



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



OCTOBER 20, 2023

The regular Friday, October 20, 2023 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order by President John W Zimmerman @ 8:30 A.M., with the following members in attendance:

John W. Zimmerman, President
Nan Smith, Vice-President
Robert Gross
James Mason
John L. Yuhas, D.O.
Alexandra Rojas
Dean L. Auxter
Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M.

Guests in attendance were: Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, M.D., Sandusky Co. Public Health Medical Director; Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller; Gregory Kohler and Jared Market.

Jared Marker and Gregory Kohler addressed Sandusky Co. Board of Health regarding the increase in fees for Sandusky Co. Public Health Environmental Health Programs in 2024. President Zimmerman explained Environmental Health Program fees are based on cost methodology, mandated by the State of Ohio to determine fees. During COVID, man hours and time spent in the environmental health programs were down due to restrictions and based on 2022 cost methodology, fees increased. Environmental Health Programs were made aware of the lower fees in 2023 and to anticipate an increase in 2024. Sandusky Co. District Licensing Advisory Council, which is appointed by the Sandusky Co. District Advisory Council has representation from the Environmental Health Program license holders and review the fees. President Zimmerman thanked Gregory Kohler and Jared Marker for addressing the Board on their concerns.

Mr. Auxter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 15, 2023 Sandusky County Board of Health meeting as presented. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$238,575.70 and revenue year to date of \$377,127.66. Expenses for the month were \$239,790.14 and expenses year to date were \$2,387,562.80.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$6,807.67; Manufactured Home Park, \$44.85; Food Service, \$621.40; Private Water, \$1,091.75; Swimming Pools, \$36.40; Family Planning, \$3,801.29; Public Health Clinic, \$21,194.10; W.I.C., \$4,559.90; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$34.18; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$689.86; SPF-PFS, \$27,264.19; Help Me Grow, \$433.14; Wellness, \$4,890.89; Drug Free Communities, \$256.30; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$641.70; Creating Healthy Communities, \$640.28; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$1,945.15; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$1,000.00; and Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation, \$300.00.

Personnel and Finance Committee report will be in Executive Session @ the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve unpaid vacation leave for Addison Burmeister, R.N., November 21 and 22, 2023. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Held the public hearing and second reading, by title, of Resolution 23-04 Sandusky Co. Public Health 2024 fee schedule

Mr. Auxter made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for W.I.C. Program in the amount of \$324,118.00 for October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Ben Cort, Cort Consulting in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Modern Marijuana Awareness and Process Addictions to be presented on February 22, 2024. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the Notice of Award in the amount of \$27,500.00 for Ohio Traffic Safety for September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the Notice of Award in the amount of \$80,000.00 for Creating Healthy Communities for January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

There were no hearings/variances scheduled for this meeting.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health heard an update on Sandusky Co. Public Health Strategic Plan which included: QI Project, i.e. customer service surveys; Work Force Development and Succession Plan; IT and software upgrades; telephone assisted language assistance program; development of fiscal process, i.e. P.O.; finalization of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and initiation of current CHIP plan in August, 2023.

Levy signs have been placed throughout Sandusky Co., with two (2) billboards on the west and east side of the county and electronic billboard @ Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds. Digital ads through BAS Broadcasting are displayed with ads in the October and November Lifestyles magazines. Health Commissioner Brown was interviewed by Eagle 99 Tom Fullen as well as speaking to the Rotary and Kiwanis Service Clubs and Sandusky Co. Township Trustee Association meeting.

Sandusky Co. Public Health Annual Work Force Development Day was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ Wilson Center, SR #590, Lindsey, Ohio. Several outside speakers presented information on work/life balance, self care and current cultural issues. Root's Food Truck provided lunch and Katie Schlagheck, OSU Extension, held a Tai Chi class. Employee awards were presented.

The Board Heard a report on the Citizens Public Information Committee meeting held on Friday, September 29, 2023, with operation running smoothly @ Vickery Environmental, Inc. Health Commissioner Brown and Marsha Overmyer will participate in the annual Mutual Aid Training on Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 2:00 P.M.

Board of Health training will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 5-6:30 P.M. @ Terra State College Neeley Center.

Re-accreditation application invoice has been approved. Once application is received by Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), there is a six (6) month time period for submittal. A final review of documentation to be uploaded will be completed.

HVAC balancing will be completed the week of October 23, 2023. Bathroom and break room counter tops are scheduled to be installed. There is no desk in the W.I.C. intake office and needs to be installed.

Over one hundred (100) flu vaccinations have been administered @ the walk in clinics held Mondays in October, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. COVID booster vaccine is available to VFC, Medicaid, uninsured and under insured individuals currently. Local health departments are experiencing difficulty in obtaining private COVID booster vaccine at this time.

An article on Cribs for Kids program was featured in the Saturday, September 20, 2023 Fremont News Messenger. Safe Care Home visits are going very well, with referrals received by Sandusky Co. Public Health nurses.

Director of Environmental Health Nina Johannsen gave a brief power point on household sewage treatment systems being installed with Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan funds.

An update on Daniel Larcey and Betty Marty court cases was provided.

Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller presented President Zimmerman with a letter from Mr. Thomas Vollmar, regarding orders to tap to the Wightman's Grove sanitary sewer district. Mr. Vollmar stated he wished to be excluded from this order as his household sewage treatment system is "fully functioning, well maintained". This issue will be referred to Sandusky Co. Prosecutor's office.

Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook reported QPR training was held @ Sandusky Co. Public Health on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Board member Nan Smith stated it was a wonderful presentation. Anti-vaping presentations are being held throughout Sandusky Co. schools and meetings. Produce Prescription Program is doing well with patients receiving nutritional education and vouchers in increments of \$1.00 and \$5.00 to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables.

THE NOVEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, THE 17TH @ 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Gross made a motion to convene to Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Finance. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Gross, yes; Mason, yes; Yugas, yes; Smith, yes; Rojas, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes; and J. Zimmerman, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes, 0 nay

Mr. Gross made a motion to convene to open session. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting there on: J. Zimmerman, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes; Smith, yes; Rojas, yes; Yuhas, yes; Mason, yes; and Gross, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY