



# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



## SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

Sandusky Co. Board of Health met in regular session on Friday, September 19, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room. President Dean L. Auxter called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

Dean L. Auxter, President  
Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., Vice-President  
Robert Gross  
Nan Smith  
James Mason

Excused absence: John L. Yuhas, D.O.  
Iracema Arevalo, M.D.  
John W. Zimmerman

Guest in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller.

There was no public, Board, or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, August 15, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health minutes 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 \$581,563.32. Revenue year to date was \$2,860,792.90. Expenses for the month were \$279,799.97 and expenses year to date totaled, \$2,261,308.93.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. Mr. Mason made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$12,218.19; Manufactured Home Park, \$21.70; Food Service Operation, \$234.30; Private Water Systems, \$735.25; Swimming Pool, \$5.60; Family Planning, \$2,859.09; Public Health Clinic, \$837.07; CFHs, \$600.00; Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), \$9,368.12; Tobacco Use, Prevention and Cessation, \$5,403.47; Community Health Assessment, \$169.25; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$49.08; SPF-PFS, \$37,481.54; Help Me Grow, \$489.20; Wellness, \$9,8325.80; Sewage Treatment System, \$436.40; Scrap Tire, \$2,644.42; Creating Healthy Communities, \$339.40; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$308.70; Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund, \$550.00; Pacific Institute Research and Evaluation, \$4,000.00; and Public Health Workforce, \$181.69.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-11 Supplemental Appropriation for Pacific Institute Research and Evaluation in the amount of \$17,500.00. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Resolution 25-11. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Smith, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Gross, yes; and Gross, yes. Vote: 5-yes; 0 nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Gross made a motion to accept the resignation of Brandon Maygar, effective August 22, 2025. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to employ Taylor Garcia, Environmental Health, Environmental Health Specialist in Training, effective Monday, September 22, 2025 @ \$20.00/hour. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to accept the resignation of Persephanie Lewellen, Help Me Grow Program, effective October 1, 2025. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Heard first reading, by title of Resolution 25-07, Sandusky Co. Public Health 2026 fee schedule. The second reading and public hearing will be held @ Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting on Friday, October 17, 2025.

The State of Ohio annual audit is finished, to be posted on State of Ohio Auditor website with a couple of recommendations on IT.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve amendment to Cribs for Kids contract with Huron and Ottawa Counties, extension of date September 30-December 30, 2025. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approved Notice of Award for SPF-PFS grant in the amount of \$375,000.00 for September 30, 2025-September 29, 2026. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

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

Health Planning and Education staff Charlotte Stonerook and Jamie Belcher received recognition from Ohio National Guard Counter Drug Appreciation. Congratulations to Charlotte and Jamie.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reported on the annual Sandusky Co. District Licensing Advisory Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. in the Back Conference room. Cost methodology of environmental health programs was completed using prior year's number to set 2026 fees. Fees are down in 2026. Sandusky Co. Public Health keeps on top of facilities, i.e. tattoo, and body art, to assure licensure.

Sandusky Co. Public Health held the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Work Force Development Day on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ Hayes Museum. Lisa Russell, Kane Learning, reviewed employee self assessment, categories, people, ideas, action and process, completed by employees prior to the event, Employees were placed in groups according to completion of tasks. A presentation of multi-generational team in the workplace was presented. Local historian and retired teacher Mike Gilbert presented medicine and physicians of the 1880's in Sandusky Co.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown reported the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant has been increased from the proposed \$49,000.00. Awaiting on funding for Health Planning and Education grants. Township Trustee Association has a video for presentation regarding proposed changes, spearheaded by Rep. Gary Click on levies, i.e. levy passage by increased percentage; end date of levies, with no open ended. The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners is meeting September 22-24, 2025 in Columbus, and this is a major topic for discussion. Health Commissioner Brown will give an update @ the Friday, October 17, 2025 Board of Health meeting.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reported orders issued to food service operation @ 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Ohio. Only prepackaged foods, milk, eggs, are in the cooler. Sandusky Co. Public Health will conduct monthly inspections.

Health Planning and Education presented Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training @ Sandusky Co. Public Health on Thursday, September 18, 2025. September is Suicide Prevention Month. Jamie Belcher met with City of Fremont Council on Thursday, September 18, 2025 for ordinance banning vape/tobacco/marijuana use in city parks. Rep. Marcy Kaptur attended Overdose Drug Awareness Day on Thursday, August 28, 2025 held @ City of Fremont Amphitheater. Over 250 were in attendance for this very moving event. Sandusky Co. Public Health was in @ Sandusky Co. Fair on Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, 2025. Health Planning and Education, along with Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) will be @ Downtown Fremont Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 20, 2025 and ProMedica Memorial Family Fest on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Walk-in flu clinics will be held Mondays, October 6, 20, and 27, 2025. Awaiting recommendation on COVID vaccine guidelines at this time.

Women's, Infant and Children grant funding approval will be on the Friday, October 17, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health agenda as the current grant period ends September 30, 2025.

Encouragement and promotion of completion of Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment survey was stressed.

Environmental health Division is "excited" to have Taylor Garcia join the team. Ohio E.P.A. completed the solid waste survey. A job description and salary is being considered for the position of Environmental Health Tech.

THE OCTOBER SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no need for Executive Session @ today's meeting.

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

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