



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was held on Friday, September 18, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room. Sandusky Co. Board of Health President Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., President
Iracema Arevalo, M.D., Vice-President
John L. Yuhas, D.O.
Nan Smith
James Recker
James Mason
Robert Gross

Excused absence: John W. Zimmerman

Guests in attendance: Townships Zoning Inspector Fred Audritsh and Sandusky Co. Commissioner Russ Zimmerman

McKayla Swinehart, W.I.C. Breastfeeding Peer and Alyssa Davidson, W.I.C. Breastfeeding Coordinator in Sandusky Co. Public Health Women, Infants and Children Program were recognized for their efforts in the promotion of breastfeeding. W.I.C. Program Director Angie Ruth and Sandusky Co. Board of Health members recognized and commended McKayla and Alyssa the achievement. Very well done.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting held on Friday, August 21, 2026. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Sandusky Co. Public Health monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$201,633.47 and revenue year to date of \$2,368,084.67. Expenses for the month \$285,415.97 and expenses year to date \$2,335,682.51.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. Mr. Gross made a motion to pay the bills. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$9,643.59; Manufactured Home Park, \$111.72; Food Service, \$415.25; Private Water, \$2,111.60; Swimming Pools, \$1,505.24; Family Planning, \$2,476.75; Public Health Clinic, \$42,203.87; Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.), \$7,432.00; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$4,732.10; Community Health Assessment, \$15.00; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$49.89; SPF-PFS \$12,269.29; Help Me Grow, \$735.13; Wellness, \$4,528.93; Sewage Treatment System, \$703.36; Immunization Action Plan, \$39.60; Scrap Tire, \$752.12; Creating Healthy Communities, \$189.90; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$117.76; Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund, \$750.00; Pacific Institute Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), 4261.08; and Public Health Workforce, \$2,104.04.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 26-12 Supplemental Appropriation for \$52,000.00 for Public Health Workforce. After review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-12. Mr. Recker seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhas, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; Recker, yes; and Zimmerman, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 26-13 Advance of Funds from Board of Health Other Financing to Mentoring in the amount of \$30,000.00. After review, Mr. Mason made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-13. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Zimmerman, yes; Gross, yes; Mason, yes; Yuhas, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Recker, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 26-14 Supplemental Appropriation of \$31,000.00 in Mentoring. After Board review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-14. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Zimmerman, yes; Recker, yes; Yuhas, yes; Arevalo, yes; Smith, yes; Mason, yes; and Gross, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 26-15 Advance of Funds from Board of Health Other Financing to Mental Health Levy Prevention Strategies in the amount of \$30,000.00. After Board review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-15. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Zimmerman, yes; Recker, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; Yuhas, yes; Gross, yes; and Mason, yes. Motion carried. Voting thereon: 7-yes; 0-nay

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 26-16 Supplemental Appropriation in Mental Health Levy Prevention Strategies in the amount of \$42,000.00. After Board review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-16. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhas, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Recker, yes. Motion carried. 7-yes; 0-nay

Mr. Gross made a motion to employ Mia Knupke, effective Wednesday, September 16, 2026 in the Environmental Health Division @ \$20.00/hr. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to employee Christopher Spoerke, effective Wednesday, September 16, 2026 in the Environmental Health Division @ \$20.00/hr. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Annual Sandusky Co. Public Health Work Force Development Day is Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ the Keen Center, Community Health Services, Inc. campus. OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. Will re-open on Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health heard first reading, by title, of Resolution 26-08 2027 Sandusky Co. Public Health fee schedule.

State of Ohio annual fiscal audit of 2025 is complete.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Notice of Award of Adolescent Health Resiliency grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Notice of Award for Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) grant in the amount of \$405,455.00 for October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

There were no hearings/variances/orders scheduled for this meeting.

Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan (C.H.I.P.) meetings will be held Thursdays, October 1, 8 and 22, 2026.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown and Tim Wasserman, WASS Works Consulting are developing Sandusky Co. Public Health Strategic Plan for 2027-2031.

Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook distributed My Pledge to Keep Youth Nicotine Free” for Board of Health members to sign.

Over 300 attended Drug Overdose Awareness Event on Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 6-8 P.M. @ the Fremont Amphitheater. There were over thirty (30) agencies/vendors distributing educational prevention information and items. Health Commissioner Brown reported the event “gets bigger” every year.

Health Planning and Education have participated in traffic safety events, Downtown Fremont Farmer’s Markets and will be part of Poverty Simulation Training on October 28, 2026

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month with Sandusky Co. Public Health Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) program presenting several activities and encouragement to Sandusky Co. Moms.

Sandusky Co. Public Health walk in flu clinics will be Mondays, October 5, 19 and 26. Sandusky Co. Public Health nurses are active in schools with encouragement of childhood vaccinations.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter introduced the Environmental Health staff and updated the Board on public health issues in Sandusky Co. Townships Zoning Inspector Fred Audritsh briefed the Board on various environmental health issues. Property @ 960 CR #232, Riley Township, completed an environmental study as dumped conveyer belts are creating a very hazardous issues, i.e. burning, rodents. Sandusky Co. EMA, Riley Township, City of Clyde and Sandusky Co. Landbank are working on the project.

OCTOBER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 16TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no need for Executive Session of the Board.

Mr. Gross made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY