



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

The regular Friday, November 21, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order by President Dean L. Auxter, @ 8:30 A.M. with the following members in attendance:

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

Excused absence: James Mason
John W. Zimmerman

Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Public Health Medical Director Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, M.D.; Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller; Sandusky Twp. Fire Chief Dean Schneider; Sandusky Twp. Trustees Gilbert Overmyer and Kyle Amor.

Sandusky Twp. Fire Chief Dean Schneider wished to address the Board regarding 2760 N. SR #19, Fremont, Ohio public health nuisance conditions.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting held on October 17, 2025 as presented. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$271,138.60 and revenue year to date of \$3,419,942.11. Expenses for the month were \$330,064.50 and year to date expenses total \$3,936,942.18. Director of Support Services clarified corrections were made to the year to date revenues and expenses in the amount of \$17,115.68 for expenses paid by county for property tax settlements in March, May, August and September, 2025.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. After review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$23,441.41; Food Service, \$576.09; Private Water, \$325.00; Swimming Pools, \$1,302.40; Family Planning, \$7,239.84; Public Health Clinic, \$7,468.25; CFHS, \$408.46; Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.), \$2,444.72; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$137.95; Community Health Assessment, \$231.08; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$156.77; SPF-PFS, \$21,960.98; Help Me Grow, \$2,044.60; Wellness, \$4,317.41; Sewage Treatment System, \$272.60; Immunization Action Plan, \$3,988.40; Scrap Tire, \$879.16; Creating Healthy Communities, \$175.16; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$538.04; Pacific Institute for Research Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), \$626.49; and Public Health Workforce, \$6,960.83.

Mr. Gross made a motion to employ Beth Williams, Help Me Grow Program, effective November 3, 2025 @ \$20.00/hour. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Report of Sandusky Co. Board of Health Personnel and Finance Committees would be deferred to Executive Session.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve Resolution 25-07 and Resolution 25-08 Sandusky Co. Public Health 2026 fee schedule and summary. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Voting there on: Resolution 25-07, Smith, yes; Gross, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Arevalo, yes; Auxter, yes and Yuhas, yes. Motion carried. 6-yes; 0 nay. Voting on Resolution 25-08 Smith, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhas, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Yuhas, yes. Motion carried. Yes-6; nay – 0.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Verde in the amount of \$55,500.00 for mailing of over 10,000 DeTerra bags to Sandusky Co. resident households with children under 18 and resource tag for Sandusky Co. Public Health included. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health Strategic Plan 2022-2026, which becomes a part of these minutes, was reviewed with priorities Culture of Quality, Workforce Development, Information Management, Fiscal Viability; and Community Engagement.

Sandusky County Board of Health Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) review was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. Priorities: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Chronic Disease, and Social Determinants of Health. Community Health Assessment survey will be open until November 30, 2025. Release of Community Health Assessment data is planned for April or May, 2026, at which time Community Health Improvement Plan process will initiate a new phase in summer of 2026.

Sandusky Co. Public Health achieved Accreditation by Healthy Families of America, which an evidence based model, including on-site visit, review of patients' records, interaction with families and utilization of best practices. President Auxter congratulated the staff on accreditation status.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reviewed approval status for Sandusky Co. Public Health Infectious and Solid Waste Program.

Sandusky Twp. Fire Chief Dean Schneider stated public health nuisance conditions @ 2760 N. SR #19, Fremont, have been an issue since a large fire in September, 2021, noting safety hazards to first responders. Sandusky Co. Board of Health issued orders to initiate remediation of the public health nuisance within ten (10) days and complete compliance within six (6) months. Mr. Carpenter will schedule a meeting with all entities to review and document concerns and follow up within the next few weeks. Health Commissioner Brown questioned funding source for Sandusky Co. EMA in cleanup efforts?

On Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M., a temporary restraining order was issued for 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs by Sandusky Co. Common Pleas Court. The next court date is January 5, 2026. Food service plan review and inspection by building department is ordered. President Auxter stated the necessity for Environmental Health Division to "stay ahead of" on-going issues.

Environmental Health Division staff is working well together, gaining experience. The monthly food inspection report was included in Board of Health meeting packet as requested. Application for 2026 body art licenses will be mailed in January and food service applications mailed February, 2026.

Lydia Bruno became a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Congratulations to Lydia on certification.

Flu and COVID vaccines have been administered in the clinic. Sandusky Co. Public Health Nurses attended a two (2) day conference @ Kent State sponsored by Ohio Public Health Association.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown and Director of Nursing Deb Agee are in negotiations for clinical coverage in Reproductive Health and Wellness.

Women's, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) Program are assured of total grant funding in 2026.

Health Planning and Wellness participated in Red Ribbon Week, October 27, 2025. Spooktacular was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ Y.M.C.A. of Sandusky Co., with over 350 in attendance. Vaping presentations were presented @ all four (4) Fremont schools to sixth grade students. Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook did a presentation for Maternal Mental Health Help Line. Prevention Partnership Coalition completed environmental scans. Sandusky Co. Public Health Suicide/Overdose Review Board met noting overdose deaths laced with fentanyl. Dr. Zimmerman asked if there was an update on Judge ruling on hemp products ban of Gov. DeWine order. An update will be provided @ the Friday, January 16, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

THE DECEMBER SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 19TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Mr. Gross made a motion to convene to Executive Session to discuss personnel/financial issues. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Zimmerman, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhas, yes; Smith, yes; Auxter, yes; and Arevalo, yes. Motion carried: Yes-6 and 0-Nay.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to convene to open session. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Voting hereon: Smith, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Yuhas, yes; Arevalo, yes; Gross, yes; Auxter, yes. Motion carried. Yes-6; Nay-0.

Mr. Gross made a motion to grant a three (3%) percent pay increase to all employees, effective the first pay period January, 2026. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve Health Commissioner Bethany Brown's contract, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY