



Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

Administration & Human Services Standing Committee

Fifth Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chair Commissioner Christian Ramirez

*Commissioner, District 1 - Jermaine Howard, Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 - Andrew Kump
Commissioner, District 4 - Evelyn Hill, Commissioner, District 6 - Phil Lopez*

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Immediately upon adjournment of the earlier committee, or 5:00 PM

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Revisions to February 17, 2026, Agenda**
3. **Approval of standing committee minutes from April 21, 2025.**
4. **Committee Agenda**
 - 4.1 **PRESENTATION: NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS' USAGE OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

Synopsis: At the request of the County Administration, identify non-profit organizations using Unified Government facilities at no cost.

For Information Only
Tracking #: 211015
 - 4.2 **PRESENTATION: HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Synopsis: Presentation from the health department to update the committee on current goals and challenges.

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Tracking #: 21110
5. **Public Agenda**
6. **Adjourn**

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Administration and Human Services Meeting
5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Commissioner Melissa Bynum
Commissioner Mike Kane – Commissioner Christian Ramirez –
Commissioner Andrew Davis – Commissioner Evelyn Hill

MINUTES

Monday, April 21, 2025
5:03 PM – 5:10 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Bynum (Chair)
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Burns substituting for Commissioner Hill

Committee Members Absent:

- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Alyssa Marcy (Long Range Planner, Planning and Urban Design)
- Randy Greeves (Historic Preservationist, Planning and Urban Design)
- Rodney Lucas (Interim Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve.

Committee Agenda:**Item No. 4.1 - RESOLUTION: KANSAS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT (Discussion Begins: 3:00)**

Alyssa Marcy and Randy Greeves, Urban Planning and Design, made presentation regarding a resolution for the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office Historic Preservation Fund grant.

Key Points:

- Grant Source: Kansas State Historic Preservation Office – annual Historic Preservation Fund grant.
- Amount Requested: \$50,000.
- Match Requirement: No cash match required; as a Certified Local Government, match is in-kind (staff time) or may be waived due to the city's special designation.
- Project Purpose: Develop historic design guidelines for the downtown Historic District.
- Goal:
 - A. Provide clear, user-friendly guidance for repair and rehabilitation of historic buildings.
 - B. Streamline review by enabling letters of exemption when projects meet the guidelines.
- Context: Builds on prior downtown efforts:
 - A. Creation of the downtown KCK Historic District
 - B. Establishment of the Main Street program
 - C. Adoption of the citywide Historic Preservation Plan
- Economic Impact: Supports revitalization of underutilized/vacant historic buildings; leverages increased Kansas historic tax credits (25% → 40%) to improve project feasibility.

- Timing: Grant released March 28; resolution requested and approved for fast-track placement on the upcoming Thursday Board of Commissioners agenda due to tight deadline.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to adopt the resolution and fast-track approval to the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 4/0

- Ayes: Davis, Kane, Burns, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Ramirez

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 7:14)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carried 4/0

- Ayes: Davis, Kane, Burns, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Ramirez

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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Report to Administration & Human Services Standing Committee

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Reed Partridge, Senior Audit Manager </div> RPartridge@wycokck.org x8043	Legislative Auditor
AGENDA ITEM #4.1.		
PRESENTATION: NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS' USAGE OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES		
BACKGROUND		
At the request of the County Administration, identify non-profit organizations using Unified Government facilities at no cost.		
RECOMMENDATION		
For information only		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		
LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
LAO Non-profit Usage of UG Facilities, June 2025		

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.



LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

NON-PROFIT USAGE OF UG

FACILITIES

JUNE 2025

Background

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

- *Established by Charter*
- *Appointed by District Court Judges*
- *Internal Performance Audit Program*
- *Ethics Program*

Non-Profit Usage of UG Facilities

Audit Objective:

At the request of County Administration, identify non-profit organizations using UG facilities at no cost.

Organizations with Waived Fees

Community Center	Organization	Schedule
Armourdale	Los Bailadores de Kansas City	Tue and Thurs, 6-8PM
Armourdale	Armourdale Renewal Association	3rd Thurs/Month
Armourdale	Cascarita (ARA program)	Fri, 6:30-8PM
Armourdale	USA Dodgeball	Every Thurs, 6-8PM
Eisenhower	Leavenworth Road Association	2nd Tue/Month
Eisenhower	Girl Scouts	Every Fri, Aug - May
Eisenhower	Homestead Neighborhood Group	3rd Thurs/Month

Organizations with Waived Fees

Community Center	Organization	Schedule
Beatrice L. Lee	NAACP	1st Tue/Month
Beatrice L. Lee	Northeast Sumner Douglas	2nd Tue/Month
Beatrice L. Lee	Shuffler's Club	3rd Fri/Month
Beatrice L. Lee	Groundworks NRG	Full time
Parkwood	Economic Opportunity Foundation	Full time
Earl Watson	BNSF Railroad Group	4th Tue, Mar-Nov
Kensington Park	Neighborhood Group	2nd Sat, Qtrly
Memorial Hall	First Suburbs Coalition	One day
Memorial Hall	2020 Leadership Luncheon	One day
Memorial Hall	2020 Leadership	One day
Memorial Hall	NE KS Daughters of the Revolution	One day

Significant Issues

- Parkwood Center
Economic Opportunity Foundation
- Beatrice L. Lee Community Center
Groundworks NRG
- Memorial Hall
Various

