



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

The regular Friday, January 16, 2026 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order @ 8:30 A.M. by President Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., held in the Front Conference Room @ Sandusky Co. Public Health with the following members present:

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

Sandusky Co. Commissioner Russ Zimmerman was present. Commissioner Zimmerman will be the Commissioner's representative for 2026.

Following adjournment of the meeting, Board of Health members will have a picture taken for the 2025 Annual report.

There was no public, Board, or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting minutes of Friday, December 19, 2025 as presented. Mr. Auxter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The Board of Health reviewed the monthly financial report with revenue for the month of \$248,580.82 and revenue for the year of \$3,908,450.40. Expenses for the month were \$35,519.60. Expenses for the year totaled \$3,572,426.20.

The Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. After Board review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative: The bills: Board of Health, \$6,448.19; Food Service Operation, \$147.12; Private Water, \$9.90; Family Planning, \$4,881.02; Public Health Clinic, \$4,176.30; CFHS, \$154.76; Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.), \$380.83; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$240.29; Community Health Assessment, \$1,042.91; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$.23; SPF-PFS, \$74,226.78; Help Me Grow, \$140.45; Wellness, \$36,502.54; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$568.62; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$4.20; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$23,250.00; Pacific Institute for Research Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), 186.46; Public Health Work Force Development, \$33.98.

Mr. Gross made a motion for set the June, 2026 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting for FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The third Friday of June, 2026 is Juneteenth and a holiday.

Mr. Auxter made a motion to approve the 2026 TB Surveillance Contract with Sandusky Co. Commissioners in the amount of \$12,000.00. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve out of state travel to National Harbor, Maryland, February 3-4, 2026 for Jamie Belcher to present @ annual CADCA Conference. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the contract with Synergy for out of state travel reimbursement for Jamie Belcher. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

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

Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment survey first focus group will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 11:00 A.M. @ Y.M.C.A. of Sandusky Co, highlighting men's health issues. The second focus group, highlighting all health issues of Sandusky Co. residents will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ Pontifex. Two (2) more focus groups will be scheduled for February, 2026. Wal Mart gift cards will be given to participants of the focus group.

A court hearing was held Monday, January 5, 2026 in Sandusky Co. Common Pleas Court for food service license suspension @ 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs. Seneca Co. Building Dept. is to complete an inspection of this building and report to Sandusky Co. Public Health. No food preparation is being done @ 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs.

THE SCHEDULED CITIZENSPUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M. has been RE-SCHEDULED TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M. @ VICKERY ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. CONFERENCE ROOM.

Sandusky Co. Public health Child Fatality Review Board will meet on Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. in the Front Conference Room. There are two (2) deaths to be reviewed.

THE 2026 ANNUAL SANDUSKY CO. DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 7:30 A.M.

Sandusky Co. Public Health was notified in the early hours of Wednesday, January 14, 2026 that SPF-PFS grant funding had been terminated, effective immediately. Sandusky Co. Public Health partners with Seneca, Ottawa, Wyandot and Huron Counties with SPF-PFS grant. Zoom meeting and discussion on financial impact on all agencies was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The grant funding was reversed and federal dollars will continue for SPF-PFS grant. Submittal for continuation of the SPF-PFS grant is currently being written. Spend down of Public Health Workforce grant dollars is being completed in event of termination of grant funding.

Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook reported on Two Villages and interview with The Beacon, data collection of overdoses uploaded to ODMAP, placement of Nalox boxes attendance @ Ohio Prevention Conference where the Photo voice project was featured, distribution of resource bags @ Winter Wonderland. Jamie Belcher presented Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) @ Sandusky Co. Senior Center. Bellevue High School students are creating an anti-vaping media campaign. A five (5) county Youth Summit will be held @ Grace Community Church on Monday, March 3, 2026.

Director of Nursing Deb Agee updated Board members on HHS vaccination schedule changes with removal of 11 and implementation of "shared clinical decision making" for administration of vaccines. Sandusky Co. Public Health is not changing vaccine schedule and will advocate importance of vaccinations. Sandusky Co. Public Health has not received guidance from Ohio Dept. of Health or the VFC paperwork for completion. Dr. Arevalo is remaining "positive" on vaccine administration. Sandusky Co. Public Health COVID vaccine administration numbers have dropped.

Director of Support Services Bryleigh Wolf stressed the importance of governmental agencies having a carryover balance in the event of termination of grant funds and need to place staff in other Public Health programs. Mental Health Levy Capacity dollars and other mental health funding have been cut. Only five (5%) percent of Sandusky Co. Public Health funds are from the levy. Federal dollars make up a large portion of the yearly budget.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reported the division "is operating well". Food service operation applications for 2026 are being sent. Mr. Zimmerman questioned the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for household sewage treatment system replacement is based on sliding fee, which it is.

THE FEBRUARY SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY THE 20TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no Executive Session needed.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY