



Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission

AGENDA

Tuesday September 15, 2026 | 3:00 PM

Administrative Headquarters, 2079 E. Ninth Street | 4th Floor – Committee Room B

The public may also view the meeting via live-stream by using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/cuyahogacounty>

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Moment of Silence and Reflection**
- 4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. New Business**
 - i. Domestic Violence Report – Anne Face, CEO of Journey Center for Safety and Healing
 - b. Community Health Conversation Event Recaps
 - i. June 11th - Richmond Heights
 - ii. August 24th- near West Side
 - c. Legislative Update
 - d. Review 2026 Initiatives Calendar

Initiative	Committee	Date	Notes
DV event series	Mental	Thursdays in October, 2026	Point: Conwell
East Side DV Event		October 20, 2026	Point: Kaus
TENTATIVE: Podcast	Mental	November, 2026	Topic: Period Poverty Points: Campbell
Period Product Drive	Physical	November, 2026	Points (External): Beene, Nickerson
Full WHC Meeting		December 1, 2026	All

7. Next Meeting

- a. December 1 at 3pm

8. Adjournment



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MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 9:00 AM

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1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Kaus at 9:11am

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Dr. Lauren Beene, Emily Campbell, Dr. Melanie Golembiewski, Councilwoman Tenille Kaus, Jazmin Long, David Merriman, Dr. Connie Moreland, County Executive Chris Ronayne, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana, Mayor Kim Thomas

Absent: County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Heather Brissett, Mayor Nakeisha Nickerson

3. Moment of Silence and Reflection

Chair Kaus requested a moment of silence and reflection in recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by women across the world.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Mayor Kim Thomas moved to approve the prior meeting minutes; Jazmin Long seconded. Motion was approved by all members in attendance and the minutes were approved.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

6. New Business

a. Period Product Drive Recommendations – Agatha Hickerson

Agatha Hickerson, Cleveland Foundation Fellow placed with Cuyahoga County gave a presentation to the Commission outlining research she worked on related to period product needs in schools and some recommendations for the fall product drive.

Agatha shared that she used 2024-2025 data from the National Center of Education Statistics to compile a list of schools in Cuyahoga County that would have income needs that would indicate that they might be in need of period products as well. She recommended that the committee convene to determine what criteria should be considered for the donation of products. Commission members expressed appreciation for the work Agatha put into this presentation and the importance of a project like this for women and girls in our community.

b. Legislative Update – Emily Campbell

Emily Campbell provided an overview of the changes to work requirements in the process of being implemented for Medicaid. There are still a lot of unknowns that will be outlined before changes go into effect January 2027. More work still needs to be done but Emily shared that there will very likely be opportunities for advocacy.

Medicaid Waste, Fraud, and Abuse have been topics of rhetoric that have been circulating lately that have ballooned up to the state levels. Emily assured that the proper authorities are looking to claims but this has led to a lot of politicized debate between the government and the legislature. She shared that CCSC will be continuing to work and advocate surrounding the history of these systems and the disproportionate impacts of many of these proposed changes will make on the women in our community.

Some discussion was held among Commission members about the work that the Cuyahoga County HHS is doing surrounding these anticipated Medicaid changes. HHS leadership has been outwardly facing structuring meetings around how to operationalize and get out into the

community to think through how to ensure that our community members maintain access to these important benefits.

c. Mental Health Committee Report

Chair Kaus shared an updated from the Mental Health Committee about the podcast episodes that have been recorded. The first, was recorded by Chair Kaus and County Councilwoman Conwell and was circulated in April highlighting a general overview of the Women's Health Commission and the work that we've been doing. Links were circulated to the Commission and will be resent following the meeting.

In June, Commission Members Brissett and Long will be featured on a podcast episode to specifically talk about the topic of grief. More information will be circulated to the Commission when the episode is released.

d. June 11th – Community Health Conversation Event

Mayor Kim Thomas shared an update about the June 11th Community Health Conversation event to be held at the Richmond Heights Community Center. She shared that there are speakers lined up from MetroHealth and refreshments have been kindly donated by a local business. She shared thanks for the team that has worked hard to bring this event to fruition and reminded Commission members to attend on the 11th.

Commission members were encouraged to circulate to the flyer to their networks to help get the word out and promote the event. An updated flyer will be circulated by the clerk following the meeting.

e. Additional Business

Executive Ronayne asked Laurel Diaz to provide a quick update on the Crisis Center and the Behavioral Care Center at the Jail. Laurel shared that progress is being made on both projects to help those in our community dealing with mental health crisis. There is likely to be an Grand Opening event for the Crisis Center scheduled for the fall.

The Commission Members asked questions about outreach being done about the projects in surrounding communities to educate them on the new facilities. Laurel shared that she can assist with facilitating conversations with the organizations that are leading the projects for those community leaders that are interested.

7. Next Meeting

- a. August 20, 2026 at 9am

The next meeting will be held on August 20th at 9am.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Emily Campbell; Seconded by Mayor Kim Thomas.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.