Parkwood Center

*Economic Opportunity Foundation (EOF)
occupies entire top floor*

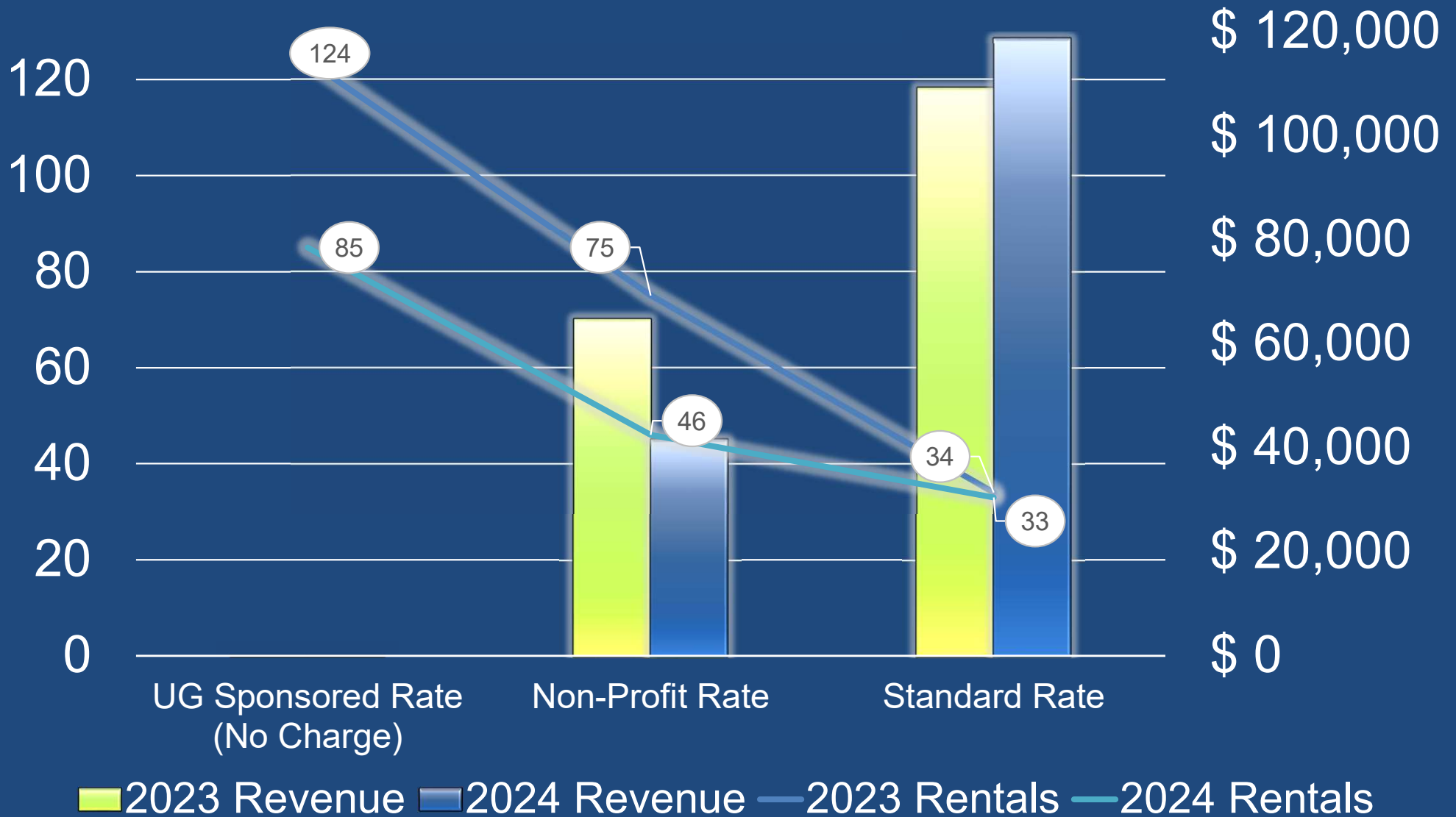
- Approximately 5,400 square feet
- Five offices
- Kitchen
- Conference room
- Bathrooms

Beatrice Lee

Groundworks NRG occupies one office

- Approximately 250 sq ft, used for storage
- Groundworks NRG utilizes other parts of the facility periodically when they host events

Memorial Hall



Program Recommendations

- Executed rental agreements approved by County Administration
- Adhere to fee schedule
- Document approval of exceptions to fee schedule
- Ensure non-profits using UG facilities have all applicable licenses/permits
- Track building usage regardless of fee amount

Policy Considerations

When is it appropriate to offer usage of UG facilities to community organizations at reduced costs?

QUESTIONS?



Report to
Administration & Human Services Standing Committee

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
		UG Clerk
AGENDA ITEM #4.2.		
PRESENTATION: HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE		
BACKGROUND		
RECOMMENDATION		
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BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		
LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
2026 Upcoming Programs and Events, 2025 Annual Report print version 02.2026, 2026.02.17 AHS Standing Committee WyCo PHD		

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.



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2026 Upcoming Programs and Events

Wyandotte County Public Health Department

Additional events will be added throughout the year as new opportunities arise.

Recurring Events

- “Bee Wise, Immunize!” Mondays – 1st Monday of the month, vaccine administration fee waived for children under age two who qualify
- Family Child Care Homes Wyandotte County Orientation – 2nd Tuesday of the month, for people interested in becoming a child care provider
- HappyBottoms Diaper Pick-Up – once a month (typically on a Wednesday; schedule released quarterly), for families who have already signed up for the program

Annual Events

- Community Baby Shower - date TBD (usually late spring or summer)
- Mobile Mammogram Event – date TBD
- Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Third Annual Health Services Community Roundtable, April 2
- Providing services at Area Agency on Aging’s Sock Hop on May 28
- Provide immunizations and other resources at community back-to-school events (summer, dates TBD – typically at Turner USD 202 and KCK USD 500)

Special Events

- KCKCC Technical Education Center Career Fair, March 10
- KU Center for African American Health Community Block Party, June 27
- Art contest events in partnership with Parks & Recreation, June/July

Operations

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) inspection for recertification – date TBD, required every two years
- Reaccreditation site visit – date TBD, reaccreditation application currently under review by Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- FIFA World Cup Preparations – Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response, Environmental Health, Communications, coordinating with regional partners through Mid America Regional Council (MARC)



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Wyandotte County Public Health Department

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(WyCo PHD)

Mission

To protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of the people in Wyandotte County by providing external and internal access through direct service and community partnerships.

Vision

Every person in Wyandotte County has the opportunity to live their healthiest life.

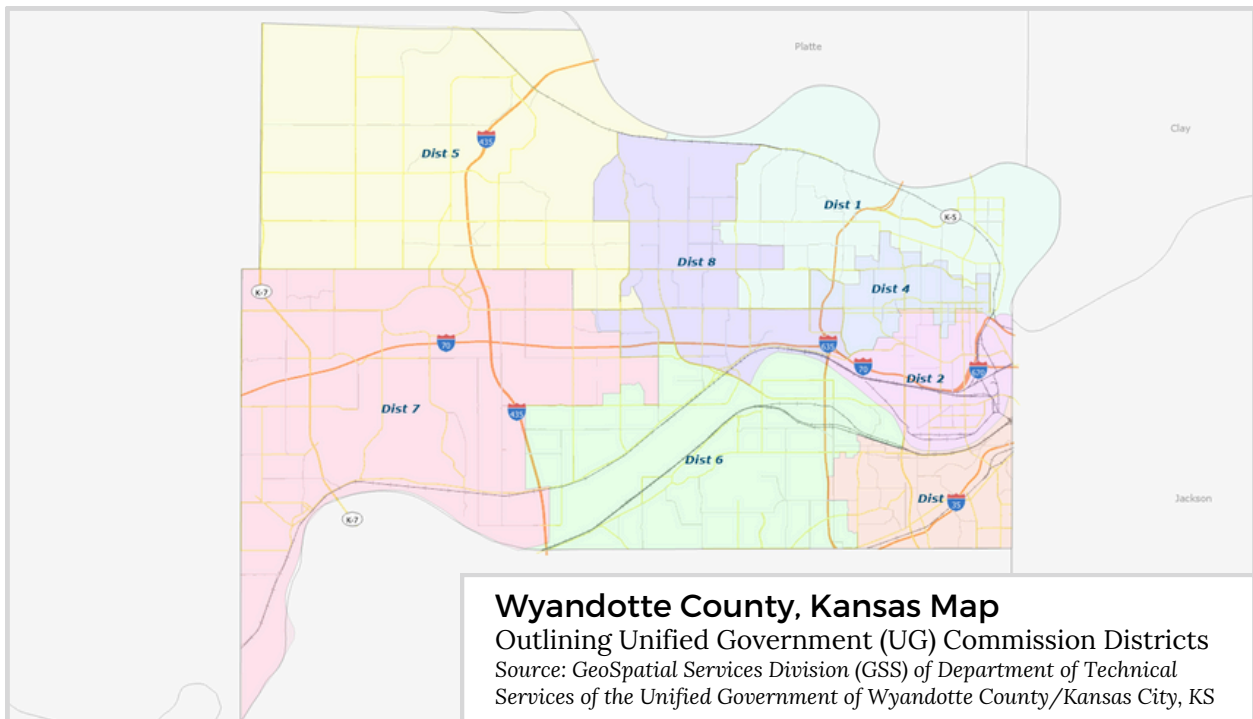


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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners and Community Members,

I'm happy to share our 2025 Annual Report with you. This year was one of creative problem solving, perseverance, and ongoing dedication to serving Wyandotte County. We had opportunities and important accomplishments in 2025, such as:

- We worked to expand the Healthy Families Wyandotte program to be able to serve more families, supporting healthy birth outcomes and child development. We received funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to expand the program.
- In the spring, we launched new payment systems through the PayIt platform for both Clinical Services and for licenses and permits through Environmental Inspections. This made payments more efficient and user-friendly for both program areas and enabled our clinic to accept HSA and FSA payments.
- In June, the Clinical Services Division expanded its walk-in clinic hours to five days a week.
- On October 13, Grandparents for Gun Safety named the Wyandotte County Public Health Department the 2025 Organization Advocate of the Year in honor of our department's Violence Prevention work and backbone support for the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- In 2020, we received accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). To maintain accreditation status, health departments must submit for reaccreditation every five years. On November 24, 2025, after over a year of preparation and several hundred pages of documentation, we submitted for reaccreditation. Meeting PHAB accreditation criteria shows that we follow national public health standards to provide essential services and functions.

While reflecting on 2025, I want to acknowledge that the year brought some challenges. Circumstances at the federal, state, and local levels led to strenuous financial situations, difficulties filling vacant staff positions due to budget constraints, and uncertainty about many of our programs and focus areas. Through all of these challenges, I'm proud to say that our team navigated obstacles and continued providing high-quality and essential health services to our community. With vacant positions in our Epidemiology Division, other staff stepped up to help fulfill critical tasks such as monitoring and responding to reports of infectious diseases. Despite temporary lapses in grant funding in 2025, we were able to continue our AmeriCorps program and maintain benefits and appointments for our WIC clients. Our team also worked to help community members facing challenges this year. During the government shutdown, our social services staff organized a food drive to help serve clients coming to the Health Department.

Looking ahead to next year, we will welcome our new Mayor and Commissioners and look forward to working with the Unified Government Commission in their capacity as the Board of Health. We will also prepare for the World Cup to come to Kansas City! Amid the excitement and anticipation, we recognize the need for diligence on public health preparedness, communicable disease prevention, and proactive communications to residents and visitors. We have already begun collaborating with regional partners to be ready for public health needs that may arise.

I'm grateful for the hard work of our team and the support of our partners. It is an honor to serve Wyandotte County, and our department will keep striving to provide critical public health services for our community.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrie Garrison".

Terrie Garrison, R.N., B.S.N.

Interim Director, Wyandotte County Public Health Department

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

DIVISIONS



CLINICAL SERVICES

Overview

Our Clinical Services Division provides an array of healthcare services, including low-cost or sliding scale services for people who are uninsured or underinsured. Service areas include:

- **Family Planning:** Well-woman exams; breast and cervical cancer screenings; pregnancy testing; reproductive planning and counseling; and birth control, including oral contraceptives and long-acting birth control options (IUDs, implants, Depo-Provera).
- **Immunizations:** Childhood immunizations, adult immunizations, travel vaccinations, and seasonal vaccines.
- **Laboratory:** Direct access lab tests, such as pregnancy testing, lead testing, lipid panel, and more.
- **Limited Primary Care:** Treatment for common conditions, work physicals, and sports and camp physicals.
- **Prenatal Care and Resources:** Prenatal classes, low-cost prenatal care for uninsured women in the county.
- **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Services:** Testing and treatment; HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).
- **Social Services:** In-house Licensed Bachelor Social Worker and Universal Home Visiting; HappyBottoms.
- **Free Naloxone (NARCAN®) and Fentanyl Test Strips** available at the front desk.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

7.1.1: Engage with health care delivery system partners to assess access to health care services. | **7.1.2:** Implement and evaluate strategies to improve access to healthcare services. | **7.2.1:** Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services. | **7.2.2:** Collaborate with other sectors to ensure access to care during service disruptions.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 1: Increase trust in public health and healthcare systems by WyCo residents. | **SP 1:** Increase accessibility of WyCo PHD prenatal and other health services for Wyandotte County residents. | **SP 1:** Reduce barriers that prevent Wyandotte County residents from accessing prenatal care and other needed healthcare services. | **SP 6:** Improve WyCo PHD's clinical flow process.



Increased clinical service utilization by 41% from last year

2025 Highlights



Distributed 132 car seats to families in Wyandotte County through the department's Car Seat Service.

Increased walk-in clinic hours to five days a week.

Launched PayIt, a new electronic payment portal, to make payments more convenient for clients and enable the clinic to accept HSA and FSA payments.

1,966 Family Planning and STI Services patient visits.

Performed 18 colposcopies. Colposcopy is an exam that uses a special magnifying device to look at the cervix. Patients may be referred for a colposcopy if they have an abnormal Pap smear result.

135 Limited Primary Care encounters (patient visits).

5,628 vaccinations provided to 1,964 patients throughout the year.

Conducted vaccine outreach efforts to help families with school-aged children stay up to date on routine immunizations:

- Provided vaccinations at 6 outreach events in partnership with local school districts.
- Collaborated with community medical providers and other WyCo PHD divisions for vaccine outreach support.

Collaborated with Early Intervention and Prevention Services to administer the HappyBottoms program, serving 239 families in quarters 1 through 3. HappyBottoms provides free diapers or training pants for families who qualify.

Distributed safe sleep resources (information and supplies for safe infant sleep practices) to 166 community members.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Overview

- **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):** Provides backbone support to implement the CHIP, a plan to improve health across our county, created every 5 years based on health data and community input collected during a Community Health Assessment.
- **Health Equity Task Force (HETF):** WyCo PHD, partners, and the community collaborate to address inconsistency of health issues across WyCo and improve overall health.
- **Substance Use:** Provides programs and resources including a Peer Support Program, free naloxone (NARCAN®), free fentanyl test strips, and connecting people to other Kansas City Metro Area resources.
- **Tobacco:** Coordinates a Tobacco Free Wyandotte Coalition, supports RESIST chapters in USD 500 schools to reduce tobacco and vape use, and facilitates the Tobacco Retail Licensing program to prevent the sale of tobacco to those under the age of 21.
- **Violence Prevention:** Coordinates initiatives to address community risk factors for violence and increase community protective factors against violence.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

4.1.1: Foster cross-sector collaboration to advance equity. | **4.1.2:** Participate actively in a community health coalition. | **4.1.3:** Engage with community members to address public health issues and promote health. | **5.1.1:** Examine and contribute to improving policies and laws. | **5.2.1:** Adopt a community health improvement plan (CHIP). | **5.2.2:** Encourage and participate in collaborative implementation and revision of the CHIP. | **5.2.3:** Address factors that contribute to specific populations' higher health risks and poorer health outcomes.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 2: Increase WyCo PHD's collaboration with community partners to implement the behavioral health strategies in 2024-2028 CHIP. | **SP 3:** Increase WyCo PHD internal capacity and resources to connect clients to needed substance use disorder (SUD) services and supports. | **SP 3:** Increase collaboration between WyCo PHD community health and clinical programs regarding substance use and SUDs. | **SP 4.2.4:** Increase retail tobacco compliance with UG's tobacco retail license requirements. | **SP 5:** Support evidence-based Community Violence Intervention initiatives through collaborating and coordinating with the justice system, community organizations, and county residents. | **SP 5:** Improve community partnerships, internal education and resources, and collaboration with intimate partner violence (IPV)/domestic violence (DV) related services to reduce IPV/DV rates in Wyandotte County.

2025 Highlights

CHIP: Raised funds for the Kansas City, KS Housing Authority tenant barrier fund, helping 95 households gain housing.

HETF: Funded (ARPA) bilingual community health workers at Mercy & Truth Clinic, onboarding 150 patients from the closed Duchesne Clinic. Worked with Clinical Services to host 6 childhood vaccination events in partnership with local school districts, vaccinating 271 students.

Substance Use: Distributed 2,274 naloxone (NARCAN®) doses to community (Clinical Services: 1,274; community partners: 1,000). Created and distributed 250+ Harm Reduction Supply bags for those in need - these kits include naloxone, fentanyl test strips, condoms, hygiene items, etc. Served 52 clients with peer support recovery services, May-December.

Tobacco: Started the Tobacco Retail Licensing program; licensed 139 of 159 tobacco retailers. 3 tobacco retailers opted to stop selling tobacco products. Schlagle High School RESIST chapter hosted "Dodge the Addiction" dodgeball tournament.

Violence Prevention: Distributed 985 gun locks in collaboration with community partners, a 450% increase from last year. Received the Judy Sherry Outstanding Organization Advocate of the Year Award from Grandparents for Gun Safety.



Shelby Woodward (left) from the WyCo PHD accepting the 2025 Organization Advocate of the Year Award from Barb McNeile (right) with Grandparents for Gun Safety.

EARLY INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SERVICES

Overview

Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP) programs include:

- **Healthy Families Wyandotte (HFW):** Intensive home visiting program for pregnant moms. Home visitors work with the moms until their child turns 3 years old. The program focuses on child development, breastfeeding support, and birth outcomes.
- **Youth Empowerment Services (YES):** Free case management for pregnant and parenting teens and young adults. Eligibility for the YES program: 1) age 21 or younger, 2) live in Wyandotte County, and 3) pregnant OR have a child under 12 months old.



On July 30th, Early Intervention and Prevention Services, in collaboration with WIC, held a Community Baby Shower. 149 community members participated in the event, and each caregiver was able to leave with a gift. The event had 29 vendor tables to help connect attendees to community resources and services, including other health department programs, such as the Car Seat Service.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

7.2.1: Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services.

2025 Highlights



HFW completed a total of 3,598 home visits for the year.

Healthy Families Wyandotte (HFW) served a total of 73 caregivers for the fiscal year Oct 2024-Sept 2025, including a total of 57 children for the year.

Of the 73 caregivers served by HFW in 2025, 36 were new enrollees for the year and 37 were continuing from the previous year.

HFW tabled at several events, including: 1) Health Literacy Fair at the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library main branch, 2) Children's Health Fair at Preservation Park to promote healthy spaces and lifestyles for families in the northeast urban community, 3) Silver City Days, 4) Enough is Enough at J.C. Harmon High School, 5) Turner Parents as Teacher's Trunk or Treat, and 6) the Kansas City, KS Mayor's Tree Lighting event.

Starting May 2025, HFW began participating in the Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (HV COIIN) research study regarding postpartum wellbeing. The study will run through June 2027.

HappyBottoms served 239 families from quarter 1 through 3. HappyBottoms provides free diapers or training pants for families who qualify. EIP collaborates with the Clinical Services Division to administer the program.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Overview

The Environmental Health Division includes a variety of programs to monitor and address environmental conditions that can impact public health. Our Environmental Health programs work to improve the quality of life of our residents through education, inspection, and the enforcement of environmental health laws and regulations in Wyandotte County. Our Environmental Health Division consists of four program areas:

- Our local **Air Quality** program works to provide a cleaner, healthier environment for the residents of Wyandotte County. We regularly inspect facilities operating under air permits to ensure that they abide by local, state, and federal air quality laws. We also monitor the ambient air quality of Wyandotte County at our local monitoring site, allowing for informed decisions on relevant environmental programs.
- The **Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program** works with all child care providers in Wyandotte County. The CCL team completes child care-related inspections, offers trainings approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for child care providers, presents orientation meetings for new providers, and offers resources for licensed providers.
- **Environmental Inspections** is responsible for annual inspections of aquatic facilities (pools, spas, spray parks) and septic systems. Issues permits for: septic systems, septic installer licensing, and aquatic facilities.
- The **Lead Hazard Control Program (kNOw Lead KCK)** provides services to lessen lead poisoning exposure and other home health hazards.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

6.1.1: Monitor/improve inspection activities. | **6.1.2:** Monitor/improve enforcement activities. | **6.1.3:** Identify/implement improvement opportunities increasing compliance. | **6.1.4:** Ensure investigation/enforcement activities are equitable.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 4.1.1: Increase property owner awareness of- and access to- resources to address lead-based paint and other environmental hazards. | **SP 4.2.1:** Reduce the number of swimming pools that have unsafe drains. | **SP 4.2.2:** Reduce the number of antiquated or failing septic systems in Wyandotte County. | **SP 4.2.3:** Increase communication/collaboration between WyCo PHD divisions or programs and other UG departments that have a role to play in enforcing environmental health laws and policies.

