotts Bluff County. Year 1 went over well, and Year 2 is off to a great start with 3rd-grade wellness day events and prevention trainings.

#### **Updates:**

- Suzanne & Jessica presented Anti Bullying and Anti Vaping education to Banner County Schools 3rd and 4th graders on September 3
- Jessica & Suzanne presented Anti Bullying and Anti Vaping education to Garden County Schools 4th and 5th graders on September 4
- Nicole presented with leadership at Sidney Regional West on September 9
- Staff attended 3rd Grade Wellness Day in Scottsbluff on September 16
- Staff attended 3rd Grade Wellness Day in Sidney on September 17
- Jessica attended the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Sidney on September 20
- Suzanne & Jessica presented Anti Bullying and Anti Vaping education to 1st-3rd graders in Sioux County on September 22
- Jessica & Suzanne presented QPR training to seniors in Sioux County on September 22
- Suzanne & Jessica presented CATCH training to Sidney High School on September 23
- Staff attended 3rd Grade Wellness Day in Chadron on September 24
- Staff attended 3rd Grade Wellness Day in Alliance on September 25
- Janelle & Jessica attended the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Alliance on September 27
- Suzanne & Jessica presented QPR training to Hay Springs Junior High and High School on October 28
- Janelle presented Health Rocks for Crawford 3rd-6th graders during Red Ribbon Week on October 29
- PFS offerings have been disseminated around the Panhandle, including at the Monument Prevention Coalition Meeting on September 8, at the Sidney Regional Medical Center presentation with leadership on September 9, at the PPC Meeting on September 11, at the Fall Safety and Wellness Conference in Gering on September 18, at



the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Sidney on September 20, at the Community Discussion at the Mental Health Conference in Gordon on September 22, at the Monument Prevention Leadership Conference in Scottsbluff on September 24, at the Monument Marathon Expo in Scottsbluff on September 27, at the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Alliance on September 27, at the Northfield Health Fair in Scottsbluff on October 4, at the Monument Prevention Coalition meeting on October 6, and at the Wellness Chat in Kimball on October 9.

*Staff – Nicole, Janelle, Jessica R, Jess, and Tabi*

### **Tobacco Free Nebraska**

- Social media posts promoting tobacco cessation have continued on our PPHD and PWWC Facebook pages.
- TFN/Quitline promotional material was offered at the September 11 Panhandle Prevention Coalition meeting, at the Fall Safety Wellness Conference in Gering on September 18, at the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Sidney on September 20, at the Mental Health Conference in Gordon on September 22, after presenting CATCH to Sidney High School on September 23, at the Monument Prevention Leadership Conference on September 24, at the Monument Marathon Expo in Scottsbluff on September 26, at the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Alliance on September 27, at the Northfield Health Fair in Scottsbluff on October 4, and at the Wellness Chat in Kimball on October 9.
- A TFN update was presented at the September PPC meeting and another update will be presented in November.
- Staff worked with Bonnie McCord to ensure the 2025-2027 Workplan is correct and able to be implemented. The workplan was submitted at the end of October into the new documenting system on the DHHS Partners website.
- Janelle and Jessica plan to visit all the counties in the Panhandle before the end of the year to speak to locations about tobacco/smoke free policies and do tobacco scans at area gas stations.
- Janelle and Jessica continue to distribute tobacco cessation information to long-term care facilities, pharmacies, businesses, village and city offices, hospitals, and pharmacies.
- Janelle, Jessica and Nicole also continue to contact panhandle city offices, long-term care facilities, assisted living to offer assistance in policies and signage for tobacco free and vape free. One more location has requested signage in October.

*Lead – Janelle Visser, Jessica Rocha, and Nicole Berosek*

### **Opioid Response**

Lockboxes and Detera Pouches continue to be provided to those in need, we were able to obtain a few more from the state. Opioid Education and Narcan training are offered to community groups across the Panhandle, with a primary focus on college-aged individuals. Narcan training is now provided as part of our public CPR training, as well.

Emily coordinated with WNCC to provide the Hazelden Video Series: “Addiction: What You Need To Know.” This video series will be utilized by WNCC to provide education regarding substances and misuse of substances to individuals found in non-compliance with existing campus substance policies. Data will be provided via a Qualtrics survey for those completing the series.

Plans and promotion are underway to provide a WRAP training in November, targeting the transitional youth demographic.

Emily continues to provide coordination of monthly regional opioid meetings with Region 1 and CAPWN. Workplan updates are provided, as well as any successes and challenges faced during the month. The annual Region 1 Opioid Response audit was completed at the end of September.

*Lead – Emily Timm*

### **Situation Table**

The Panhandle Situation Table continues to be successful in meeting acutely elevated risk individuals and families where they are.

Meeting weekly via Zoom, the Panhandle Situation Table is comprised of professionals across several service sectors committed to ensuring individuals and families receive the support and services needed in an urgent manner.

(Data from 8/31/22-10/31/25)

127 Situations Presented to Table | 86 Connected to Services (74%)

23 Informed of Services | 7 Refused Services

2 Not Deemed in Acutely Elevated Risk; connected to services | 7 Unable to Locate | 1 Open

Top Risk Factors: percentage of situations impacted:

Housing - 72% | Mental Health - 72% | Substance misuse - 62% | Basic Needs - 58% | Parenting - 42%

We continue to provide presentations and educational opportunities to expand partnerships and to those interested in initiating their own Table.

*Lead – Tabi Prochazka, Emily Timm, Cheri Farris*

## Highway Safety Office

The Highway Safety grant, which supports longer-term injury prevention strategies, is going well.

Below are a few updates:

- Monthly social media promotions
- Driver's Education classes are being offered through WNCC at Scottsbluff, Alliance and Sidney.
- Janelle is continuing to work with her Activate groups to keep our communities active and safe. Jessica assists with Activate Kimball and other Activate groups as scheduling allows.
- Janelle attended a Gering Focus Group for the Safe Streets 4 All Grant on October 3
- Janelle attended the Scottsbluff SS4A Core Team meeting on October 1.
- We teamed up with Trooper Tim Flick with the Nebraska State Patrol on October 14. He presented safe driving tips to WNCC for staff. Janelle shared brochures and handouts about the importance of wearing seat belts and stats on crashes and seat belt use. Also CarFit information was promoted.
- HSO brochures and handouts were distributed at the Fall Safety and Wellness Conference in Gering on September 18, at the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Sidney on September 20, at the Mental Health Conference in Gordon on September 22, at the Suicide Prevention/Awareness Walk in Alliance on September 27, and at the Northfield Health Fair in Scottsbluff on October 4.
- Jessica is working on social media requests.
- A creative crosswalk was painted at the north entrance to the Kimball Community Walking Trail on September 20.
- We continue to work with Panhandle Scanner, and they are advertising HSO social media on Facebook, Instagram, and X.
- Drive sober/buckle up radio ads ran for a week over/around the long Labor Day weekend.
- Janelle presented at and Jessica attended the Bike Walk Summit in Omaha on September 30.
- Janelle attended the Safe Routes to School Summit virtually on October 28-30.
- The year end report was submitted at the end of October for the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- A new marketing plan for the 2025-26 fiscal year is in progress.

*Lead – Janelle Visser, Jessica Rocha, and Nicole Berosek*

## **Children's Health**

### ***3rd Grade Wellness Day(formerly referred to as 3rd Grade Kids Fitness and Nutrition Day)***

2025 3rd Grade Wellness Days was held at 4 locations in September. This event is a great opportunity for students to explore overall well-being. This fun-filled day focuses on promoting non-competitive physical activities, prevention activities, and hands-on nutritional education among 3rd-grade students. While at the events, students and teachers are invited to participate in physical activities conducted by area health and fitness educators. Children are able to step, jump, and learn new skills as they enjoy fun, interactive physical activity stations. Participants can also visit various education stations, including those on basic nutrition, energy balance, yoga, walking, boot camp, anti-bullying, anti-vaping, healthy air, and healthy choices/just say no.

The sites, dates and number of schools and 3rd graders included:

Scottsbluff September 16 - 12 schools. 373 students

Alliance September 25 - 6 schools. 134 students

Sidney September 17 - 7 schools. 182 students

Chadron September 24 - 5 schools. 152 students

*Lead-Janelle Visser*

### ***Scrub Club***

Janelle presented Scrub Club to the Northfield Elementary Preschool students. There were 66 preschoolers and 9 teachers/paras.

## **Active Living**

### ***Community Walkability/Bikeability***

The Kimball, Gordon, Alliance, and Bridgeport Active Living Advisory Committees have been meeting regularly in person and/or virtually.

Active living meetings are coming up:

- Activate Alliance meets quarterly. They met virtually on October 2.
- Tri-City Active Living Advisory Committee has not been meeting since Scottsbluff and Gering are working on their Safe Streets for All grants. Janelle is representing Tri-City ALAC on the core committees of both programs.
- Met with Kari Gaswick, Brenda Barry and Todd Baumann. Discussed adding crosswalk connections to cross and connect with city sidewalks on 10th.
- Walk and Bike to School Day was October 8.

*Lead – Janelle Visser*

## **Environmental Health**

### ***Radon***

Radon funding is open and spending can begin on this program. Linda Mundell will mail out requested radon kits. Melissa spent some time training her on how to document this and how to mail them out. Melissa will continue to promote and educate about radon. Radon kits will be ordered in November and then start mailing them out in January to promote Radon Action Month. Kits are available at any time by request.

*Lead – Melissa Haas*

### ***West Nile Virus***

Trapping for mosquitoes concluded the last week of September. The final numbers are as follows:

Positive mosquito pools - 50

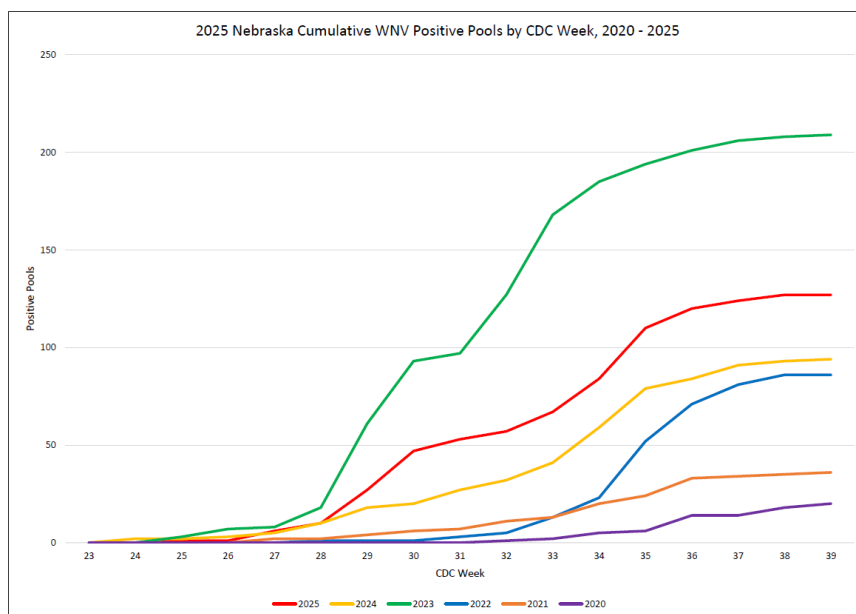
Positive St. Louis encephalitis pools - 1

Positive human cases of WNV - 6 neuroinvasive, 7 non-neuroinvasive, 1 positive horse

*Lead – Melissa Haas*

***LEPH- Increase local capacity for lead remediation, promote safe drinking water, and increase communication awareness to the public on air quality***

PPHD continues to hold quarterly meetings of the Environmental Health Coalition to discuss partnerships and opportunities for the expansion of air, water, and lead safety. Melissa, Kendra, and Megan attended the Nebraska Environmental Public Health Summit in Lincoln on October 23rd and Megan presented information on the expanded efforts PPHD has made in environmental health.



***Water***

PPHD conducted water sampling at Head Start locations and partnerships. Graphs of the results will be shared soon. So far 3 locations are working with Department of Water, Energy, and Environment to help lead and fund remediation efforts in the water.

***Air***

Megan continues to offer the air quality school presentation to area schools. If you live in a community listed here or know an organization or business that would want to house the Purple Air machine, let us know!

- Rushville, Hay Springs, Lyman, Bridgeport, Big Springs, Harrison, Bayard, Hyannis

PPHD continues to post to Facebook when there are air quality days that are orange or higher or have the potential to get above yellow. This is tracked by the PurpleAir monitor status along with the [Airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov) fire and smoke map.

***Lead and HUD***

On Aug 14, 2025, we applied for a \$2,500,000 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant. This will continue our work with the HUD Lead Capacity Building grant. The HUD staff is currently furloughed and the announcements of awards have been delayed.

There were 3 contractors who trained in the Lead Supervisor training and one in the Lead Worker training with 6 additional people attending the Renovate, Repair, and Painting Program training. All three individuals passed the State (DHHS) proctored lead supervisor exam. Their applications have been sent to the Department of Public Health Licensure Unit.

Lead poisoning prevention outreach:

- Exhibitors at the 2025 Panhandle Safety & Wellness Conference 8/18/2025
- Radio ad aired through Rural Radio to advertise Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

*Lead – Melissa Haas, Megan Barhafer, Kendra Lauruhn*

***Dental Health***

***Dental Health Program-Keeping Teeth Strong***

PPHD's Dental Health Program provides dental screenings to detect early signs of dental disease, fluoride treatments to prevent dental decay, dental sealants to prevent dental decay on molars, silver diamine fluoride to stop the progression of decay, education to teach lifelong lessons to keep teeth clean, and dental referrals.

We are still going out to schools to perform our dental services. The fall session is winding down, and number crunching will start.

*Lead – Kendra Lauruhn*

### **Dental Day**

There was not a Dental Day for 2025. We are hoping to be able to work with UNMC-COD for Dental Day 2026.

*Lead – Janelle Visser*

### **Administrative**

#### **Human Resources**

We achieved a 97.5% participation rate for our annual Employee Satisfaction Survey. The data will be compiled, and a summary will be presented at the December all-staff meeting.

Employees will be completing their required annual training, which includes HIPAA Compliance and Workplace Harassment Prevention. In addition, staff will review key policies, including the Employee Confidentiality and HIPAA policies.

Work anniversaries for August - October

#### Permanent Regular Staff

- |                        |         |                   |          |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| • Linda Mundell        | 1 year  | • Megan Barhaver  | 5 years  |
| • Suzanne Crane        | 1 year  | • Nicole Berosek  | 6 years  |
| • Alma Sanchez         | 2 years | • Jenn Buxbaum    | 7 years  |
| • Tina Cook            | 2 years | • Linda Ainslie   | 14 years |
| • Monica De Los Santos | 3 years | • Janelle Visser  | 17 years |
| • Kelsy Sasse          | 4 years | • Sara Williamson | 19 years |
| • Dez Brandt           | 5 years |                   |          |

#### Seasonal/Casual Staff

- |                   |         |                 |         |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| • Cheri Berry     | 2 years | • Sandy Preston | 2 years |
| • Peggy Jackson   | 2 years | • Teresa Thomas | 2 years |
| • Myrranda Kelley | 2 years |                 |         |

*Lead – Erin Sorensen*

### **Finance**

Leadership continues to monitor the changing fiscal climate at the state and federal level. PPHD has not experienced any additional funding cuts. There are a few new opportunities emerging around Community Health Workers, and PPHD is participating in a pilot project to connect schools and students with mental health resources.

The FY 25 audit is still in progress.

### **Accreditation**

PPHD's second annual report to the Public Health Accreditation Board was submitted and we received good feedback about the plan and opportunities to strengthen the language of our goals and objectives to make them more actionable.

*Lead – Sara Williamson*

**Nebraska Public Health Conference**

May 12, 2026

Lincoln, NE

*Theme: TBD*

**National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO)**

July 14-17, 2026

Louisville, KY

*Racing Forward, Swinging Big: United for Public Health's Future*

**National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)**

October 12-14, 2026

San Antonio, TX

*Theme: TBD*

**American Public Health Association (APHA)**

November 1-4, 2026

San Antonio, TX

*Theme: TBD*

PPHD Finance Committee  
Conference Call Minutes  
November 6, 2025 9:00 am

Present on the call were Kay Anderson, Susanna Batterman, Jessica Davies, Sara Williamson, and Amanda McClaren.

Williamson reviewed program spreadsheets, accounts receivable, and check detail and financial statements for July, August and September.

Davies gave an update on the Rural Transformation Grant. The State recently submitted the application and notification is anticipated in early 2026. The proposal includes funding for public health and encompasses support for Community Health Workers and support for the Dental Health Program.

A motion was made by Batterman to approve the financial statements and spreadsheets and seconded by Anderson. All in favor, none opposed.

Davies discussed the intention to switch from a direct cost allocation process to taking de minimis on awards. The de minimis rate recently increased from 10% to 15% on awards. All other health departments are taking some form of indirect, either through de minimis rate or through a negotiated indirect cost rate. If approved by the board, this would take affect with new award periods and will not affect current awards.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Program updates through **10/30/2025**

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>State Appropriated Funds</b>					
Admin 2026 (LB 692)	\$276,788.15	\$83,975.47	30%	33%	6/30/2026
Surveillance 2026 (LB 1060)	\$105,458.11	\$24,444.36	23%	33%	6/30/2026
State General Funds	\$52,000.00	\$1,003.68	2%	33%	6/30/2026
MHI 2026 (Minority Health Initiative)	\$208,689.19	\$42,358.66	<b>20%</b>	17%	6/30/2027
Opioid General Funds	\$55,555.54	\$13,336.13	24%	67%	6/30/2026
<b>Data, Performance, and Health Improvement Planning</b>					
MAPP 2025 (CHA/CHIP Work)	\$18,000.00	\$19,466.07	<b>108%</b>	83%	12/31/2025
WFD 2026 (Accreditation Readiness)	\$15,500.00	\$1,459.44	<b>9%</b>	8%	9/30/2026
Sherwood Foundation (Aging, SDOH, SMBP, CarSeat)	\$100,000.00	\$24,673.37	25%	67%	1/31/2026



Program updates through

10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Chronic Disease Prevention Funds</b>					
AOWN 2026 (Diabetes Prevention)	\$9,685.00	\$2,052.79	21%	33%	6/30/2026
LCTA 2026 (DPP Coaches Training)	\$12,106.86	\$2,766.63	23%	42%	6/29/2026
Governor's Award 2025 (Worksite Wellness)	\$10,000.00	\$7,753.80	78%	83%	12/31/2025
TFN 2026 (Tobacco Free NE)	\$83,350.00	\$14,747.43	18%	33%	6/30/2026
Obesity (State Chronic Disease Prevention)	\$85,993.00	\$34,912.39	41%	42%	5/31/2026
<b>Injury Prevention Funds</b>					
HSO 2026 (Highway/Driver Safety)	\$125,240.00	\$3,289.68	3%	8%	9/30/2026
Brain Health - deliverable-based	\$48,000.00	\$32,626.53	68%	NA	

Program updates through 10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Preparedness Funds</b>					
PHEP 2026 (Emergency Preparedness/Disease Investigation)	\$146,000.00	\$46,596.46	32%	33%	6/30/2026
HCC 2026 (PRMRS - Hospital Preparedness Planning)	\$125,000.00	\$33,827.23	27%	33%	6/30/2026
<b>Clinical Services</b>					
NACCHO Vax (school based program) - deliverable-based	\$60,000.00	\$48,420.33	81%	N/A	
VFC 2026 (Vaccinations for Children)	\$42,440.00	\$6,042.71	14%	33%	6/30/2026
Immunization Billing	\$597,200.00	\$257,573.56	43%	33%	6/30/2026
Ryan White (Case Investigation)	\$57,375.00	\$20,038.53	35%	33%	6/30/2026
HPV 2026 (media campaign)	\$10,000.00	\$1,290.23	13%	42%	6/29/2026

Program updates through

10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Home Visitation Funds</b>					
HV 2026 (Healthy Families America)	\$819,092.00	\$37,010.71	5%	8%	9/30/2026
HV CWP 2026 (DHHS Referred Cases)	\$345,000.00	\$9,398.74	3%	8%	9/30/2026
<b>Other Maternal Child Health Funds</b>					
Centering (Prenatal Group/Sherwood.UNMC Partnershi	\$100,000.00	\$6,681.45	7%	33%	6/30/2026
Hypertension (Prenatal Hypertension)	\$12,500.00	\$4,241.49	34%	67%	1/31/2026

Program updates through

10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Environmental Health Funds</b>					
LEPH 2025 (Local Environmental Public Health)	\$66,285.34	\$58,113.54	88%	92%	11/30/2025
WNV 2026 (WNV Mosquito Trapping)	Pending	-	-	-	12/31/2026
Lead Epi 2025 (Childhood Lead Case Investigation)	\$25,354.20	\$23,910.38	94%	117%	9/29/2025
Hud (Lead Based Paint Remediation)	\$531,655.00	\$125,136.56	24%	41%	8/15/2027
Radon 2026 (PPHD Match \$3,010.94)	\$6,010.94	\$0.00	0%	13%	5/31/2026

Program updates through

10/30/2025



Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Behavioral Health/Substance Misuse Prevention</b>					
OD2A 2026 (Statewide Opioid Prevention)	\$50,000.00	\$15,791.43	32%	17%	8/31/2026
R1SOR 2026 (Region I Opioid Response)	\$43,713.00	\$214.61	0%	8%	9/29/2026
State SOR 2025 (State Opioid Response)	\$40,000.00	\$2,438.31	6%	8%	9/29/2026
R1BG 2026 (Panhandle Prevention Coalition)	\$159,500.00	\$30,483.15	19%	33%	6/30/2026
PFS 2026 (Partner for Success)	\$94,622.00	\$3,370.65	4%	8%	9/30/2026
MCH 2025 (BaseEd) (57395.39 Grant, 16703.65 Match)	\$57,395.39	\$33,139.79	58%	58%	3/31/2026

Program updates through

10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Oral Health</b>					
DHP 2025 (Dental Health Program NCF Grant)	\$64,438.81	\$23,192.09	36%	83%	12/31/2025
DHP HRSA 2025 (Dental Health Program carryover)	\$78,000.00	\$63,335.66	81%	N/A	7/31/2025

Program updates through

10/30/2025

Award Name/ Program Name	Total Award	Expenses to Date	% of Total	% of Performance Period	Program End Date
<b>Other Funds</b>					
MCO (United Health Care)	\$66,550.00	\$57,983.32	87%	89%	12/31/2025
NTC (NE Total Care)	\$55,125.00	\$59.70	0%	N/A	

**PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JULY 31, 2025**



# Panhandle Public Health District

## Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2025

Cash Basis

	Jul 31, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Platte Valley National Bank	278,368.12
1005 · NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust)	331,833.32
Total Checking/Savings	610,201.44
Total Current Assets	610,201.44
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>610,201.44</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2010 · State Withholding Payable	6,411.39
2015 · Retirement Payable	10.53
2020 · Health Insurance Payable	27,084.78
2021 · FSA Payable - Health	-621.22
2022 · FSA Payable - Dep Care	-651.48
2024 · HRA Payable	2,083.36
2025 · FICA Withholding Payable	13.63
2026 · Garnishment	513.45
2027 · State Unemployment Payable	12.62
2028 · Dental Insurance Payable	1,146.33
2029 · Vision Insurance Payable	308.29
2035 · Life Insurance Payable	61.04
2036 · Supp Accident Ins Payable	141.96
2037 · Supp Cancer Ins Payable	117.45
2038 · Supplemental Illness Payable	53.14
2039 · Supplemental ST Disab Payable	44.20
2040 · LT Disability Company	113.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	36,843.17
Total Current Liabilities	36,843.17
Long Term Liabilities	
2500 · Scottsbluff Building Loan	145,904.12
Total Long Term Liabilities	145,904.12
Total Liabilities	182,747.29
Equity	
3000 · Opening Balance Equity	-39,764.62
3050 · Fund Balance	336,774.76
3060 · Board Designated Funds - Autos	33,525.52
3061 · Board Designated Funds - Copier	67,259.26
Net Income	29,659.23
Total Equity	427,454.15
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>610,201.44</b>

# Panhandle Public Health District

## Profit & Loss by Class

July 2025

Cash Basis

	Jul 25	Jul 25
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4000 · General Funds	26,835.61	26,835.61
4010 · Infrastructure Funds	22,922.94	22,922.94
4015 · Per Capita Funds	24,100.27	24,100.27
4016 · LB1008 Funds	6,944.49	6,944.49
4017 · LB 585	12,287.29	12,287.29
4020 · Revenue	46,154.00	46,154.00
4021 · Revenue (Fed Pass-Through)	240,390.91	240,390.91
4035 · Health Screening Supplies	350.00	350.00
4045 · Other Income	4,030.00	4,030.00
4050 · Interest Income	1,188.88	1,188.88
4072 · Program Fees (Fee for service revenues)	2,674.53	2,674.53
4073 · Product Fees	17,031.87	17,031.87
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>404,910.79</b>	<b>404,910.79</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>404,910.79</b>	<b>404,910.79</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
6010 · Advertising and PR	7,851.00	7,851.00
6030 · Bank Service Charges	142.13	142.13
6075 · Communication	3,454.33	3,454.33
6080 · Contracts	8,908.77	8,908.77
6095 · Dues and Subscriptions	2,125.00	2,125.00
6125 · Insurance	4,687.94	4,687.94
6126 · Insurance - General	2,463.39	2,463.39
6128 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00
6150 · Office Expense	2,999.38	2,999.38
6154 · Vaccinations	23,901.09	23,901.09
6155 · Office Supplies	2,499.30	2,499.30
6156 · Medical Supplies	356.69	356.69
6157 · Printing Supplies	404.15	404.15
6160 · Payroll Tax Expense	14,484.20	14,484.20
6175 · Postage	252.66	252.66
6180 · Printing and Publication	4,036.13	4,036.13
6200 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00
6202 · Server Backup	0.00	0.00
6205 · Training/Education	1,400.00	1,400.00
6210 · Travel	2,768.47	2,768.47
6215 · Utilities	0.00	0.00
6220 · Wages	198,308.32	198,308.32
6225 · Retirement Expense	13,307.82	13,307.82
6230 · Health Insurance	76,871.74	76,871.74
6231 · Dental Insurance	2,765.46	2,765.46
6232 · Vision Insurance	773.26	773.26
6240 · Life Insurance	171.97	171.97
6245 · LT Disability	318.36	318.36
6246 · FSA Expense - Health	0.00	0.00
6247 · FSA Expense - Dep	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>375,251.56</b>	<b>375,251.56</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>29,659.23</b>	<b>29,659.23</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>29,659.23</b>	<b>29,659.23</b>

**PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AUGUST 31, 2025**

# Panhandle Public Health District

## Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2025

Cash Basis

	Aug 31, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Platte Valley National Bank	574,709.70
1005 · NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust)	333,029.39
Total Checking/Savings	907,739.09
Total Current Assets	907,739.09
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>907,739.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2010 · State Withholding Payable	4,491.03
2015 · Retirement Payable	10.53
2020 · Health Insurance Payable	26,049.11
2021 · FSA Payable - Health	-1,667.84
2022 · FSA Payable - Dep Care	-193.24
2024 · HRA Payable	2,083.36
2025 · FICA Withholding Payable	13.63
2026 · Garnishment	513.45
2027 · State Unemployment Payable	32.89
2028 · Dental Insurance Payable	1,095.62
2029 · Vision Insurance Payable	293.78
2035 · Life Insurance Payable	59.16
2036 · Supp Accident Ins Payable	141.96
2037 · Supp Cancer Ins Payable	117.45
2038 · Supplemental Illness Payable	53.14
2039 · Supplemental ST Disab Payable	44.20
2040 · LT Disability Company	117.49
Total Other Current Liabilities	33,255.72
Total Current Liabilities	33,255.72
Long Term Liabilities	
2500 · Scottsbluff Building Loan	144,823.79
Total Long Term Liabilities	144,823.79
Total Liabilities	178,079.51
Equity	
3000 · Opening Balance Equity	-39,764.62
3050 · Fund Balance	336,774.76
3060 · Board Designated Funds - Autos	33,525.52
3061 · Board Designated Funds - Copier	67,259.26
Net Income	331,864.66
Total Equity	729,659.58
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>907,739.09</b>

