



## **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room**

**Present:** Michele Kong, MD, Elizabeth Turnipseed, MD, Weily Soong, MD, Alison Heaton, MD, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**Absent:** Andre' McShan, MD

**Others Present:** Nicole Standridge, Rodney Holmes, Wesley Willeford, MD, Senitra Blackburn, Ekta Choudhary, PhD, Kim Bullock, Bryn Manzella, Khalilah Brown, MD, David Maxey, Esq., David Hicks, DO, and Terrie Hartley

### **Jefferson County Public Health Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham**

Nicole Standridge, MPA, MPH, Senior Program Officer for the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, provided an overview of the Jefferson County Public Health Advised Fund (PHAF). She explained that the PHAF was established in 2006 to support public health projects in Jefferson County. A committee of JCDH staff, led by Dr. David Hicks, Health Officer, reviews proposed projects and recommends funding support. Ms. Standridge reviewed the process used to evaluate and award funds.

Ms. Standridge reported that more than \$12 million in grant funds has been distributed through the PHAF since its inception. The current fund balance is \$5.28 million, with \$675,000 committed to open grants and \$4.60 million available for future grant awards. The strategic priorities are:

1. Public Safety
2. Substance Use
3. Behavioral Health
4. Perinatal Care
5. Access to Care

Ms. Standridge noted that prior awards have supported organizations and initiatives including KultureCity, Vax 2 Stop Cancer, Lovelady/Freedom Rain, and Mothers' Milk Bank. The fund's largest single commitment is to Cool Green Trees, which supports urban tree planting to reduce heat islands, stormwater runoff, and air pollution in Birmingham, Bessemer, and Fairfield. She also provided a list of 2026 grants that have been paid or are in progress. The PHAF committee meets quarterly and is currently working to strengthen how outcomes are defined during the application process and measured during follow-up. This will help the committee and the Board of Health better assess the impact of funded projects.

After addressing questions from the Board, the Board thanked Ms. Standridge for her presentation.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Turnipseed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July 8, 2026, meeting were approved as distributed.

### **July 2026 Financial Statements**

Dr. Turnipseed noted the July 2026 Financial Statements were included in the Board materials. Rodney Holmes, CPA, Finance and Administration Director, provided a review of the July 2026 Financial Statements and answered questions from the Board.

### **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Holmes presented the Fiscal Year 2027 budget request.

The General Fund budget totals \$70,685,477, an increase of \$6,719,335 (10%) from the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

### **Revenue Highlights**

The budget includes \$11,000,000 of ad valorem tax revenue, a 5% increase from Fiscal Year 2026. This amount is an estimate of two percent (2%) of the ad valorem tax collected in Jefferson County for the County and its Municipalities, excluding those ad valorem taxes collected for the State of Alabama and all Boards of Education, and is the minimum percentage allowed in the funding legislation. The budget includes sales tax revenue of \$29,000,000, the same as Fiscal Year 2026.

Net Intergovernmental Revenue of \$3,333,592 is a 26% increase compared to the prior year's budget. The increase is due to an increase in funding from the Alabama Department of Public Health for local disease control efforts. Revenues for Service Charges (charges for services provided by the Department) in Fiscal Year 2027 are budgeted to be \$12,212,671 which are four percent (4%) lower than the prior fiscal year.

The \$4,351,510 budgeted for Other Revenue/Non-Operating Revenue is two percent (2%) lower than the prior year's budget.

An allocation of \$10,787,674 is expected from the Department's General Fund balance.

### **Expenditure Highlights**

Personnel costs of \$47,931,396, which includes a proposed four percent (4%) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) are projected higher than those budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026. Salaries account for 72% of the personnel cost budget, with employee and retiree benefits representing 26% and two percent (2%), respectively.

Contractual Services of \$6,032,764 are lower by approximately 14% from the previous year's budget. Materials and Supplies costs are projected to be \$15,521,287, a 9.5% increase from Fiscal Year 2026. This increase is primarily due to projected increased equipment maintenance costs, minor equipment, and computer software.

The Capital Expenditure/Transfer budget of \$1,200,000 for capital asset replacement transfer remains unchanged from Fiscal Year 2026.

### **Capital Projects Fund**

Approximately \$6.6 million in expenditures are planned for Fiscal Year 2027. These include funds for repairs and improvements to JCDH buildings, replacement of obsolete vehicles, and replacement of some information technology (IT) infrastructure.

### **Special Revenue Funds**

In addition to the General Fund Budget, the Department has seventeen active Special Revenue Funds, expected to total approximately \$7 million. These funds are operated according to the funding requirements of special grants and appropriations.

The General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue Fund budgets for Fiscal Year 2027 total \$77,305,464.

Following Mr. Holmes' presentation, the Board discussed the budgetary impact of the proposed four percent (4%) cost-of-living adjustment. Mr. Holmes and Dr. Hicks responded to questions regarding the proposed adjustment, its potential effect on the Department, and the basis for the recommended percentage. They stated that the proposed cost-of-living adjustment was based on inflationary projections and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Dr. Turnipseed suggested that, going forward, the Board establish a formal process for determining the annual COLA.

On the motion of Dr. Heaton, and seconded by Dr. Kong, the following resolutions were approved, with Commissioner Stephens abstaining:

### **Budget – Fiscal Year 2027 and Cost-of-Living Adjustment**

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund Budget of the Jefferson County Department of Health for fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, in the amount of \$70,685,477, is adopted. This budget includes a four percent (4%) cost-of-living increase for eligible Jefferson County Department of Health employees effective October 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Special Revenue Fund Budgets for fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, are adopted.

### **Transfer of Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Health Officer of the Jefferson County Department of Health is authorized to transfer funds from one category or line item to another within the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds, as necessary, to improve Department efficiency, as long as the approved General Fund Budget is not exceeded for the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

### **Holiday Schedule**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Health that the official holiday for eligible Jefferson County Department of Health employees for fiscal year 2026-2027 shall be the same as adopted by the Board of Health for 2026 including two variable days for a total of thirteen holidays.



On the motion of Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Kong, the following resolutions were approved:

**Longevity Pay Compensation Plan 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Department of Health values our employees and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Health Officer serves as the chief executive officer of the Jefferson County Department of Health, as well as its Appointing Authority; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alabama law authorizes the County Health Officer to use his or her discretion in the allocation of the resources of his and her office in a method to accomplish the public health work in the county in an efficient, effective, and professional manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Health Officer has recommended that, as an acknowledgement of appreciation for their years of service, the Board endorses additional compensation to our full-time classified employees in the form of a one-time lump-sum longevity payment as set forth herein.

**THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Eligibility for longevity payments shall be based on the following increments of service:

| <b>Years of Service Reached During Measurement Period</b> | <b>Longevity Pay Awarded</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 years of service                                        | \$500                        |
| 10 years of service                                       | \$1000                       |
| 15 years of service                                       | \$1500                       |
| 20 years of service                                       | \$2000                       |
| 25, 30, 35, 40, or 45 years of service                    | \$2500                       |

2. The eligibility measurement period is based on a calendar year. In order to receive the longevity pay during this 2026 resolution, the employees must have met the five (5) year service increments listed above between January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Only the employees who reached the specific milestone during the measurement period will be awarded longevity pay.
3. Longevity payment shall occur as a one-time lump-sum payment amount to be paid prior to December 31, 2026.
4. Calculation of longevity time shall be based on total uninterrupted full-time service with the Jefferson County Department of Health. Since the calculation is based on five (5) year increments, leaves of absence with or without pay and disciplinary suspension shall not be deemed an interruption of service.
5. This resolution only applies to active full-time classified employees. The employee must be an active employee on the date the longevity payment is awarded.
6. Part-time and temporary employees are not eligible for longevity pay. Active part-time employees, however, may be awarded longevity pay if the employee was in a full-time position when they reached the eligible service date for the measurement period and there was no break in service.



7. Payments listed above are gross amounts from which the Department will withhold taxes and other remittances.

### **Grant to City of Birmingham for Development of Parks as Industrial Buffer Zones**

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Board of Health, and the Health Officer for Jefferson County, exercise public authority and duties set forth in the Alabama Code at sections 23-2-1—5, including enforcement of the state and local health laws and regulations throughout Jefferson County, Alabama, including municipalities within the county; and,

**WHEREAS**, among the statutorily mandated duties of the Health Officer, under the direction of the State Health Officer and the County Board of Health, is the duty to “make all necessary visits required to identify hazards to public health and to ensure that appropriate control measures are being enforced” as set forth in Alabama Code section 22-3-5(12); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Board of Health has previously determined and approved by resolution the establishment of a Sustainable Industrial-Residential Buffers Fund (the “Fund”) and directed the Health Officer to direct the use of the Fund for the public health benefits of residential areas in close proximity to current and former heavy industrial sites throughout Jefferson County, including “the creation of buffer zones, green spaces and other environmental projects;” and,

**WHEREAS**, certain funds utilized for the Fund are derived, in whole or in part, from or are otherwise attributable to obligations and requirements set forth in a Consent Decree<sup>1</sup> entered in connection with industrial activities impacting communities within Jefferson County, and the Board of Health is authorized to direct such funds toward projects that mitigate environmental impacts and promote public health in affected areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Fund is to co-fund projects with other entities who make substantial financial or in-kind contributions that provide public health benefits; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Birmingham is a municipality principally located in Jefferson County, Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to input from residents of the impacted neighborhoods within the City of Birmingham, the city has proposed assistance in the development or redevelopment of three public parks, including buffer zones of trees and vegetation between residential neighborhoods and sources of traffic, pollution, noise, and other health nuisances; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Health Officer, having visited areas affected and reviewed the proposed Park plans (attached), recommends the approval of the proposed buffer zones Project as one promoting a healthier and safer community and is apt to contribute to reducing blight in the Birmingham metropolitan area.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jefferson County Board of Health:

1. Finds that proposed buffer zone parks Project serves the public purpose of enhancing community health, safety, and reduction of blight in the City of Birmingham consisting of numerous city blocks and hundreds of homes, residents, and family units.

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<sup>1</sup> *Jefferson County Board of Health, et al. v. Bluestone Coke, LLC*, Case No. 01-CV-2021-902311, Doc. 112 (Circ. Ct., Jefferson Co., Ala., Birmingham Div., Dec. 14, 2022). Final payment was made pursuant to this Consent Decree and subsequent proceedings on or before January 31, 2024).

2. Finds that the proposed grant to assist in creation of a sustainable buffer zones is within the statutory purpose and mission of the Board of Health, including, without being limited thereto, its duty to abate public health nuisances whenever found. Ala. Code § 22-3-2 (2).

3. Approves the proposed grant of up to \$462,500.00 to the City of Birmingham for creation and maintenance of the three parks as sustainable industrial-residential buffer zones as outlined in the attached plans and subject to conditions as deemed advisable by the Health Officer. The grant is subject to the following conditions to be fulfilled by the City of Birmingham:

- (a) Execution of written contract agreement(s) between the City of Birmingham and the Board of Health describing each Park Project and the obligations of the City of Birmingham and the Board (including the Jefferson County Department of Health (“JCDH”)) in connection with the Project; and
- (b) Evidence provided by the City of Birmingham to JCDH of the bid process undertaken by the City in connection with the installation, construction, and maintenance of the Project, which bid process must be satisfactory to JCDH; and
- (c) Provision by the City of Birmingham of such other documents, contracts, information, and approvals as may be required by JCDH in connection with the Project, or as a condition for provision of the Grant, including, without limitation, adequate assurances that the plants and trees in the Project will be watered and maintained.

This resolution is to be effective immediately upon passage.

#### **Supporting Efforts to Reduce Infant Mortality and Improve Maternal and Child Health Outcomes**

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Board of Health recognizes that infant mortality is one of the most important indicators of the overall health and well-being of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, infant mortality represents a profound human tragedy for families and communities and imposes significant social, emotional, and economic costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County has experienced infant mortality rates that have historically exceeded national averages and has continued to face persistent disparities in birth outcomes among racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, evidence demonstrates that factors contributing to infant mortality include inadequate prenatal care, low birth weight, prematurity, unsafe sleep environments, maternal health conditions, poverty, transportation barriers, housing instability, and limited access to healthcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the importance of addressing the social, economic, environmental, and healthcare-related conditions that influence maternal and child health outcomes in Jefferson County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Department of Health and its community partners have implemented programs and initiatives to improve maternal and infant health in Jefferson County,

including community health worker support, safe-sleep education, breastfeeding promotion, fetal and infant mortality review activities, and coordinated maternal and child health services; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing infant mortality requires collaboration among healthcare providers, hospitals, community organizations, educational institutions, governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that every child deserves an opportunity to survive and thrive and that every family deserves access to quality healthcare and supportive services before, during, and after pregnancy.

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to authorize the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund Committed Fund Balance to fund these efforts in Jefferson County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jefferson County Board of Health:

1. Affirms that reducing infant mortality and improving maternal and child health outcomes shall remain a public health priority for Jefferson County.
2. Supports evidence-based strategies to improve access to prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum care; promote safe sleep practices; reduce low birth weight and preterm births; expand breastfeeding support; strengthen connections to community resources; and address social determinants of health in Jefferson County.
3. Encourages continued collaboration among healthcare systems, community organizations, educational institutions, philanthropic partners, and governmental agencies.
4. Supports efforts to identify and reduce disparities in infant mortality and birth outcomes through data-driven and equity-focused approaches in Jefferson County.
5. Encourages the Jefferson County Department of Health to continue supporting maternal and child health initiatives, outreach, education, and collaborative review of infant mortality trends in Jefferson County.
6. Encourages advocacy for policies and investments that improve access to healthcare, transportation, housing stability, nutrition assistance, behavioral health services, and other supports that contribute to healthy pregnancies and healthy infants in Jefferson County.
7. The Board requests periodic updates regarding infant mortality trends, maternal health indicators, and progress toward reducing disparities and improving birth outcomes in Jefferson County.
8. Approves transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund Committed Fund Balance to fund these efforts in Jefferson County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the Jefferson County Board of Health calls upon all sectors of the community to join in a coordinated effort to ensure that every infant in Jefferson County has the opportunity for a healthy start



in life and that every family has access to the support necessary to promote safe and healthy pregnancies and infancy.

### **Contracts**

Renewal of a contract with Dr. David Hicks (payee) to serve as Health Officer for Jefferson County at a rate equivalent to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County's Salary Schedule, Grade 47, Step 10, from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029.

A new contract with Alliance Game Rentals, Inc. (payee) for amusement game rentals, labor, and transportation of rentals for Employee Team Day on October 5, 2026; not to exceed \$6,919.

Renewal of a contract with HealthStream, Inc. (payee) for Learning Management System platform providing workforce development including education and assessment tools. The platform is used to conduct annual mandated training, continuing education, and new hire training/onboarding for new employees; not to exceed \$185,000 from October 1, 2026, through October 1, 2031.

A new contract with Comfort Systems, USA (payee) who will furnish a plumber and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) technician to provide onsite building maintenance training; not to exceed \$7,040 from June 9, 2026, through June 9, 2027.

A new contract with Gen-Co, Inc. (payee) to provide generator maintenance at the Guy Tate building, Annex, and Eastern and Western Health Centers; not to exceed \$12,499 from July 6, 2026, through July 6, 2027.

A new contract with 1 Point USA (a division of iOn Integrated Solutions, LLC) (payee) who will provide and install two door access control panels and card reader at the Annex; not to exceed \$9,183.37 from June 9, 2026, through June 9, 2027.

A new contract with 1 Point USA (a division of iOn Integrated Solutions, LLC) (payee) to provide and install two 2-door access control panels, 3 card readers, 3 electrified strike locks, 3 PIR (passive infrared) motion detectors, and cabling to aforementioned devices and install and test for proper function at Eastern Health Center; not to exceed \$12,666.15 from July 13, 2026, through July 13, 2027.

Renewal of a contract with The Force Safety and Security Company (payee) to provide, manage, schedule and coordinate sworn armed "Law Enforcement Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Officer Certified" officers; not to exceed \$1,461,718.83 from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029.

Renewal of a contract with The Force Safety and Security Company (payee) to provide, manage, schedule, and coordinate unarmed security guards to work and fill-in shifts as needed; not to exceed \$169,128.96 from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029.

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to provide statistical, epidemiological, and informatics support to JCDH. Provide impact evaluation of the Jefferson County Public Health Advised Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (CFGB), and to provide analysis of vaccine preventable diseases at the following rate: Year 1: \$64,380, Year 2: \$109,840, Year 3: \$99,440; not to exceed \$273,661 from April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028.

A new contract with Jefferson County Greenways Foundation (payee) who will provide education services to Storm Water Management Authority, Inc. member students on biological aquatic indicators, and water quality issues and parameters at a rate of \$10.50 per person; not to exceed \$5,040 from June 5, 2026, through June 5, 2029.

A new contract with the City of Birmingham (payee) for the transfer of funds to the City of Birmingham to provide parks and buffer zones in Collegeville, Harriman Park, and Fairmont neighborhoods in accordance with the Bluestone Coke Consent Decree; not to exceed \$462,500 from August 12, 2026, through January 31, 2029.

Renewal of a contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) for Alabama/North Carolina STD/HIV prevention training center grant funding for sexual transmitted infections training for the region. This also provides salary support; not to exceed \$26,576 from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

A new contract with Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Prevention (payor) to pay 12% of Dr. Laura Bachmann's time (plus 22% for fringe benefits) to aid in writing the Sexually Transmitted Infection treatment guidelines update; not to exceed \$37,436.56 from September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2027.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to provide funding for Disease Intervention Specialists to conduct sexually transmitted disease case investigations; not to exceed \$1,115,571 from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

### **Report of the Health Officer**

Dr. Hicks provided the following Health Officer updates.

### ***Report from State Health Officer – June and July 2026***

The Board was presented with the June and July 2026 summary reports from Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer. The monthly reports outline actions taken by the State Committee of Public Health.

### ***Reportable Diseases Update***

On July 23, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) confirmed a measles case in an unvaccinated Alabama resident who is currently living and working outside the state. No known public exposures in Alabama have been associated with this case.

Federal and state public health officials are investigating a significant multistate outbreak of cyclosporiasis (Cyclospora infection) associated with contaminated fresh produce. As of August 5, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed more than 6,350 outbreak-related cases and 278 hospitalizations in a 15-state cluster linked to lettuce from a farm in Mexico, while also investigating additional Cyclospora illnesses occurring nationally. Two deaths have been reported.

Cyclospora is a foodborne parasite that causes prolonged diarrhea, abdominal cramping, nausea, and fatigue. JCDH is monitoring guidance from the CDC, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and ADPH and will continue to support surveillance, public education, and outbreak response activities as additional information becomes available. Jefferson County currently has seven confirmed cases.



### ***Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport Taxiway A Relocation Environmental Assessment***

The Department received notice of a draft for the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport Taxiway A Relocation Environmental Assessment that evaluates proposed airport improvements to ensure compliance with federal environmental requirements, including potential effects on air quality, noise, traffic, and surrounding communities. The assessment is intended to determine whether the proposed actions would result in significant environmental impacts and to identify any appropriate mitigation measures.

Based on the air quality analyses conducted as part of the Environmental Assessment and the Department's review of the available information, the proposed airport improvements are not expected to cause a significant adverse impact on regional air quality or interfere with the area's ability to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards.

