



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

The regular Friday, December 19, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order by President Dean L. Auxter @ 8:30 A/.m. in the Front Conference Room @ Sandusky Co. Public Health with the following members in attendance:

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

Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller; Sandusky Co. Public Health Medical Director Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, M.D.; Sandusky Twp. Trustees Gilbert Overmyer, Paul Lotycz, Kyle Amor, Emma Gross, Ohio State University student; Ben Decker, Decker and Decker Construction; and Carline Timmons.

Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M. will assume the role of President of Sandusky Co. Board of Health for 2026. Mr. Mason made a motion for Iracemo Arevalo, M.D., Vice-President. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, November 21, 2025 Sandusky Co. 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 \$239,927.47 and revenue year to date of \$3,659,869.58. Expenses for the month totaled \$299,964.42 and expenses year to date \$3,236,906.60.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. After Board review, Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve payment of bills. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$6,194.94; Manufactured Home Park, \$49.70; Food Service Operation, \$611.37; Private Water, \$1,700.65; Family Planning, \$6,775.05; Public Health Clinic, \$26,454.74; CFHS, \$322.74; Women's, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), \$1,792.27; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$1,154.90; Community Health Assessment, \$1,220.48; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$172.62; SPF-PFS, \$28,497.57; Help Me Grow, \$1,197.63; Wellness, \$36,721.47; Drug Free Communities, \$2,727.00; Sewage Treatment System, \$365.00; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$1,179.15; Pacific Institute of Research Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), \$237.40; and Public Health Workforce, \$1,105.62

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the contract for Mary Kuns, CNP, Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic for 2026. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract for Brianna Rauch, CNP, Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic for 2026. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Yuhas, abstain; Gross, yes; Mason, yes; Auxter, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes and J. Zimmerman, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7 – yes; 1 abstain.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed 2026 appropriations. After review, Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the Sandusky Co. Public Health 2026 appropriations. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

After Board of Health review, Sandusky Cop. Finance Guidance form, in accordance with Sandusky Co. plan was approved on a motion by Dr. Zimmerman. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Public Health Cyber Security Plan. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. State of Ohio legislation requires all government entities to have an approved Cyber Security Plan, effective July 1, 2026.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve acceptance of the Water Pollution Control Loan fund grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Sandusky Co. Job and Family Services in the amount of \$25,000.00 for 2026 for the diaper program. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the contract extension with Ottawa and Huron Counties for Cribs for Kids through June 30, 2036. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Village of Woodville for Pedestrian Infrastructure in the amount of \$6,800.00. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

SAVE THE DATE: THE 2026 ANNUAL SANDUSKY COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 7:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter gave an update on the public health nuisance located @ 2760 N. SR #19, Fremont. Efforts for remediation of the public health nuisance are progressing.

Federal guidance on vaccinations has changed. Vaccines are provided by appointment in the clinic as usual. Welcome home visits to new Moms and families are going well.

Jim Posey reported on Health Planning and Education activities. Staff attended the two (2) days Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership meeting in Columbus and the COP-RCORP meeting in Dublin. Held a meeting with Economic Development regarding Recovery Friendly Workplace. Resource bags are being distributed @ Sandusky Co. Fairground Winter Wonderland event. Mr. Zimmerman stated the fluorescent signs placed along the North Coast Inland Bike Trail for pedestrian safety looked great. Laura Bogard met with Village of Woodville Chief of Police regarding pedestrian infrastructure project in 2026.

The annual sewage installer meeting was held @ the Keen Center, Hayes Ave., Fremont, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, with over 30 attendees. Local geology and pertinent sewage treatment system information was discussed. A post meeting survey revealed very positive comments on the meeting.

Over seventy (70) Environmental Health Program inspections have been completed. A recent inspection of 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, noted no food is being sold. The court hearing is Monday, January 5, 2026.

Health Commissioner Brown reported Sandusky Co. Public Health will not receive funding from the OSS Solid Waste District in 2026, as Seneca Co. is "splitting off" from the Solid Waste District. A meeting with the Solid Waste District and Health Commissioner Brown will be held in January. Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller presented information on the status of Seneca Co. and the OSS Solid Waste District.

Over 550 online Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment surveys were completed. Focus groups will be held in January, 2026, with input on health from men and minority populations highlighted. Upon compilation of survey data and focus group information, the Community Health Assessment will be released in early spring, 2026.

Sandusky Co. Public Health has partnered with Economic Development Corporation for forty-five (45) high school students to tour Sandusky Co. Public Health and learn the wide diversity public health careers offer. Sandusky Co. Public Health participated in Toys for Tots, Sandusky Co. Food Pantry drive and Community Christmas with Bethany Brown, Bryleigh Wolf and Andrea Rodriguez working the event.

Mr. Gross made a motion Sandusky Co. Public Health offices close on Friday, December 26, 2025, with staff using accrued time for the day. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion Sandusky Co. Public health offices close on Friday, January 2, 2026, if employees agree to use of accrued time for the day. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

At 9:00 A.M. the variance request for Andrew Kobosky, 1540 CR #31, Fremont, Ohio was held. Mr. Ben Decker, Decker and Decker Construction, represented Mr. Kobosky. The proposed design will require the leaching trenches to exceed the 150 feet by only 10 feet per trench (160) without utilizing the required "manifold" as previously specified. In addition, this design proposal will shorten the run length from the tank to the leach field (distribution box) thus preventing the need for any mechanical components to be utilized. After discussion, Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the variance for Andrew Kobosky, 1540 CR #31, Fremont, Ohio. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Mr. Decker thanked the Board of Health.

The sewage nuisance variance for Bill and Rebecca Costelli, 1822 Christy Road, Fremont, was heard. An initial complaint was filed with Sandusky Co. Public Health in June, 2025, with evidence of sewage going directly into the creek. Certified notices were sent to Bill and Rebecca Costelli to abate the nuisance with no response. After Board of Health, review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion the septic tank be pumped within fourteen (14) days from today's date with submittal of design and permit application made to Sandusky Co. Public Health within thirty (30) days of today's date. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Decker questioned the sewage system operation and maintenance program mandated by State of Ohio law in January, 2016. Ohio Dept. of Health was slow to enforce the program, with Sandusky Co. Public Health sewage treatment system program initially surveyed this summer. Mr. Zimmerman questioned fees which Mr. Carpenter stated vary from county to county. An outreach collaboration plan, including the scheduling of three-four (3-4) Town Hall meetings including elected officials and public are planned. Cost methodology will be utilized to determine fee and permit renewal time. Cost methodology combines staff time, mileage, etc.

Dr. Arevalo asked, due to change in federal guidance on vaccine schedule, what Sandusky Co. Public Health Clinic was following. Sandusky Co. Public Health is following Ohio Dept. of Health guidelines and ACIP. Health Commissioner Brown stated vaccination rates in the clinic and Sandusky Co. will be monitored.

THE JANUARY SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, THE 16TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY