

County Health Officer Quarterly Report to the State Board of Health

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County: Esmeralda

Report for: Third quarter of 2026

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County Board of Health Updates -

Esmeralda County Board of Health meetings were held during the quarter, including July 7, July 21, and August 18, 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026.

Major public health and Board of Health updates during the Third quarter:

- 1) Advanced the FLEX16/Rural Health Transformation clinic project from planning toward implementation. Esmeralda County approved and signed the grant agreement, and the approved scope establishes rural wellness clinics in Goldfield, Silver Peak, and Fish Lake Valley.
- 2) Secured William Bee Ririe Hospital Board approval to move forward as the clinical partner for the Esmeralda County rural clinic project. Work is now focused on finalizing the formal clinical services agreement and implementation planning.
- 3) Refined the clinic scope, staffing, and budget to support a three-site model with primary and preventive care, telehealth access, care coordination, equipment and IT/EHR readiness, and telehealth support staff at each community site.
- 4) Continued coordination with UNLV's 93x95 Nevada initiative regarding rural provider recruitment and retention opportunities that may complement the FLEX16 project while maintaining WBRH clinical integration.

5) Completed and reviewed State Public Health Funds SFY26 quarterly and annual closeout reporting and continued regular Health Board updates on clinic development and implementation.