### ***Bluestone Coke Settlement Funds Consent Decree Update***

The Birmingham Park and Recreation Board has approved all three park projects in Harriman Park, Collegeville, and Fairmont. On July 28, the Birmingham City Council passed Ordinance No. 26-106, authorizing the mayor to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Board of Health. The Board's approval of today's Resolution, authorizing the Health Officer to execute the agreement, will allow settlement funds to be transferred to the City to administer the projects on the Department's behalf.

### ***Tannehill Adaptive Trail Expansion***

Construction and accessibility improvements associated with the Board-funded Tannehill Adaptive Trail Expansion continue to progress in partnership with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers. Project activities include new trail construction, adaptive-accessibility enhancements, bridge installation, trail rehabilitation, and replacement of trailhead kiosks and wayfinding signage. In accordance with the approved work plan, new and replacement signage will acknowledge the Jefferson County Board of Health's contribution to the project. Upon completion, the expansion will enhance access to outdoor recreation for individuals of all abilities and further advance the Board's goals of promoting physical activity, health equity, and healthy environments within Jefferson County.

### ***July 27–August 12, 2026: Back to School Immunization Clinic***

The Back to School Immunization Clinic was held July 27–August 12, including Saturday, August 8, at the Guy M. Tate Building. Dr. Khalilah Brown, Clinical Services Director, stated that clinic visits decreased by 28% compared with last year, while religious exemption requests have increased.

### ***Valley Creek Fall Clean-Up***

The Valley Creek Fall Clean-Up was held August 8 at sites throughout the Valley Creek Watershed, including Brighton, Fairfield, Hueytown, Lipscomb, Midfield, and Pleasant Grove. The event was coordinated by the Valley Creek Cleanup Committee, with support from the Storm Water Management Authority, JCDH, the Birmingham and Bessemer Storm Water Programs, Freshwater Land Trust, Keep Birmingham Beautiful, Renew Our Rivers, the Jefferson County Commission, and participating municipalities.

### ***Maternal and Child Health Update***

Jefferson County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participation increased to 11,532 participants in June, with a 91% participation rate and 94% benefit redemption rate, exceeding state goals.



WIC completed 3,348 appointments, served 971 walk-in participants, and completed vendor training. Maternal and Child Health staff also received ten From Day One referrals and certified eight staff members as Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

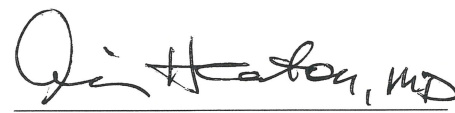
Community engagement included outreach to twenty-one pediatric providers and partners, a Maternal and Child Health Roundtable with sixteen partners, and nearly one hundred community contacts through health fairs, library events, and other outreach. JCDH is also exploring opportunities to serve as a child passenger safety education, fitting, and car seat distribution site.

### ***Leave Behind Program***

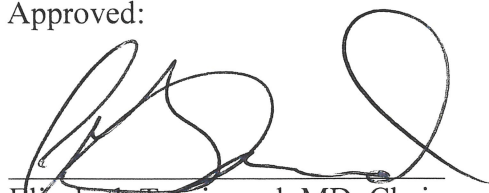
At Dr. Hicks' request, Dr. Ekta Choudhary, Prevention and Wellness Director, informed the Board that on August 31, the Department will launch a program to provide Leave Behind overdose prevention kits to first responders throughout Jefferson County. First responders may leave these kits with individuals who experience signs or symptoms of an opioid overdose, decline transport to a higher level of medical care, or with family members or bystanders who may be able to help prevent a future overdose. Each kit includes naloxone, prevention supplies, and information about addiction recovery resources in Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Association of Fire Departments (JCAFD) and the Central Alabama Fire Chiefs Association (CAFCA) are partnering with JCDH to coordinate distribution throughout the county.

In Birmingham, JCDH is partnering with the Birmingham Police Department to provide Leave Behind kits and implement a post-overdose follow-up program. The program will contact individuals 24 to 48 hours after an overdose to check in and offer support from a peer navigator, social worker, and community support/resource officer. The goal is to help connect individuals with recovery and treatment resources.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

  
Alison Heaton, MD, Secretary

Approved:

  
Elizabeth Turnipseed, MD, Chair