

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of November 12, 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 Coordinator)
6. Health Department Updates – Michelle Hobbs, RN
7. Environmental Health Updates – Alex Collins, MPH
8. Epidemiology Updates – Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH
9. Announcements
 - Next Meeting May 13, 2026 at 12:00pm (Budget Meeting)

Adjournment



Members Present

Melvin Harper
Casey Conner, MD
Melanie Scruggs
Kerry Billingsley
Sabrina Dix

Members Absent

Aldene Tyson
Paige Wynn

Others Present

Mark J. Eanes, MD, MBA
Dwain Butler
Karen Harrison
Allie Pridgen
Michelle Hobbs, RN
Jennifer Story
Alex Collins
Kirbi Spires
Kenneth Lowery

Call to Order

Dr. Conner called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Dr. Conner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting. Kerry Billingsley made a motion to approve. Ms. Dix seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Updates (Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance)

- Mrs. Pridgen reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary July 2025 – September 2025.

Public Health Updates (Mark Eanes, District Health Director)

- Dr. Eanes updated on the Quarterly Customer Service Surveys.
- Dr. Eanes discussed Irwin County Health Department building updates and repairs.
- Dr. Eanes stated that he spoke with the interim County Chairman, Aldene Tyson, prior to the meeting, who stated he would be looking into the issues however, he stated he was unable to attend the scheduled meeting today.
- Dr. Eanes informed board members the legislators passed a law last year requiring AEDs be placed in schools and public facilities. 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 be able to sign this in the schools if they so choose. A copy of the law and guidance was provided to each member.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on the government shutdown.
- Dr. Eanes presented and provided each board member with an annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure and asked for it to be signed and turned in after the meeting.
- Dr. Eanes stated the Georgia House appointed a subcommittee for Rural Health Funding. Noting Representative Dexter Sharper, from Valdosta, serves on the committee.
- Dr. Eanes explained the Executive Leadership Team is conducting town hall meetings with each county health department and program manager.

- Dr. Eanes updated the board on banking changes.
- Dr. Eanes informed the Board of Health members South Health District hired a consultant that will come into the district health departments to guide with coding and billing.
- Dr. Eanes also stated that Dwain Butler, Deputy Health Director, is sending out a community health assessment survey to all board members.

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

- Ms. Spires provided an overview of Children's Medical Services.
- Ms. Spires stated Children's Medical Services provides medical care for disabling conditions or chronic diseases in children from birth to the age of 21.
- Ms. Spires stated most referrals received are from pediatricians, however anyone can refer a child for CMS.
- Ms. Spires stated Children's Medical Services provides specialty clinics that include orthopedic, endocrinology, cardiology, pulmonology, surgery, nephrology, genetics and hematology.
- Ms. Spires stated along with Children's Medical Services they provide case management for children with hearing conditions, vision conditions, neurological conditions and maxillofacial conditions.
- Ms. Spires noted there are 1100 children enrolled in the program with 10 of those being from Irwin County.

Nurse Manager Updates (Michelle Hobbs, RN, County Nurse Manager)

- Ms. Hobbs updated the board regarding school flu vaccinations, stating the number of vaccines more than doubled for this year.
- Ms. Hobbs stated the Irwin County Health Department currently has new staff in training.
- Ms. Hobbs stated the health department participated in multiple community outreach affairs.
- Ms. Hobbs informed the board the Irwin County Health Department administered vaccines during the Annual Farmer's Luncheon.
- Ms. Hobbs stated the health department held a Cupcake Challenge event in October representing Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Ms. Hobbs stated the Irwin Health Department is currently working on school and daycare immunization audits.

Environmental Health Updates (Alex Collins, MPH, Environmental Health Specialist)

- Mr. Collins reviewed the Environmental Health Update and Food Inspections Report from July 2025 – September 2025.

Kenneth Lowery, DrPH, MPH (Epidemiologist)

- Dr. Lowery provided and reviewed an Investigated Illness Report specifically for Irwin County.
- Dr. Lowery stated the State of Georgia has a list of notifiable illnesses that all healthcare providers and laboratories are required by law to report to Public Health for which is followed up on.
- Dr. Lowery provided information on PrEP for HIV prevention and Opioid Awareness.

Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at noon.

Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, Dr. Conner adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Billingsley, Board Secretary
Jennifer Story, Typist

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

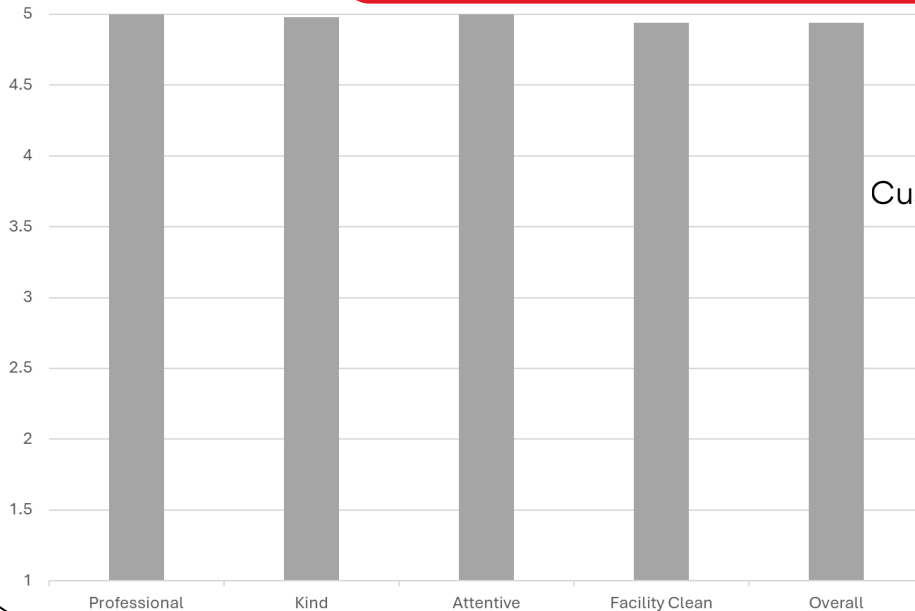
		% of Budget				
		YTD	Revised Budget	Received/ Expended	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue						
456001	County Participating	6,172.10	14,813.00	41.67%	14,813.00	0.00
456004	County Non-Participating	14,661.25	35,187.00	41.67%	35,187.00	0.00
995001	Unassigned Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456024	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Fees	99,128.15	99,129.00	100.00%	108,500.00	(9,371.00)
456050	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Adm Claiming	78,669.47	78,669.00	N/A	59,975.00	18,694.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Annex 750	28,395.00	28,395.00	N/A	28,395.00	0.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Lowndes GIA	19,746.00	19,746.00	N/A	0.00	19,746.00
456051	Qualifying Local Funds - Interest Income	961.66	3,940.00	24.41%	3,940.00	0.00
458001	Grant-In-Aid	120,466.17	245,896.00	48.99%	250,129.00	(4,233.00)
456008	Out-Patient Medicare Fees	17,716.71	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456010	Out-Patient Client Fees	5,758.74	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456016	Private Insurance	19,642.91	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456022	Health Check	2,020.25	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456031	Environmental Fees	9,950.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456034	Medicaid - DSPS	2,185.59	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456036	Medicaid PCM	435.60	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456049	Current Yr Adm Claiming	12,803.32	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue		438,712.92	525,775.00	68.32%	500,939.00	24,836.00
Expenses						
511000	Salaries	80,214.84	184,581.00	43.46%	163,920.00	20,661.00
513001	Hourly Labor	0.00	0.00	N/A	22,620.00	(22,620.00)
514001	FICA	5,641.98	13,060.00	43.20%	11,618.00	1,442.00
515001	Retirement	24,225.43	55,853.00	43.37%	50,063.00	5,790.00
516000	Health Insurance	23,640.85	54,381.00	43.47%	48,281.00	6,100.00
614001	Supplies & Materials	7,961.97	26,227.00	30.36%	20,936.00	5,291.00
614018	Pharmaceuticals	29,557.53	87,159.00	33.91%	87,159.00	0.00
615001	Repairs & Maintenance	1,939.59	10,955.00	17.71%	10,955.00	0.00
617001	Utilities	6,698.45	13,485.00	49.67%	13,485.00	0.00
618001	Printing	185.50	500.00	37.10%	0.00	500.00
619001	Other Rent	0.00	370.00	0.00%	370.00	0.00
620001	Insurance and Bonding	1,126.42	1,126.00	100.04%	0.00	1,126.00
622001	Direct Benefits to Clients	656.83	1,535.00	42.79%	885.00	650.00
627001	Other Operating	2,505.64	5,800.00	43.20%	5,800.00	0.00
633001	Computer Software - Microsoft License Fee	2,075.24	4,780.00	43.42%	3,200.00	1,580.00
640001	Travel	3,332.87	6,735.00	49.49%	6,000.00	735.00
645001	Rental of Equipment	1,204.07	2,328.00	51.72%	2,250.00	78.00
651001	Per Diem & Fees	266.13	550.00	48.39%	0.00	550.00
653001	Contract - Maintenance Fee - Clinical Software	1,185.96	3,215.00	36.89%	3,215.00	0.00
673001	Telecommunications	2,693.42	6,904.00	39.01%	6,750.00	154.00
681001	Postage	464.53	800.00	N/A	250.00	550.00
761001	Indirect Costs	6,463.03	45,431.00	14.23%	43,182.00	2,249.00
Total Expenses		202,040.28	525,775.00	38.43%	500,939.00	24,836.00

Irwin County Health Department Quarterly Customer Feedback

OCT - DEC 2025

SUMMARY: The Customer Feedback Report provides insights into customer satisfaction and sentiment for the quarter. Key findings and customer comments are summarized below.

Customer Satisfaction



Customer Service Satisfaction Scale:

5 - Strongly Agree

1 - Strongly Disagree

(53 completed)

Customer Comments

"I refuse to go anywhere else for my bloodwork. The staff are extremely pleasant and always make sure to work with my schedule. I do not like needles and the nurse, Michelle always makes it a very comfortable process for me. I highly recommend the Irwin Co Health Dept to anyone needing lab work." - Dave

"I would like to thank Michelle, Amanda and Julianna for their assistance on this visit. All the staff at Ocilla Office is always on point when it comes to needs. It's a pleasure talking with them." - Joyce

"They are all so friendly, and very professional. Jennifer at the front desk is always so sweet and Michelle in the back is always so kind, and efficient. Also the flowers in the front of the building look great!" - Natalie

"The receptionists are so beautiful inside and out. They are patient and very helpful. The physician {nurse} was very knowledgeable and helpful and patient and beautiful. She explained everything in depth and I absolutely love and appreciate her for that. My overall experience was amazing." - K.

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Irwin County Health Department Productivity Report

OCT - DEC 2025



SOUTH HEALTH DISTRICT

Clinic Summary

Patient Report:

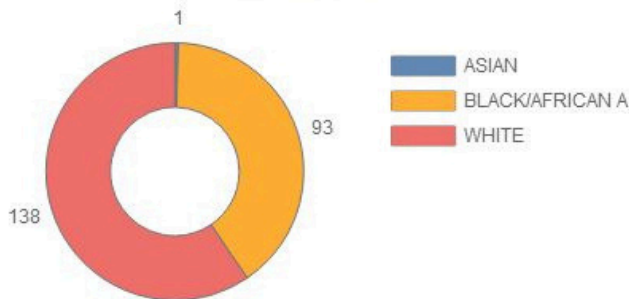
- Total Patients: 170
- Total Services: 232

Top Three Programs:

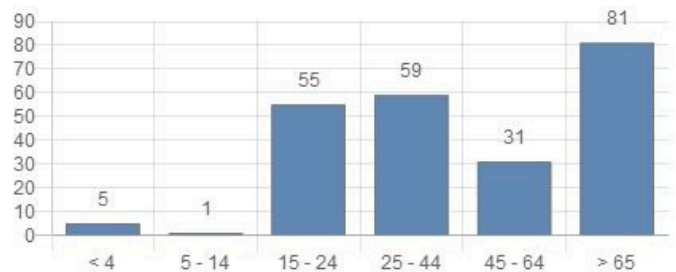
- Immunizations (48%)
- Family Planning (22%)
- STI (11%)