# Panhandle Public Health District

## Profit & Loss by Class

### August 2025

Cash Basis

	Aug 25	Jul - Aug 25
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4000 · General Funds	15,732.61	42,568.22
4010 · Infrastructure Funds	11,342.58	34,265.52
4015 · Per Capita Funds	11,723.08	35,823.35
4016 · LB1008 Funds	0.00	6,944.49
4017 · LB 585	0.00	12,287.29
4020 · Revenue	118,662.10	164,816.10
4021 · Revenue (Fed Pass-Through)	388,595.04	628,985.95
4035 · Health Screening Supplies	0.00	350.00
4045 · Other Income	10,096.19	14,126.19
4050 · Interest Income	1,196.07	2,384.95
4070 · Program Donations	1,125.00	1,125.00
4072 · Program Fees (Fee for service revenues)	26,297.56	28,972.09
4073 · Product Fees	50,711.81	67,743.68
4090 · Fall Conference Sponsorships	400.00	400.00
4091 · Fall Conference Vendors	150.00	150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>636,032.04</b>	<b>1,040,942.83</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>636,032.04</b>	<b>1,040,942.83</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
6010 · Advertising and PR	10,579.49	18,430.49
6030 · Bank Service Charges	64.10	206.23
6035 · Board Member Travel	1,052.80	1,052.80
6075 · Communication	894.69	4,349.02
6080 · Contracts	8,817.03	17,725.80
6095 · Dues and Subscriptions	202.00	2,327.00
6125 · Insurance	5,621.95	10,309.89
6126 · Insurance - General	2,176.38	4,639.77
6128 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00
6135 · Legal Fees	160.00	160.00
6145 · Meeting	520.48	520.48
6150 · Office Expense	3,373.66	6,373.04
6154 · Vaccinations	49,103.89	73,004.98
6155 · Office Supplies	15,409.13	17,908.43
6156 · Medical Supplies	1,499.68	1,856.37
6157 · Printing Supplies	548.17	952.32
6160 · Payroll Tax Expense	10,155.43	24,639.63
6175 · Postage	240.86	493.52
6180 · Printing and Publication	283.54	4,319.67
6200 · Repairs and Maintenance	8,676.07	8,676.07
6202 · Server Backup	1,000.00	1,000.00
6205 · Training/Education	2,141.15	3,541.15
6210 · Travel	7,205.66	9,974.13
6215 · Utilities	0.00	0.00
6220 · Wages	138,986.83	337,295.15
6225 · Retirement Expense	9,308.86	22,616.68
6230 · Health Insurance	53,001.17	129,872.91
6231 · Dental Insurance	1,915.75	4,681.21
6232 · Vision Insurance	536.68	1,309.94
6240 · Life Insurance	119.97	291.94
6245 · LT Disability	231.19	549.55
6246 · FSA Expense - Health	0.00	0.00
6247 · FSA Expense - Dep	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>333,826.61</b>	<b>709,078.17</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>302,205.43</b>	<b>331,864.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>302,205.43</b>	<b>331,864.66</b>

**PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

# Panhandle Public Health District Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of September 30, 2025

	<u>Sep 30, 25</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Platte Valley National Bank	416,006.42
1005 · NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust)	333,029.39
Total Checking/Savings	<u>749,035.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>749,035.81</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>749,035.81</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2010 · State Withholding Payable	4,716.25
2015 · Retirement Payable	10.53
2020 · Health Insurance Payable	609.09
2021 · FSA Payable - Health	-739.58
2022 · FSA Payable - Dep Care	-891.25
2024 · HRA Payable	6,250.00
2025 · FICA Withholding Payable	13.63
2026 · Garnishment	184.68
2027 · State Unemployment Payable	55.39
2028 · Dental Insurance Payable	17.27
2029 · Vision Insurance Payable	2.10
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>10,228.11</u>
Total Current Liabilities	10,228.11
Long Term Liabilities	
2500 · Scottsbluff Building Loan	143,768.24
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>143,768.24</u>
Total Liabilities	153,996.35
Equity	
3000 · Opening Balance Equity	-39,764.62
3050 · Fund Balance	336,774.76
3060 · Board Designated Funds - Autos	33,525.52
3061 · Board Designated Funds - Copier	67,259.26
Net Income	197,244.54
Total Equity	<u>595,039.46</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>749,035.81</u></b>

# Panhandle Public Health District

## Profit & Loss by Class

### September 2025

Cash Basis

	Sep 25	Jul - Sep 25
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4000 · General Funds	15,732.61	58,300.83
4010 · Infrastructure Funds	11,342.58	45,608.10
4015 · Per Capita Funds	11,723.08	47,546.43
4016 · LB1008 Funds	0.00	6,944.49
4017 · LB 585	0.00	12,287.29
4020 · Revenue	39,675.38	204,491.48
4021 · Revenue (Fed Pass-Through)	129,278.37	758,264.32
4035 · Health Screening Supplies	0.00	350.00
4045 · Other Income	0.00	14,126.19
4050 · Interest Income	0.00	2,384.95
4070 · Program Donations	0.00	1,125.00
4072 · Program Fees (Fee for service revenues)	37,803.03	66,775.12
4073 · Product Fees	25,636.87	93,380.55
4090 · Fall Conference Sponsorships	0.00	400.00
4091 · Fall Conference Vendors	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>271,191.92</b>	<b>1,312,134.75</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>271,191.92</b>	<b>1,312,134.75</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
6010 · Advertising and PR	17,020.02	35,450.51
6020 · Auditing	14,000.00	14,000.00
6030 · Bank Service Charges	80.92	287.15
6035 · Board Member Travel	0.00	1,052.80
6075 · Communication	2,397.60	6,746.62
6080 · Contracts	26,655.97	44,381.77
6095 · Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	2,327.00
6125 · Insurance	2,538.86	12,848.75
6126 · Insurance - General	2,176.38	6,816.15
6128 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00
6135 · Legal Fees	720.00	880.00
6145 · Meeting	584.27	1,104.75
6150 · Office Expense	3,285.13	9,658.17
6154 · Vaccinations	80,114.72	153,119.70
6155 · Office Supplies	43,378.24	61,286.67
6156 · Medical Supplies	0.00	1,856.37
6157 · Printing Supplies	978.34	1,930.66
6160 · Payroll Tax Expense	10,507.65	35,147.28
6175 · Postage	1,074.61	1,568.13
6180 · Printing and Publication	873.84	5,193.51
6200 · Repairs and Maintenance	4,617.50	13,293.57
6202 · Server Backup	500.00	1,500.00
6205 · Training/Education	6,834.00	10,375.15
6210 · Travel	6,663.36	16,637.49
6215 · Utilities	0.00	0.00
6220 · Wages	140,690.17	477,985.32
6225 · Retirement Expense	9,448.84	32,065.52
6230 · Health Insurance	28,957.80	158,830.71
6231 · Dental Insurance	936.08	5,617.29
6232 · Vision Insurance	261.97	1,571.91
6240 · Life Insurance	58.92	350.86
6245 · LT Disability	117.49	667.04
6246 · FSA Expense - Health	0.00	0.00
6247 · FSA Expense - Dep	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>405,472.68</b>	<b>1,114,550.85</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-134,280.76</b>	<b>197,583.90</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-134,280.76</b>	<b>197,583.90</b>



10 - Vehicle Pricing Comparison

Contract	Year	Make	Model	Drive	Engine	Seating	Est. Mileage	Price	Vendor	Delivery Charge	Total
16218	2026	Chrysler	Voyager	FWD	3.6L V6	7	19C/28H	\$ 39,990.00	Anderson Auto Group of Grand Island		
16218	2026	Chrysler	Pacifica	FWD	3.6L V6	7	19C/28H	\$ 41,560.00	Anderson Auto Group of Grand Island		
16218	2026	Chrysler	Pacifica	AWD	3.6L V6	7	17C/25H	\$ 44,381.00	Anderson Auto Group of Grand Island		
16219	2026	Chrysler	Voyager	FWD	3.6L V6	7	19C/28H	\$ 39,549.00	Gene Steffy Chrysler Jeep Dodge		
16219	2026	Chrysler	Pacifica	FWD	3.6L V6	7	19C/28H	\$ 40,665.00	Gene Steffy Chrysler Jeep Dodge		
16219	2026	Chrysler	Pacifica	AWD	3.6L V6	7	17C/25H	\$ 43,466.00	Gene Steffy Chrysler Jeep Dodge		
16221	2026	Toyota	Sienna	FWD	2.5 L 4 Cyl			\$ 40,170.00	Greg Young Chevrolet Inc.		
16221	2026	Toyota	Sienna	AWD	2.5 L 4 Cyl	8	34C/36H	\$ 42,071.00	Greg Young Chevrolet Inc.	\$1/mile outside Lincoln	\$ 42,071.00
Materiel Division Contact: Brenda Sensibaugh											



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October 14th, 2026

Re: 2026 Nebraska State Contract Vehicle quotes

\*Vehicles will come with these features at a minimum

Stow-and-go seats  
Front/side airbags  
Three-zone heating  
Cruise  
Air conditioning  
Power locks  
Power windows  
Remote keyless entry  
ABS  
Cloth seats  
Adjustable driver and passenger seats (can be electric or manual)  
Fuel economy  
Black or White Exterior

2026 Chrysler Voyager LX Fwd: 40,685

2026 Chrysler Pacifica Select Fwd: 42,148

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**LINCOLN SOUTH**

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Lincoln, NE 68512  
402 464 0661  
(Opening Fall 2011)

**GRAND ISLAND**

120 Diers Avenue  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
308 384 1700

**ST. JOSEPH**

2207 North Belt Highway  
St. Joseph, MO 64506  
816 383 8000

GENE STEFFY AUTO GROUP  
2545 E 23RD AVE  
FREMONT, NE, 68025

PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT  
PO BOX 337  
808 BOX BUTTE AVE.  
HEMINGFORD, NE, 69348

THE FOLLOWING QUOTES ARE FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA BID PRICES.

CHRYSLER VOYAGER FWD 3.6L \$39,549  
CHRYSLER PACIFICA FWD 3.6L \$40,665  
CHRYSLER PACIFICA AWD 3.6L \$43,466

THESE PRICES DO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SPECS

- Stow-and-go seats
- Front/side airbags
- Three-zone heating
- Cruise
- Air conditioning
- Power locks
- Power windows
- Remote keyless entry
- ABS
- Cloth seats
- Adjustable driver and passenger seats (can be electric or manual)
- Fuel economy
- Neutral color

LEAD TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 90 TO 120 DAYS

Thank You

Lonnie Dooley

Gene Steffy Auto Group

[lonnie@genesteffy.com](mailto:lonnie@genesteffy.com)

402-727-8550



10c - Vehicle Bid 3

## Gregg Young Automotive

Jim Smutny | 402-871-4614 | Jim.Smutny@gyautogroup.com

# Panhandle Public Health District

Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl)





Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl) ( Complete )

Quote: Panhandle Public Health

Price Summary

PRICE SUMMARY	
	MSRP
Base Price	\$42,120.00
Total Options	\$270.00
Vehicle Subtotal	\$42,390.00
Destination Charge	\$1,495.00
Grand Total	\$43,885.00

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10c - Vehicle Bid 3

Gregg Young Automotive

Jim Smutny | 402-871-4614 | Jim.Smutny@gyautogroup.com

Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl) (✔ Complete)

Quote: Panhandle Public Health

Quote Worksheet

	MSRP
Base Price	\$42,120.00
Dest Charge	\$1,495.00
Total Options	\$270.00
Subtotal	\$43,885.00
Subtotal Pre-Tax Adjustments	\$0.00
Less Customer Discount	(\$1,814.00)
Subtotal Discount	(\$1,814.00)
Trade-In	\$0.00
Subtotal Trade-In	\$0.00
Taxable Price	\$42,071.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Subtotal Taxes	\$0.00
Subtotal Post-Tax Adjustments	\$0.00
Total Sales Price	\$42,071.00

Dealer Signature / Date

Customer Signature / Date

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Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl) ( Complete )

Quote: Panhandle Public Health

Selected Model and Options

MODEL

CODE	MODEL	MSRP
5403	2026 Toyota Sienna LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl)	\$42,120.00

COLORS

CODE	DESCRIPTION
040	Ice Cap

EMISSIONS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
FE	50 State Emissions	\$0.00

PRIMARY PAINT

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
040	Ice Cap	\$0.00

SEAT TRIM

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
FA15	Gray, Fabric Seat Trim	\$0.00

PORT INSTALLED OPTIONS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
2T	All Weather Floor Liners (TMS)	\$270.00
Options Total		\$270.00

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Vehicle: [Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl) (✔ Complete)

Quote: Panhandle Public Health

Standard Equipment

Mechanical

Engine: 2.5L I4 w/VVT-iE
Transmission w/Sequential Shift Control
Transmission: CVT
Automatic Full-Time All-Wheel
Axle Ratio: TBD
Engine Oil Cooler
Battery w/Run Down Protection
Hybrid Electric Motor
GVWR: TBD
Gas-Pressurized Shock Absorbers
Front And Rear Anti-Roll Bars
Electric Power-Assist Speed-Sensing Steering
18 Gal. Fuel Tank
Single Stainless Steel Exhaust
Permanent Locking Hubs
Strut Front Suspension w/Coil Springs
Multi-Link Rear Suspension w/Coil Springs
Regenerative 4-Wheel Disc Brakes w/4-Wheel ABS, Front And Rear Vented Discs, Brake Assist, Hill Hold Control and Electric Parking Brake
Nickel Metal Hydride (nimh) Traction Battery

Exterior

Wheels: 17" Alloy
Tires: P235/65R17
Tire Mobility Kit
Body-Colored Front Bumper
Body-Colored Rear Bumper w/Black Rub Strip/Fascia Accent
Black Side Windows Trim and Black Front Windshield Trim
Body-Colored Door Handles

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**Exterior**

Body-Colored Power Heated Auto Dimming Side Mirrors w/Manual Folding and Turn Signal Indicator
Fixed Rear Window w/Wiper and Defroster
Deep Tinted Glass
Variable Intermittent Wipers
Fully Galvanized Steel Panels
Lip Spoiler
Black Grille
Power Sliding Rear Doors
Liftgate Rear Cargo Access
Tailgate/Rear Door Lock Included w/Power Door Locks
Auto On/Off Reflector Led Low/High Beam Auto High-Beam Daytime Running Lights Preference Setting Headlamps w/Delay-Off
LED Brakelights
Headlights-Automatic Highbeams
Soft Close Doors

**Entertainment**

Radio w/Seek-Scan, Clock, Speed Compensated Volume Control, Aux Audio Input Jack, Steering Wheel Controls and Radio Data System
Radio: Toyota Audio Multimedia -inc: 8" display, 6 speakers, wireless Apple CarPlay, Android Auto compatibility, SiriusXM 3-month trial subscription, See <a href="https://toyota.com/connected-services">toyota.com/connected-services</a> for details
8 Speakers
Window Grid And Roof Mount Diversity Antenna
Wireless Phone Connectivity
2 LCD Monitors In The Front

**Interior**

Driver Seat
Passenger Seat
Removable 40-20-40 Folding Split-Bench Front Facing Manual Reclining Fold-Up Cushion Rear Seat w/Manual Fore/Aft
Driver And Front Passenger Armrests and Rear Center Armrest Rear Seat Mounted Armrest

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### Interior

Manual Tilt/Telescoping Steering Column

Gauges -inc: Speedometer, Odometer, Engine Coolant Temp, Tachometer, Traction Battery Level, Power/Regen, Trip Odometer and Trip Computer

Power Rear Windows, Power Vented 3rd Row Windows and w/Manual 2nd Row Sun Blinds

Mobile Hotspot Internet Access

Front Bucket Seats -inc: seatback pockets and 8-way adjustable power driver seat

Fixed 60-40 Split-Bench 3rd Row Seat Front, Manual Recline, Manual Fold Into Floor, 3 Manual and Adjustable Head Restraints

Front Cupholder

Rear Cupholder

Compass

Valet Function

Remote Keyless Entry w/2 Door Curb/Courtesy, Illuminated Entry, Illuminated Ignition Switch and Panic Button

Remote Releases -Inc: Power Cargo Access and Mechanical Fuel

Cruise Control w/Steering Wheel Controls

Full-Speed Range Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC)

Dual Zone Front Automatic Air Conditioning

Rear HVAC w/Separate Controls

HVAC -inc: Underseat Ducts and Headliner/Pillar Ducts

Locking Glove Box

Driver Foot Rest

Interior Trim -inc: Metal-Look Instrument Panel Insert, Simulated Wood/Metal-Look Door Panel Insert, Simulated Wood Console Insert and Metal-Look Interior Accents

Full Cloth Headliner

Vinyl Door Trim Insert

Urethane Gear Shifter Material

Fabric Seat Trim

Day-Night Rearview Mirror

Driver And Passenger Visor Vanity Mirrors w/Driver And Passenger Illumination

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Interior

Partial Floor Console w/Covered Storage, Mini Overhead Console w/Storage, Conversation Mirror, Rear (removable) Console w/Storage and 1 12V DC Power Outlet
Front And Rear Map Lights
Fade-To-Off Interior Lighting
Full Carpet Floor Covering
Carpet Floor Trim
Cargo Features -inc: Tire Mobility Kit
Cargo Space Lights
Safety Connect (1-year trial) Tracker System
Smart Device Integration
Instrument Panel Covered Bin, Covered Dashboard Storage, Interior Concealed Storage, Driver / Passenger And Rear Door Bins
Power 1st Row Windows w/Front And Rear 1-Touch Up/Down
Delayed Accessory Power
Power Door Locks w/Autolock Feature
Trip Computer
Outside Temp Gauge
Digital/Analog Appearance
Manual Adjustable Front Head Restraints and Manual Adjustable Rear Head Restraints
2 Seatback Storage Pockets
Immobilizer
1 12V DC Power Outlet
Air Filtration

Safety-Mechanical

Cruise Control-Steering Assist
Electronic Stability Control (ESC)
ABS And Driveline Traction Control

Safety-Exterior

Side Impact Beams
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**Safety-Interior**

- Dual Stage Driver And Passenger Seat-Mounted Side Airbags
- Emergency Sos Capability
- Blind Spot Monitor (BSM) Blind Spot
- Toyota Safety Sense P (TSS-P)
- Rear Cross-Traffic Alert (RCTA)
- Lane Keeping Assist
- Lane Departure Warning
- Collision Mitigation-Front
- Low Tire Pressure Warning
- Dual Stage Driver And Passenger Front Airbags
- Curtain 1st, 2nd And 3rd Row Airbags
- Airbag Occupancy Sensor
- Driver Knee Airbag, Rear Side-Impact Airbag and Passenger Cushion Front Airbag
- Rear Child Safety Locks
- Outboard Front Lap And Shoulder Safety Belts -inc: Rear Center 3 Point, Height Adjusters and Pretensioners
- Back-Up Camera

**WARRANTY**

- Basic Years: 3
- Basic Miles/km: 36,000
- Drivetrain Years: 5
- Drivetrain Miles/km: 60,000
- Corrosion Years: 5
- Corrosion Miles/km: Unlimited
- Hybrid/Electric Components Years: 8
- Hybrid/Electric Components Miles/km: 100,000
- Roadside Assistance Years: 2
- Roadside Assistance Miles/km: Unlimited
- Maintenance Years: 2
- Maintenance Miles/km: 25,000
- Traction Battery Years: 10
- Traction Battery Miles/km: 150,000

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Window Sticker

SUMMARY

[Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl) MSRP:\$42,120.00

Interior:Gray, Fabric Seat Trim

Exterior 1:Ice Cap

Exterior 2:No color has been selected.

OPTIONS

CODE	MODEL	MSRP
5403	[Fleet] 2026 Toyota Sienna (5403) LE AWD 8-Passenger (Natl)	\$42,120.00
OPTIONS		
040	Ice Cap	\$0.00
2T	All Weather Floor Liners (TMS)	\$270.00
FA15	Gray, Fabric Seat Trim	\$0.00
FE	50 State Emissions	\$0.00

SUBTOTAL	\$42,390.00
Adjustments Total	\$0.00
Destination Charge	\$1,495.00
TOTAL PRICE	\$43,885.00

FUEL ECONOMY

Est City:34 (2025) MPG

Est Highway:36 (2025) MPG

Est Highway Cruising Range:648.00 mi


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# Let's partner for the health of your community!

**Sioux County Community Conversation**  
October 27, 2025 | 6:30-8 PM  
Harrison Fire Hall

**Box Butte County Community Conversation**  
November 19, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
PPHD Conference Room - Hemingford

**Kimball County Community Conversation**  
October 29, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Kimball Health Services Community Room

**Dawes County Community Conversation**  
November 20, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Crawford Community Hall

**Scotts Bluff County Community Conversation\*\***  
November 12, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Scottsbluff Public Library

**Deuel County Community Conversation**  
November 24, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Buckley Trust Building - Chappell

**Garden County Community Conversation**  
November 13, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Oshkosh Auditorium

**Morrill County Community Conversation**  
December 1, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
MCCH training center

**Sheridan County Community Conversation\*\***  
November 17, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Rushville Fire Hall

**Grant County Community Conversation**  
December 3, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Sandhills State Bank

**Cheyenne County Community Conversation\*\***  
November 18, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
ESU 13 Conference Room - Sidney

**Banner County Community Conversation**  
December 15, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM  
Location TBD



# Panhandle

Public Health District

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## + 2024-2025 Annual Report

# Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD)



**31** employees

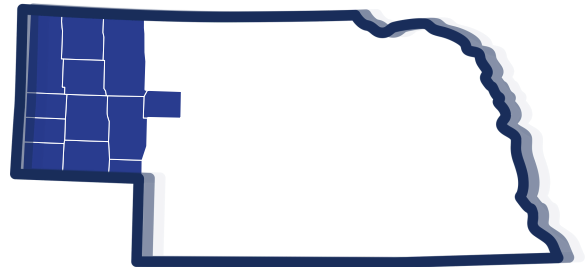


**83,365** residents



### CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Strengthen Childcare Systems
- ▶ Support Affordable Housing Systems
- ▶ Increase Access to Mental Health Services
- ▶ Build Community Capacity Through Education
- ▶ Expand Language Access



### 12 rural & frontier counties

Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties



**1 of 9**

NE LHDs nationally  
accredited by PHAB



**3.72**

FTEs per 10,000  
(Nat'l average is 5.6)



**18%**

of adults report fair to  
poor health

*"As the expectations of our communities continue to evolve, we are committed to adapting, listening deeply, and leading through our values and purpose."*

—Jessica Davies, Health Director





# Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) 2024-2025

Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



## 1866 family home visits completed

### Maternal, Child, & Family Health

With Healthy Families America (HFA), we served 156 Panhandle families with prenatal education, parenting guidance, and child development. Home visitors build trust, link families to resources, and promote healthy starts. Additional MCH efforts include car seat education/distribution, and currently expanding Maternal Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure, and Group Prenatal Support.



## 966 participants in prevention programs

### Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Over the past year, we expanded health programs across our region, both in person and online. Residents engaged in National Diabetes Prevention Program (66), Living Well workshops (59), CarFit for older driver safety (95), fall prevention (46), and Kids Fitness and Nutrition Day (841)—we focus on meeting people where they are with tools for healthier living.



## 29 Elevated Blood Lead Level cases investigated

### Environmental Health

PPHD limits the risk of exposure to environmental hazards by monitoring radon, air quality, and vector-borne diseases. We educated 842 3rd graders across the Panhandle about how to use the air quality index. We provided Radon and lead training to 50 public housing employees, trained 8 contractors in lead safe work practices, tested 16 homes for lead, and distributed 246 radon tests.



## 6,950 residents served by oral health program

### Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

PPHD's Dental Health Program was offered at 51 sites, serving 6,942 children and 8 adults. We go to where children are, in schools, to provide dental screenings, fluoride treatments, sealants, education, and referrals. These services create healthier teeth so children can concentrate on playing and learning without pain.



## 4,315 vaccinations given

### Communicable Disease Control

PPHD limited the spread of infectious diseases by investigating 406 cases of reportable diseases. The most common were E. coli, campylobacteriosis, salmonellosis, hepatitis C, and lead poisoning. We also brought vaccines directly to our communities—to 46 businesses, 32 schools, 28 long-term care facilities, 30 community events, and in-office on 190 days. A team of three investigated 406 reportable communicable diseases.

## From the Director

I am pleased to share an update on the work of the Panhandle Public Health District over the past year, highlighting the vital role of public health in protecting lives, preventing disease, and keeping Nebraska communities healthy, safe, and strong.

In May, Nebraska confirmed its first measles case in nearly a decade—identified here in the Panhandle. Our team quickly coordinated with Gordon Memorial Hospital, local providers, and DHHS to identify exposures, provide post-exposure protection, and share accurate information. This swift response prevented further spread, avoided disruptions, and saved significant healthcare costs, made possible by years of preparedness investment.

Our programs in maternal and child health, environmental health, injury prevention, mental health and suicide prevention, and services supporting our aging population continue to expand and evolve.

Our updated strategic plan emphasizes adaptability, stronger communications, cross-sector collaboration, and improved technology and data systems. Public health capacity is a strategic investment—every prevention dollar saves in treatment costs. These successes are possible through strong partnerships and a dedicated workforce. We remain committed to ensuring every Nebraskan has the opportunity to live a healthy, safe life.

With gratitude,

Jessica Davies, MPH  
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**Panhandle**  
Public Health District





## 2024-2025 MHI Report

# Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD)

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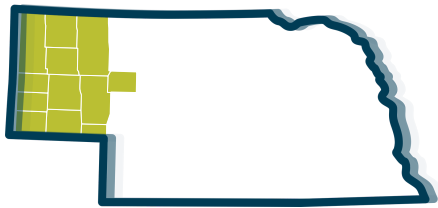
**\$104,344**

FY24-25 MHI Award



**17,459**

MHI-eligible Residents



## DISTRICT PROFILE

Total Population **83,365**

**25%** ages 0-19  
**22%** ages 65 & up



**5.6%**

Veteran Population



**14.8%**

Persons with disabilities



**13%**

Speak languages other than English

**20.9%** Minority Population



**Panhandle**

Public Health District



Nationally Accredited



## MHI WORK PLAN

PPHD planned to expand interpreter training, translation services, and multilingual mental health education. The department supported trainings, school-based programs, and community events while building new tools like a dashboard. Partnerships with schools, health systems, and regional groups strengthened collaboration and advanced system-wide planning to expand outreach and improve access for residents.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

We expanded access to trainings that helped our communities better serve those who lacked access to services by bringing trainers to the Panhandle and helping offset costs. Providing access to gas vouchers reduced transportation barriers to healthcare. We increased language access in mental health and prevention resources by providing access to CredibleMind and BASE Education in Spanish.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 118 Community Members Engaged

Residents completed well-being assessments to identify local needs.

### 91 Travel Vouchers Provided

Gas cards helped individuals access mental health services and trainings.

### 7% Spanish Language Users

Users were able to access CredibleMind in their preferred language.

### 31 Partners Completed Assessment

Organizations joined PPHD in providing data to guide future planning that leverages organizational strengths.