2025 Highlights

Launched PayIt, a new electronic payment portal for aquatic and septic permits and licenses, making the payment process more convenient for customers and improving customer service.

Environmental Inspections continued implementing the 5-year Aquatic Improvement Plan with the primary goal of VGB drain compliance for all pools. As of December 2025, all functioning and licensed pools in Wyandotte are compliant.

Environmental Inspections began preparations to partner with UG Environmental Services (ES) on 2026 waste hauler inspections. The inspections will be conducted at a new drive-through facility at the ES campus, replacing previous outdoor inspections.

kNOw Lead KCK began Memorandum of Understanding negotiations with Children's Mercy to conduct upcoming Healthy Homes assessments on eligible Kansas City, KS residences. Additionally, kNOw Lead KCK hired a new Professional Program Assistant (funded by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant) to manage application processing and community outreach to help increase the number of families receiving home lead remediation services going into 2026.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported that our Child Care Licensing team achieved a 98% timeliness rate on annual reviews, which is well above the statewide average of 90%.

The Child Care Licensing team assisted the UG Community Development Department to offer grant opportunities for Kansas City, KS childcare providers to enhance their services, with applications opening in December of 2025.

Air Quality staff completed all inspections for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 on time and began FFY 2026 inspections. The Air Quality program staff inspects 59 manufacturing facilities annually, in addition to 24/7 monitoring of ambient air pollutants such as Particulate Matter (PM), Ozone, Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), and Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at the Kansas City, KS NCore air quality monitoring site.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Overview

Our Epidemiology team collects, analyzes and interprets data about our community's health and works to stop the spread of diseases in the county. The Epidemiology Division's work includes:

- **Communicable Disease Control (Infectious Disease Epidemiology):** Monitors infectious disease data, investigates reports of communicable diseases in Wyandotte County, investigates potential outbreaks of disease, and works to prevent the spread of disease.
- **Informatics and Hot Spot Mapping:** Collects and analyzes health-related data including population-level data and data gathered from WyCo PHD's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

1.2.1: Collect non-surveillance public health data. | **1.2.2 T/L:** Participate in data sharing with other entities. | **1.3.1:** Analyze data and draw public health conclusions. | **1.3.2:** Use data to recommend and inform public health actions. | **2.1.1:** Maintain and improve surveillance systems. | **2.1.2:** Ensure 24/7 access to resources for rapid detection, investigation, containment, and mitigation of health problems and environmental hazards. | **2.1.3:** Improve and collaboratively implement practices for investigation, containment, and mitigation of health problems and environmental hazards.

2025 Highlights

In collaboration with the Environmental Health Division's kNOw Lead KCK program, our Epidemiology program followed up on 34 cases of abnormal blood lead levels requiring follow-up.

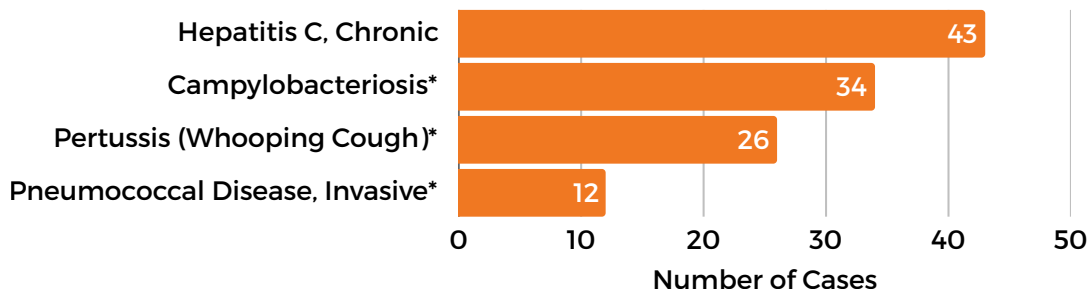
Monitored Wyandotte County influenza data reported by healthcare providers.

Investigated 85 animal bites.

Epidemiology had vacancies in two mission-critical staff positions during most of 2025 due to hiring freezes and funding constraints. However, other staff members in the WyCo PHD stepped up to help. These staff members provided coverage for the Communicable Disease Control After-Hours Emergency Hotline, assisted with informatics, and assisted with disease investigations.

Investigated communicable diseases in the county, such as chronic hepatitis C (43 confirmed cases), campylobacteriosis (34 confirmed and probable cases), pertussis/whooping cough (26 confirmed and probable cases), and invasive pneumococcal disease (12 confirmed and probable cases). Staff also investigated over 190 other instances of illness which are not included in the confirmed and probable infectious disease case counts. For example, the team conducted investigations when a specific infectious disease was suspected, but the patient later tested negative for that disease.

Diseases Investigated by the Epidemiology Division with the Highest Case Counts in 2025



Source for case counts: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Reportable Infectious Diseases Statistics, December 10, 2025.

*Diseases marked with an asterisk include both confirmed and probable cases in the number of cases.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE & COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

Overview

The **Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response** program champions WyCo PHD's readiness and efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a variety of public health threats, such as infectious diseases, natural disasters, biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Our department's Emergency Preparedness and Response program is part of and funded by the national Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), through a grant provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The **County Coroner's Office** provides administrative support for the County Coroner and coordinates transportation, storage, and clerical filings for the deceased in Wyandotte County.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

2.2.1: Maintain a public health emergency operations plan (EOP). | **2.2.2:** Ensure continuity of operations during response. | **2.2.3:** Maintain and expedite access to personnel and infrastructure for surge capacity. | **2.2.4:** Ensure training for personnel engaged in response. | **2.2.5:** Maintain a risk communication plan and a process for urgent 24/7 communications with response partners. | **2.2.6:** Assess potential hazards, vulnerabilities, and resources in the jurisdiction. | **2.2.7:** Conduct exercises and use After Action Reports (AARs) to improve preparedness and response.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 6: Promote the physical and psychological safety and security of WyCo PHD staff and clients in the building and in the field.



Updated the Public Health Emergency Response Plan

2025 Highlights



Emergency Preparedness staff coordinate a Safety and Security Committee, which completed the annual Tornado Drill, a full-scale fire and evacuation exercise, and an active shooter tabletop exercise hosted by the Community Disaster Resiliency Network.

Updated the Public Health Emergency Response Plan, which includes the Continuity of Operations Plan, Community Disease Containment Plan, Medical Countermeasures Dispensing and Distribution Plan, and the Public Information and Communication Plan.

Completed training on Continuity of Operations Plan with staff from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

Supplied equipment and logistical plans for numerous vaccination events in the community and the Health Department in partnership with Clinical Services staff.

Coordinated and completed a discussion-based workshop focused on community sheltering activities after emergencies with Wyandotte County Emergency Management and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Hosted and assisted with the completion of the Health Department staff annual training plans that included HIPAA courses, incident command classes, and emergency action plans.

Completed updates on the Health Department Emergency Action Plan. The plan was reviewed and approved by the UG Safety Team.

Coroner's Office became a member of the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review committee's case review team.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Overview

The Strategic Operations and Communications Division supports WyCo PHD operations as a whole through:

- **Accreditation:** Coordinated initial accreditation and facilitates efforts to maintain our accreditation status through the national Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).
- **AmeriCorps:** Supervises, manages, and facilitates the placement of AmeriCorps members (VISTA and Public Health Corps) throughout UG departments and community partners.
- **Communications:** Promotes and supports the department's communication efforts through multiple channels, such as social media, website, media relations, print materials, etc.
- **Performance Management, Quality Improvement, and Workforce Development:** Facilitates standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the WyCo PHD and creation/oversight of the Workforce Development Plan. Leads the organizational effectiveness workgroup of the WyCo PHD strategic plan to implement quality improvement projects.
- **Strategic Planning:** Reinforces and aligns goals and activities of the WyCo PHD with the evidence-based practice of accrediting bodies.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

3.1.1: Maintain procedures to provide ongoing, non-emergency communication outside WyCo PHD. | **3.1.2:** Inform the public about public health's role and functions, and build a positive reputation of the health department in the community. | **3.1.3:** Use a variety of methods to make information available to the public and assess communication strategies. | **3.2.1:** Design and assess communication strategies to encourage actions to promote health. | **3.2.2:** Implement and evaluate health communication efforts to encourage actions to promote health and well-being. | **8.1.1:** Recruit and promote the development of a qualified and diverse public health workforce. | **8.2.1:** Develop and implement a workforce development plan and strategies. | **8.2.2:** Build a supportive work environment. | **9.1.1:** Implement a performance management system. | **9.1.2:** Establish a process that guides health department QI efforts across the department. | **9.1.3:** Implement quality improvement projects. | **9.1.4:** Nurture a culture of quality across the health department. | **9.2.1:** Base programs and interventions on the best available evidence. | **9.2.2:** Foster innovation.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 1: Increase trust in public health and healthcare systems by Wyandotte County residents. | **SP 6:** Increase community awareness of and trust in the WyCo PHD STI, Family Planning and other clinical and community programs and services.

2025 Highlights



Grand prize-winning artwork featured on the cover of the "Wyandotte County Public Health Department 2026 Calendar"

Hosted the "Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities" Art Contest in partnership with the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library and Bonner Springs City Library. The project was supported in part by a grant from the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

Compiled extensive documentation across the entire WyCo PHD and submitted a reaccreditation application to the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Launched an internship program with University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Actively participated throughout the year in the Kansas City Regional Public Health Community of Quality group with other regional health organizations for Workforce Development and Quality Improvement initiatives.

Introduced new communications tools through the internal Communications Ambassadors Program, such as an editorial calendar, social media calendar, digital media design templates, and an updated communications request form.

Maintained the AmeriCorps program through temporary funding lapses.

Collaborated with Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to select courses for a WyCo PHD staff training plan.

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

Overview

The Wyandotte County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program protects the health of: low-income women who are pregnant or breastfeeding for up to one year or recently delivered up to six months; infants; and children under age five by providing:

- Nutritious foods at local grocery stores
- Breastfeeding support, including breastfeeding peer counseling
- Nutrition counseling
- Referrals to other health sources and social services

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

7.2.1: Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services.

**Launched an
online WIC
application**



Collaborated with Early Intervention and Prevention Services to host a Community Baby Shower on July 30th. 149 community members participated in the event.

2025 Highlights



Served over 5,200 clients per month.

WIC caseload for the first quarter of the year averaged 102% of what staff expected to see.

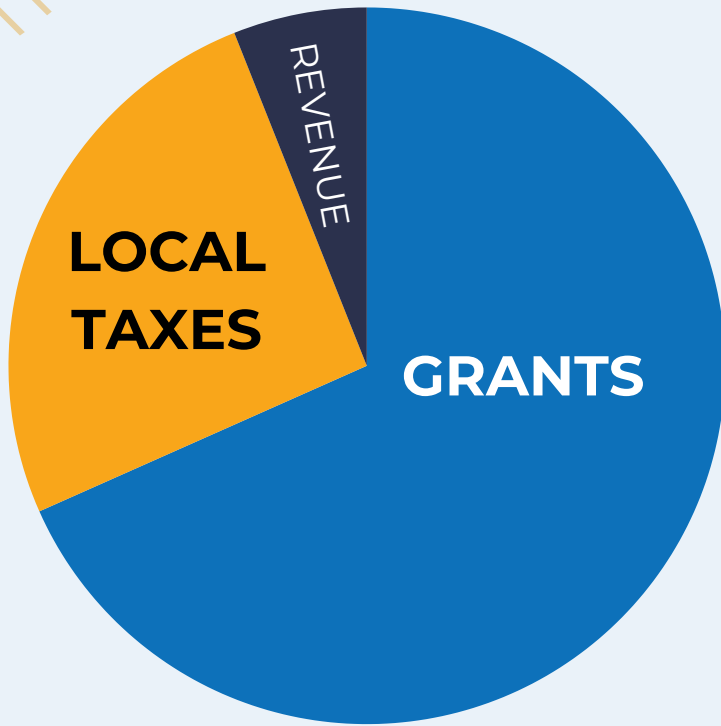
In August 2025, the Milk Depot (breastmilk donation drop-off site) at the Health Department switched from The Milk Bank in Indiana to the Oklahoma Mother's Milk Bank.

4 staff members from WIC and 1 staff member from EIP attended the National WIC Association's Annual Education & Training Conference April 22-25th in Las Vegas, NV.

As of August 2025, prospective new WIC clients can apply for WIC online, with two new application options: 1) In August, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment WIC & Nutrition Services added a function to our KWIC system (our charting system) that clients can click a link on their website and apply for the WIC program, and 2) Wyandotte County WIC staff coordinated with Strategic Operations & Communications to add an application form to the WIC page on the WyCo PHD website.

The Wyandotte County WIC program operated through a federal government shutdown.

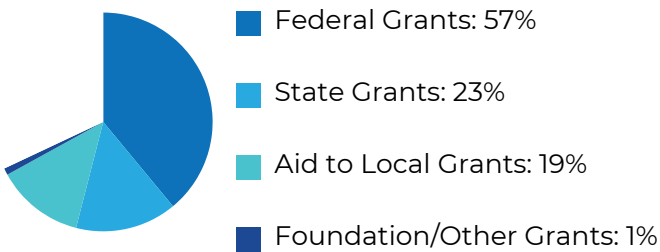
FINANCIALS



2025 Total Operating Revenue: \$13,212,298

Approximately two thirds of the WyCo PHD’s 2025 operating revenue came from grants, including a combination of federal, state, and foundation grants. Local tax dollars make up 25.5% of the budget, the majority of which come from the Health Tax Levy. Only 6.5% of the budget comes from other sources, including charges for some clinical services or for licenses, permits, and fees.

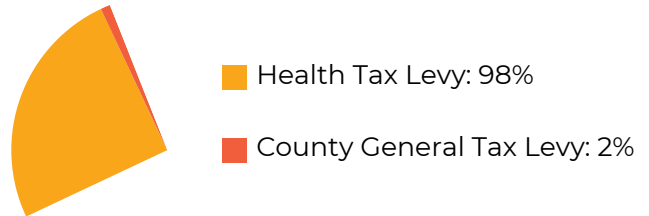
Grants: \$8,967,608 (68%)



In 2025, WyCo PHD received funds from nearly 40 different grants. These grants supported a wide array of service areas, including but not limited to:

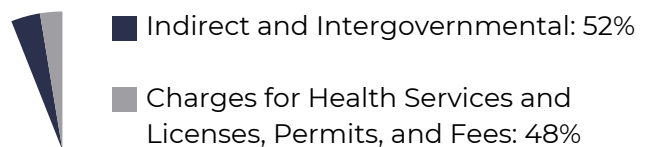
- Clinical services, such as Family Planning and Immunizations
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Home visiting for people who are pregnant or have young children
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Environmental health programs, such as lead paint remediation
- Community health initiatives, such as substance use programs
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
- WyCo AmeriCorps program

Local Tax Revenue: \$3,384,419 (25.5%)

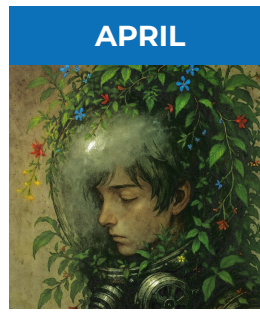
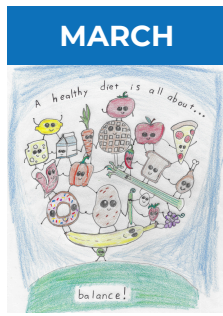
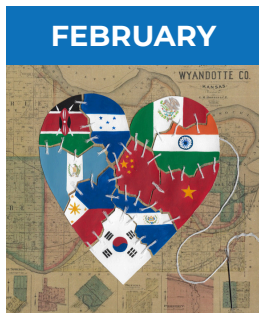
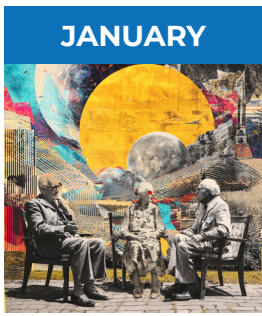


Local tax levies come from sources like real estate property taxes and motor vehicle taxes. The Health Tax Levy is meant to fund Health Department services. The County General Tax Levy funds the County Coroner’s Office operations.

Revenue: \$860,271 (6.5%)



Charges for health services include laboratory fees, immunizations, and other clinical services. Licenses, permits and fees include child care licenses, pool permits, and septic permits.



January artwork by:
Nancy S. Calkins

February artwork by:
Eve Herr

March artwork by:
Charles Hower

April artwork by:
Shelby Brown

May artwork by:
Tamaya Patrick

June artwork by:
Juan Medrano

July artwork by:
Jaxsun Knight

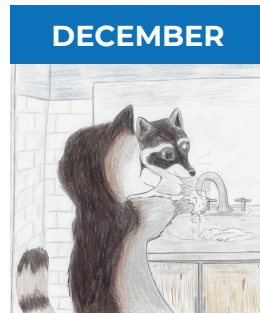
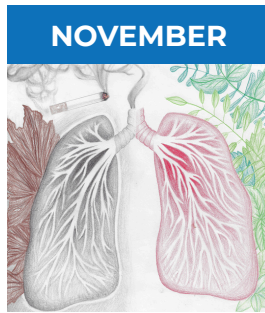
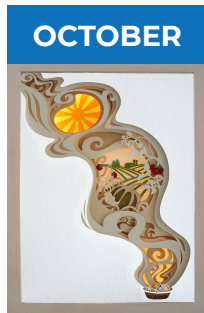
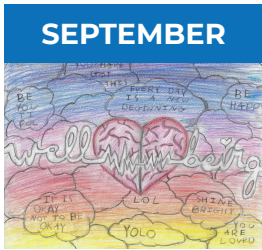
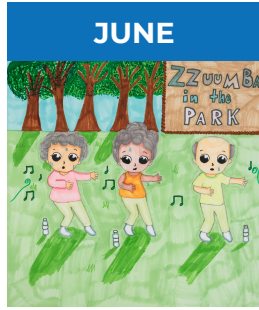
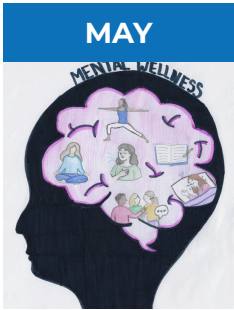
August artwork by:
Shireen Sadeghi

September artwork by:
Shaily Galeana

October artwork by:
Rachel Eilts

November artwork by:
Mireya Melendez

December artwork by:
Jacob Braun



Grand Prize Cover by:
Stacy Haworth

ART CONTEST:

Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities

On July 1, 2025, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department launched a health-themed community art contest called *Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities* open to adults and children ages 4 and up who live in Wyandotte County. This initiative invited participants to express health and wellness through creative artwork and aimed to raise awareness about health topics and essential health services.

More than 80 Wyandotte County residents entered the contest. The contest was coordinated by the Wyandotte County Public Health Department in partnership with the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library and the Bonner Springs City Library. The project was supported in part by a grant from the Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 3.

Winning artwork is showcased in a 2026 Public Health Department Calendar.



Learn more about the Art Contest:
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WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE



*Administration & Human Services Standing Committee
2/17/2026 - Presented by Terrie Garrison, Interim Director*

INTRODUCTION

Presentation Overview

- 2025 Annual Report and Highlights
- Needs
- Coming Up in 2026

Vision: *Every person in Wyandotte County has the opportunity to live their healthiest life.*

Mission: *To protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of the people in Wyandotte County by providing external and internal access through direct service and community partnerships.*



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS



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ANNUAL REPORT EXAMPLE

Division or Program Area

What the division does

Connection to Accreditation and our Strategic Plan

CLINICAL SERVICES

Overview

Our Clinical Services Division provides an array of healthcare services, including low-cost or sliding scale services for people who are uninsured or underinsured. Service areas include:

- **Family Planning:** Well-woman exams; breast and cervical cancer screenings; pregnancy testing; reproductive planning and counseling; and birth control, including oral contraceptives and long-acting birth control options (IUDs, implants, Depo-Provera).
- **Immunizations:** Childhood immunizations, adult immunizations, travel vaccinations, and seasonal vaccines.
- **Laboratory:** Direct access lab tests, such as pregnancy testing, lead testing, lipid panel, and more.
- **Limited Primary Care:** Treatment for common conditions, work physicals, and sports and camp physicals.
- **Prenatal Care and Resources:** Prenatal classes, low-cost prenatal care for uninsured women in the county.
- **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Services:** Testing and treatment; HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).
- **Social Services:** In-house Licensed Bachelor Social Worker and Universal Home Visiting; HappyBottoms.
- **Free Naloxone (NARCAN®) and Fentanyl Test Strips** available at the front desk.