Demographic Spotlight

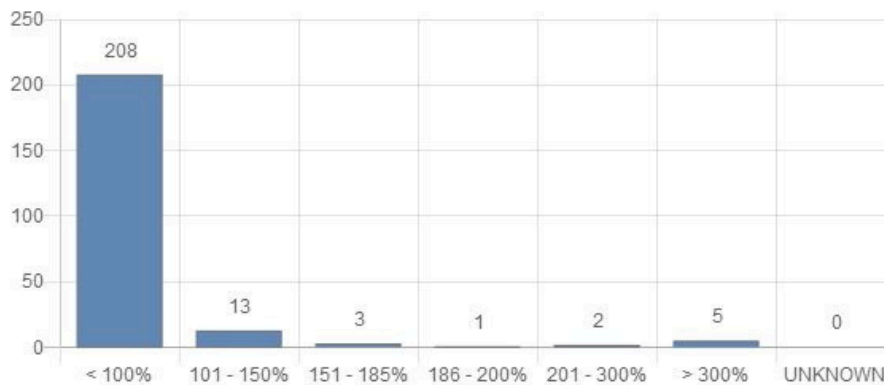
By Race



By Age Group



By Poverty Level



Irwin County Environmental Health Update

Yearly Summary 2025



Total Permitted Facilities: 29

Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections	56
Tourist Accommodation Inspections	2
Public Pool Inspections	0
Body Art Inspections	0

Land Use

New System Permits Issued	25
New Installations Inspected	20
Repair Permits Issued	13
Repair Installations Inspected	13
Well Permits Issued	25
Water Samples	23

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	12
Complaint Investigations	3

Irwin County Environmental Health Update

October - December 2025



Total Permitted Facilities: 29

Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections	16
Tourist Accommodation Inspections	0
Public Pool Inspections	0
Body Art Inspections	0

Land Use

New System Permits Issued	4
New Installations Inspected	6
Repair Permits Issued	2
Repair Installations Inspected	2
Well Permits Issued	4
Water Samples	6

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	5
Complaint Investigations	1





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Food Service Inspections 2025 4th Quarter

Facility Name	Purpose	Score	Grade	Inspection Date
Cafe at Fourth and Cherry	Routine	100	A	11/14/2025
Catfish House	Routine	99	A	12/05/2025
Chicken Delight	Routine	96	A	10/24/2025
C's C-Food, LLC	Routine	100	A	12/18/2025
Dixie Kitchen	Routine	96	A	12/12/2025
Esparza's Mexican Restaurant	Routine	96	A	12/17/2025
Honeywell Nutrition	Initial	100	A	12/17/2025
Hutto's Bar-B-Q & Grill	Routine	100	A	11/05/2025
Indian Lounge	Routine	100	A	12/23/2025
Irwin County Detention Center	Routine	100	A	11/14/2025
Irwin County Elementary School	Routine	100	A	10/03/2025
Irwin County Hospital	Routine	100	A	10/29/2025
Irwin County Middle/High School	Routine	100	A	10/03/2025
Peck's Place	Routine	99	A	12/23/2025
Savor the Tasty Flavor dba Savor the Flavor	Routine	100	A	12/22/2025
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IRWIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

INVESTIGATED ILLNESS REPORT

(10/1/25-12/31/25)

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
Animal Bites	1
C. Auris	
Campy	
COVID	4
Crypto	1
Giardia	
Hep A	
Hep B	
Hep C	2
Legionella	
Salmonella	
Strep Group B	

Incident/Illness	Total
Aseptic Meningitis	
Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)	
Shigella Toxin E. Coli	
Cyclosporiasis	
Pertussis	
West Nile Virus	
Yersinia	
Strep Pneumo	
Typhoid	
Varicella	

Other Materials

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SOUTH HEALTH DISTRICT

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- ✓ Opioid Awareness
- ✓ Needed Resources

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