

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of November 20, 2025, Minutes
 - Motion _____
 - Second _____
5. Business
 - Financial Updates – Allie Pridgen (Director of Finance)
 - Public Health Updates
 - Health Director’s Updates –Mark J Eanes, MD (District Health Director)
 - Infectious Disease- Teresa Hritz, (Infectious Disease Coordinator)
 - HOPWA- Terri Ball, (Housing Program Coordinator)
6. Health Department Updates – Leigh Ann Combass, RN
7. Environmental Health Updates – Jacob Danforth, MPH
8. Epidemiology Updates – Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH
9. Announcements
 - Next meeting May 21, 2026 at 12:00pm (Budget Meeting)
10. Adjournment





Echols County Board of Health Meeting

November 20, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. | Echols County Health Department

Members Present

Evelyn Howell (Chair)
Bobby Walker (Secretary)
Dr. Vince Hamm
Courtlain Nowell

Members Absent

Dianne Richardson

Other Attendees

Dr. Mark J. Eanes
Dwain Butler
Karen Harrison
Allie Pridgen
Tiffany Cannon
Kirbi Spires
Dr. Kenneth Lowery
Leigh Ann Combass, RN
Tiffinee Dasher
Jacob Danforth

Call to Order

Mrs. Howell called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Public Comments

Dwain Butler presented Tiffinee Dasher with a Customer Service Excellence Employee Spotlight award.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Courtlain Nowell made a motion to approve August 21, 2025, minutes. Dr. Vince Hamm seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Updates-Tiffany Cannon (Accounting Supervisor)

Mrs. Cannon reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2025-September 30, 2025.

Public Health Updates-Dr. Mark Eanes (District Health Director)

- Dr. Eanes stated a legislative law was passed last year that required AED's to be placed in every school and public facility. Along with the requirement, it had to be under supervision of a physician. An allowance was made through the Georgia Composite Medical Board for a non-physician to be able to sign this if the school so chooses to. A copy of the law and guidance was provided to each board member.
- Dr. Eanes presented and provided each board member with a Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure. Members were asked to sign and return it to himself or Karen Harrison after the meeting.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on influenza.
- Dr. Eanes reminded the board members flu vaccines are available for anyone interested.
- Dr. Eanes stated the Georgia House appointed a sub-committee for Rural Health Funding. Noting Dexter Sharper from Valdosta serves on the committee.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board that Dwain Butler, Deputy Health Director, is emailing all board members a community health assessment survey.
- Dr. Eanes shared with the board that the Executive Leadership Team from our district office is holding town hall meetings with each county health department and program manager to get feedback on any issues they may have.
- Dr. Eanes stated South Health District is still transitioning towards the new banking system.

- Dr. Eanes announced South Health District has hired a consultant that will come into the district health departments to guide in billing and coding.

Children's Medical Services-Kirbi Spires, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM

- Mrs. Spires informed the board that Children's Medical Service provides medical care for disabling conditions or chronic diseases in children from birth to age 21.
- Mrs. Spires stated the eligibility for CMS is based on income, type of medical condition, and the age of the child.
- Mrs. Spires stated Children's Medical Service has multiple specialty clinics which are Orthopedic, Endocrinology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Surgery, Nephrology, Genetics, and Hematology.
- Mrs. Spires noted along with the specialty clinics stated Children's Medical Service provides case management for children with hearing, vision, neurological, and maxillofacial conditions.
- Mrs. Spires added you did not need a physician's referral to make an appointment.

County Nurse Manager Updates (Leigh Ann Combass, RN, Nurse Manager)

- Mrs. Combass informed the board of the services provided from July 2025-September 2025.
- Mrs. Combass informed the board that she participated in the school's open house which was held on July 30th.
- Mrs. Combass stated she went to Grimmway Farms on September 23rd to administer flu vaccines.
- Mrs. Combass informed the board of the new yard signage for flu shots.
- Mrs. Combass informed the board that the Echols County Board of Commissioners purchased a new sign to show the different agencies in the building.

Environmental Health Updates Jacob Danforth, MPH (Environmental Health Specialist)

Mr. Danforth reviewed the Environmental Health Updates and Food Inspections Report.

Epidemiology Updates-Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH

- Dr. Lowery provided and reviewed an Investigated Illness Report for Echols County from July 1 - September 30, 2025.
- Dr. Lowery provided information on PrEP for HIV prevention and Opioid Awareness.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 12:00pm.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Dr. Hamm made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Nowell seconded the motion. Mrs. Howell declared adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Walker, Board Secretary

Tiffinee Dasher, Typist

**Echols County Board of Health
Revenue and Expense Summary
July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

		% of Budget				
		YTD	Revised Budget	Received/ Expended	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue						
456001	County Participating	1,549.15	3,718.00	41.67%	3,718.00	0.00
456004	County Non-Participating	8,034.20	19,282.00	41.67%	19,282.00	0.00
995001	Unassigned Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	N/A	2,697.00	(2,697.00)
456024	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Fees	46,725.42	46,726.00	100.00%	37,900.00	8,826.00
456050	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Adm Claiming	49,156.07	40,099.00	122.59%	39,898.00	201.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Annex 750	20,265.00	20,265.00	100.00%	20,265.00	0.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Lowndes GIA	15,325.00	15,325.00	100.00%	15,325.00	0.00
456051	Qualifying Local Funds - Interest Income	239.47	1,250.00	19.16%	1,250.00	0.00
456052	Non-Qualifying Local Funds - Returned Drugs	6,200.17	6,200.00	100.00%	0.00	6,200.00
458001	Grant-In-Aid	92,180.23	182,714.00	50.45%	186,645.00	(3,931.00)
456008	Out-Patient Medicare Fees	2,764.25	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456010	Out-Patient Client Fees	6,924.99	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456016	Private Insurance	5,013.73	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456022	Health Check	651.92	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456031	Environmental Fees	4,290.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456034	Medicaid - DSPS	177.95	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456036	Medicaid PCM	217.80	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456041	Vital Records Fees	1,960.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456049	Current Yr Adm Claiming	1,828.95	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue		263,504.30	335,579.00	68.97%	326,980.00	8,599.00
Expenses						
511000	Salaries	60,254.14	115,292.00	52.26%	115,292.00	0.00
513001	Hourly Labor	0.00	22,602.00	0.00%	22,602.00	0.00
514001	FICA	4,380.83	8,816.00	49.69%	8,816.00	0.00
515001	Retirement	19,662.22	38,946.00	50.49%	38,946.00	0.00
516000	Health Insurance	17,119.37	33,958.00	50.41%	33,958.00	0.00
614001	Supplies & Materials	6,714.05	13,500.00	49.73%	10,500.00	3,000.00
614018	Pharmaceuticals	6,262.01	28,700.00	21.82%	22,500.00	6,200.00
615001	Repairs & Maintenance	1,187.37	2,300.00	51.62%	10,530.00	(8,230.00)
617001	Utilities	4,815.81	8,873.00	54.27%	8,350.00	523.00
618001	Printing	13.00	50.00	26.00%	125.00	(75.00)
619001	Other Rent	106.00	250.00	42.40%	250.00	0.00
620001	Insurance and Bonding	946.96	947.00	100.00%	0.00	947.00
622001	Direct Benefits to Clients	297.15	600.00	49.53%	2,100.00	(1,500.00)
627001	Other Operating	8,687.72	17,404.00	49.92%	11,750.00	5,654.00
633001	Computer Software - Microsoft License Fee	1,273.06	3,000.00	42.44%	3,000.00	0.00
640001	Travel	497.21	1,000.00	49.72%	850.00	150.00
645001	Rental of Equipment	617.45	1,200.00	51.45%	1,950.00	(750.00)
651001	Per Diem & Fees	141.65	300.00	47.22%	0.00	300.00
653001	Contract - Maintenance Fee - Clinical Software	1,185.96	2,250.00	52.71%	2,100.00	150.00
673001	Telecommunications	2,795.58	5,600.00	49.92%	4,675.00	925.00
681001	Postage	390.00	775.00	50.32%	500.00	275.00
761001	Indirect Costs	6,003.27	29,216.00	20.55%	28,186.00	1,030.00
Total Expenses		143,350.81	335,579.00	42.72%	326,980.00	8,599.00

Echols County Health Department Productivity Report

OCT - DEC 2025



SOUTH HEALTH DISTRICT

Clinic Summary

Patient Report:

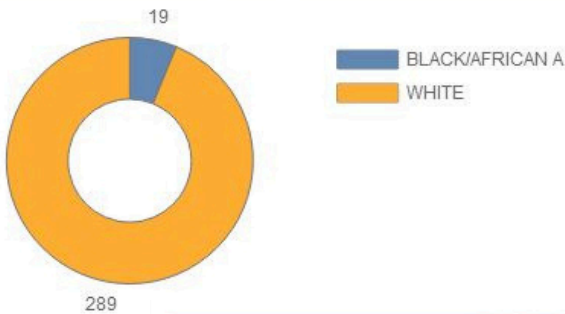
- Total Patients: 228
- Total Services: 308

Top Three Programs:

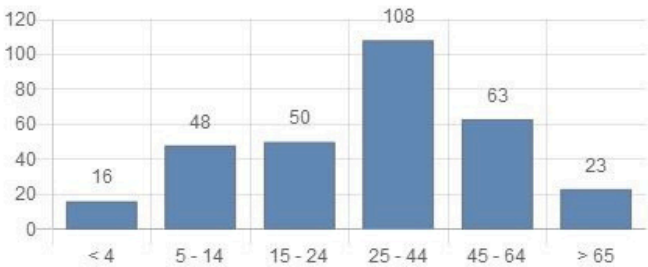
- Immunizations (40%)
- Family Planning (21%)
- BCCP (10%)

Demographic Spotlight

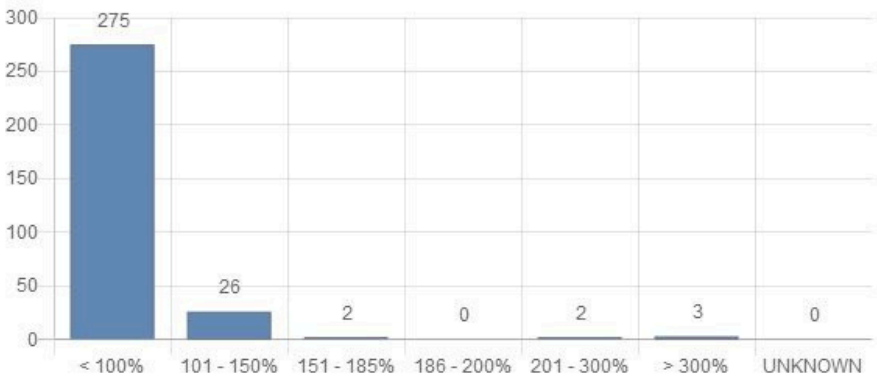
By Race



By Age Group



By Poverty Level



Echols County Environmental Health Update

January - December 2025



Total Permitted Facilities: 13

Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections (Initial & Routine)	26
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Land Use

New System Permits Issued	14
New Installations Inspected	17
Repair Permits Issued	8
Repair Installations Inspected	10
Well Permits Issued	5
Water Samples	2
Existing System Evaluation	1

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	2
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Echols County Environmental Health Update

October – December 2025



Total Permitted Facilities: 13

Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections (Initial & Routine)	7
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Land Use

New System Permits Issued	2
New Installations Inspected	4
Repair Permits Issued	0
Repair Installations Inspected	0
Well Permits Issued	0
Water Samples	0
Existing System Evaluation	0

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	0
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Facility Inspection List: Echols County

FSP-050-000040	Anita Vasquez	322 Hwy 129 S, Statenville, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000030	Las Palmas Taqueria (Base)	PO Box 30, Statenville, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000031	Las Palmas Taqueria (Mobile)	PO Box 30, Statenville, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000019	La Sabrosura Mexicana (Base)	2195 J Frank Culpepper Rd, Lake Park, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000035	La Sabrosura Mexicana (Mobile)	2195 J Frank Culpepper Rd, Lake Park, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000012	Echols County School	190 Hwy 94, Statenville, GA	11/18/2025	100	A	Routine
FSP-050-000043	Three Five Six Nutrition	112 Hwy 129 S, Statenville, GA	12/14/2025	100	A	Initial

ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

INVESTIGATED ILLNESS REPORT

(10/2025- 12/2025)

This report summarizes the incidents and illnesses investigated by the South Health District Epidemiology team from October 1 through December 31, 2025, during which routine and outbreak-related disease investigations were conducted across the district's ten counties.

Incident/Illness	Total
COVID	1
Hep C	1
Salmonella	1

Other Materials

Are You PrEPared?
Protect yourself with PrEP.
One pill a day, keeps HIV away.

Did you know?

- PrEP is a safe and effective daily pill that gives you the power to take charge of your health.
- PrEP can reduce your risk of getting HIV by -99% when taken as prescribed.
- Getting PrEP is easy, affordable, and confidential. Ask a member of our team!

Scan to learn more about our PrEP services!

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Orange Department of Public Health
SOUTH HEALTH DISTRICT

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

OPIOID AWARENESS AND TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

We want to know your opinion on:

- ✓ Local Transportation
- ✓ Local Healthcare
- ✓ Opioid Awareness
- ✓ Needed Resources

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