Accreditation and Strategic Priorities

Public Health Accreditation Board Measures

7.1: Engage with health care delivery system partners to assess access to health care services. | 7.1.2: Implement and evaluate strategies to improve access to healthcare services. | 7.2.1: Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services. | 7.2.2: Collaborate with other sectors to ensure access to care during service disruptions.

Strategic Plan Objectives

SP 1: Increase trust in public health and healthcare systems by WyCo residents. | **SP 1:** Increase accessibility of WyCo PHD prenatal and other health services for Wyandotte County residents. | **SP 1:** Reduce barriers that prevent Wyandotte County residents from accessing prenatal care and other needed healthcare services. | **SP 6:** Improve WyCo PHD's clinical flow process.

↑ Increased clinical service utilization by 41% from last year

2025 Highlights



Distributed 132 car seats to families in Wyandotte County through the department's Car Seat Service.

Increased walk-in clinic hours to five days a week.

Launched PayIt, a new electronic payment portal, to make payments more convenient for clients and enable the clinic to accept HSA and FSA payments.

1,966 Family Planning and STI Services patient visits.

Performed 18 colposcopies. Colposcopy is an exam that uses a special magnifying device to look at the cervix. Patients may be referred for a colposcopy if they have an abnormal Pap smear result.

135 Limited Primary Care encounters (patient visits).

5,628 vaccinations provided to 1,964 patients throughout the year.

Conducted vaccine outreach efforts to help families with school-aged children stay up to date on routine immunizations:

- Provided vaccinations at 6 outreach events in partnership with local school districts.
- Collaborated with community medical providers and other WyCo PHD divisions for vaccine outreach support.

Collaborated with Early Intervention and Prevention Services to administer the HappyBottoms program, serving 239 families in quarters 1 through 3. HappyBottoms provides free diapers or training pants for families who qualify.

Distributed safe sleep resources (information and supplies for safe infant sleep practices) to 166 community members.

Program accomplishments from 2025



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2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Expanded Healthy Families Wyandotte

Launched PayIt platform for Clinic and Environmental Inspections

Expanded walk-in clinic hours to 5 days a week

Updated Public Health Emergency Response Plan

Launched online application for WIC

Investigated communicable diseases in WyCo throughout the year

Named Organization Advocate of the Year by Grandparents for Gun Safety

Hosted the “Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities” Art Contest



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COMING UP IN 2026



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COMING UP



FIFA World Cup preparations



Reaccreditation site visit



CLIA laboratory inspection for recertification



Recurring monthly events



Annual community events



Art contest for Health Department Calendar



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NEEDS



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEEDS



Capital improvements



Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system



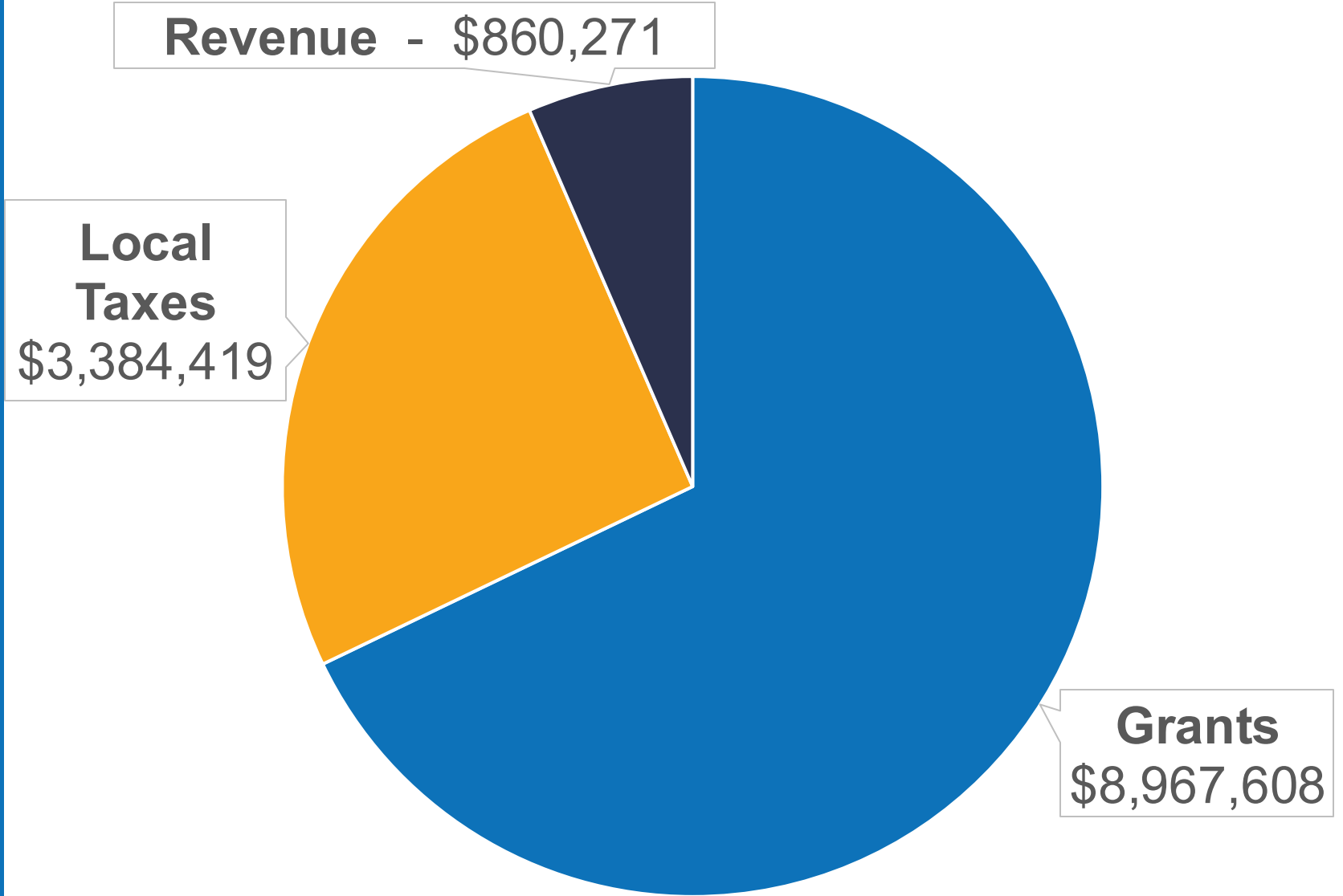
Staffing



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QUESTIONS?



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