



## **Erie County Health Department**

*An Accredited Public Health Department*

### **Erie County Community Health Center**

*A Federally Qualified Health Center*

**Peter T. Schade, MPH, REHS**

*Health Commissioner*



#### **Erie County Blue Ribbon Commission**

While reviewing your final report and appendix D – Topics Discussion, I noticed inaccuracies pertaining to our Health Center program that arose from the meeting with David Tatro, CEO of Family Health Services of Erie County.

Family Health Services of Erie County (FHSEC) was established by a joint effort of the Erie County Health Department and Firelands Hospital in 2008 to begin the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) process for Erie County residents. Due to ideological differences with the hospital at that time the Health Department decided it would be best to move forward alone with a Public Entity model for the FQHC, and the hospital decided to move forward with FHSEC. Both entities became grant funded by HRSA on the same day in 2015.

Some numbers are mentioned in the committee's notes that I would like to correct. I have attached information provided by the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) through their Uniform Data System (UDS) that both agencies are mandated to report. For 2023, the number of patients served 7,198 by the Erie County Community Health Center (ECCHC) and 15,142 by FHSEC and the total cost to serve those patients \$6,819,177 by ECCHC and \$12,573,654 by FHSEC. The ECCHC is only a part of the larger Health Department budget of \$24,000,000 which includes many other programs. Our cost per patient is slightly higher due to the fact that we see a higher percentage of Dental patients (62.92%) than FHSEC (43.34%) which are more costly to perform. Also the data shows an abnormally high number of mental health patients at FHSEC (32.04%) which are provided at a lower cost by requiring little support staff compared to medical or dental visits.

It is not unusual for a service area to have multiple FQHC providers. ECCHC is also proud of the fact that we are a gold health center quality leader which means we are in the top 10% of the country for patient quality while FHSEC is not even mentioned. We believe it's important for Erie County residents to have a choice for their health care.

Please amend the final report and appendix D with this information.

Thank you,

**Joseph Palmucci**

**CEO/CFO Erie County Community Health Center**

Attachment A shows the total patients served, total cost, and total cost per patient.

Attachment B shows the percentage of patients in each service type

Attachment C shows 2024 quality badges awarded

# Attachment A

# ERIE, COUNTY OF, Sandusky, Ohio

3-year project period; end date 05/31/2027  [Service Area Map](#) **Total Patients Served: 7,198**

Age and Race/Ethnicity    Patient Characteristics    Services    Clinical Data    Cost Data

## Program Requirements

Cost Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Health Center Cluster	\$1,389,577	\$1,577,444	\$1,445,889	\$1,481,690	\$1,415,220
Total Cost	\$4,297,355	\$4,894,502	\$5,601,501	\$6,428,634	\$6,819,177
Total Accrued Cost per Patient	\$734.59	\$926.11	\$912.15	\$1,100.61	\$947.37

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# Related Content

## Data Sites

- UDS Modernization Initiative
- UDS Training and Technical Assistance
- Community Health Center Quality Recognition Awards
- 2023 UDS Manual (Approx. 3 MB)

PDF



# FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES OF ERIE COUNTY, Sandusky, Ohio

3-year project period; end date 05/31/2027  [Service Area Map](#) **Total Patients Served: 15,142**

Age and Race/Ethnicity	Patient Characteristics	Services	Clinical Data	<u>Cost Data</u>	
Program Requirements					
Cost Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Health Center Cluster	\$885,531	\$808,481	\$966,867	\$740,610	\$889,111
Total Cost	\$3,246,054	\$4,097,746	\$6,698,797	\$9,434,749	\$12,573,654
Total Accrued Cost per Patient	\$617.83	\$657.43	\$765.40	\$739.23	\$830.38

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# Attachment B

# ERIE, COUNTY OF, Sandusky, Ohio

3-year project period; end date 05/31/2027  [Service Area Map](#) **Total Patients Served: 7,198**

Age and Race/Ethnicity	Patient Characteristics	<u>Services</u>	Clinical Data	Cost Data		
Program Requirements						
	Services (% of patients)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	% Medical Patients	51.11%	53.72%	54.18%	53.50%	49.81%
	Medical Patients	2,990	2,839	3,327	3,125	3,585
	% Dental Patients	50.79%	48.36%	49.78%	54.01%	62.92%
	Dental Patients	2,971	2,556	3,057	3,155	4,529
	% Mental Health Patients	2.84%	3.65%	3.76%	4.88%	4.86%
	Mental Health Patients	166	193	231	285	350
	% Substance Use Disorder Patients	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Substance Use Disorder Patients	0	0	0	0	0
	% Vision Patients	0.00%		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Vision Patients	0		0	0	0
	% Enabling Services Patients				0.00%	0.00%
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	Total Patients	5,850	5,285	6,141	5,841	7,198

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# FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES OF ERIE COUNTY, Sandusky, Ohio

3-year project period; end date 05/31/2027  [Service Area Map](#) **Total Patients Served: 15,142**

Age and Race/Ethnicity	Patient Characteristics	<u>Services</u>	Clinical Data	Cost Data	
Program Requirements					
Services (% of patients)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
% Medical Patients	99.05%	90.39%	63.67%	60.23%	44.87%
Medical Patients	5,204	5,634	5,572	7,687	6,794
% Dental Patients		6.71%	25.50%	59.18%	43.34%
Dental Patients		418	2,232	7,553	6,562
% Mental Health Patients	3.60%	8.20%	28.20%	35.74%	32.04%
Mental Health Patients	189	511	2,468	4,561	4,851
% Substance Use Disorder Patients	0.00%	0.34%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Substance Use Disorder Patients	0	21	0	0	0
% Vision Patients	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Vision Patients	0	0	0	0	0
% Enabling Services Patients			0.00%		0.48%
Enabling Services Patients			0		73
Total Patients	5,254	6,233	8,752	12,763	15,142

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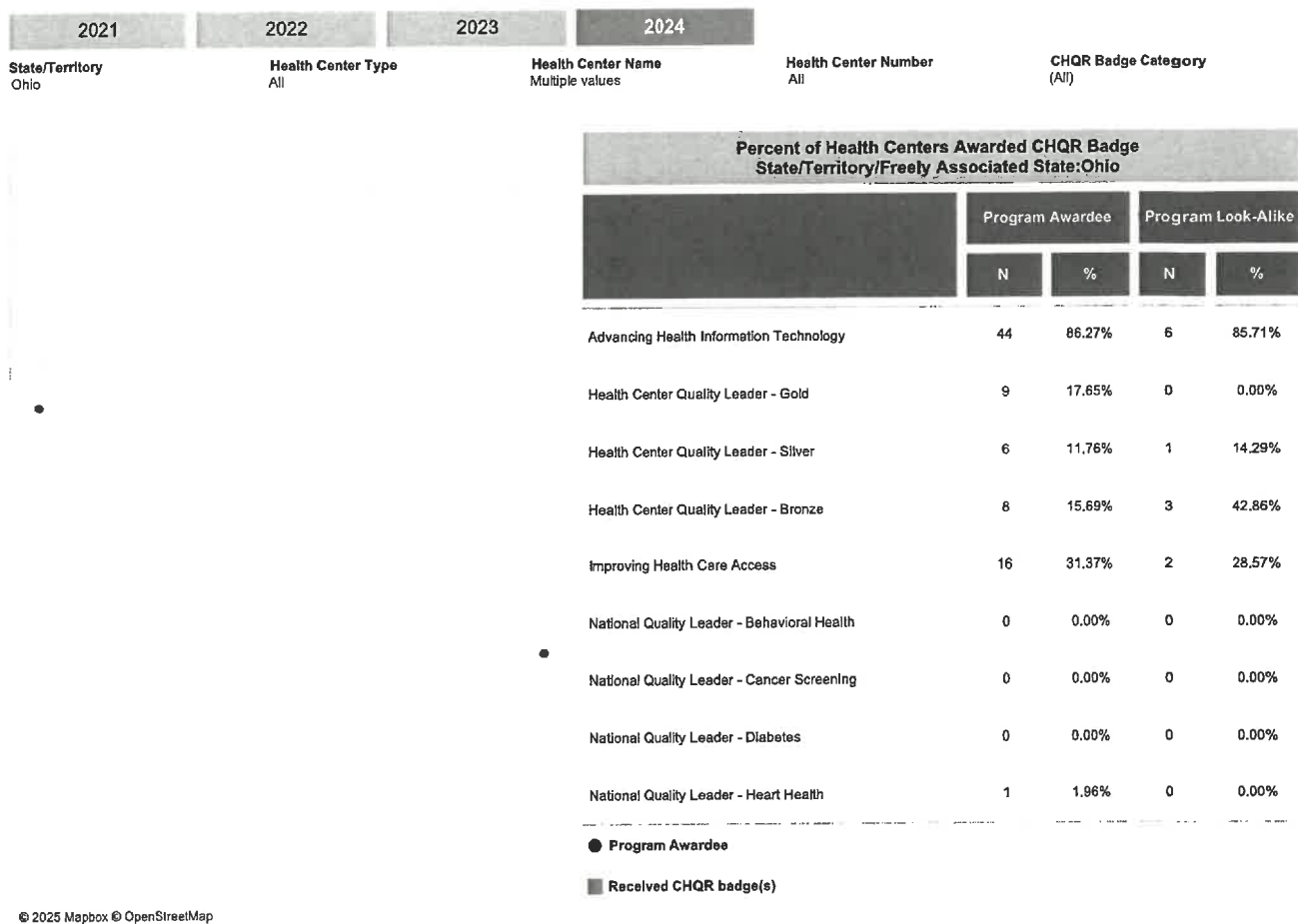
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# Attachment C



CHQR Badge(s) Awarded by Health Center

Health Center Type	Health Center Name	State	Advancing Health Information Technology	Health Center Quality Leader - Gold	Health Center Quality Leader - Silver	Health Center Quality Leader - Bronze	Improving Health Care Access	National Quality Leader - Behavioral Health	National Quality Leader - Cancer Screening	National Quality Leader - Diabetes	National Quality Leader - Heart Health
Program Awardee	ERIE COUNTY OF	OH	✓	✓			✓				
	FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES OF ERIE COUNTY	OH	✓				✓				

1. Data in this dashboard are updated after each annual CHQR badge release.
2. Health Center Quality Leader badges are based on [Health Center Adjusted Quartile Rankings \(AQRs\)](#).