



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

Sandusky Co. Board of Health met in regular session on Friday, August 15, 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
Nan Smith
Iracema Arevalo, M.D.
Robert Gross
John W. Zimmerman
James Mason
John L. Yuhas, D.O.

Guests in attendance: Sami Farraj, Sandusky Fuel, LLC; Sandusky Co. Public Health Medical Director Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, M.D.; Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller.

There was no public Board, or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve minutes of the Friday, July 18, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting 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 \$227,018.63 and revenue year to date of \$2,279,229.58. Expenses for the month were \$335,902.18. Expenses year to date totaled \$1,981,508.96.

The monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes, were reviewed. Mr. Gross made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$32,889.01; Manufactured Home Park, \$1,729.00; Food service Operation, \$998.29; Private Water, \$846.95; Swimming Pools, \$222.10; Family Planning, \$8,158.72; Public Health Clinic, \$2,844.64; CFHS, \$143.24; Women's, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), \$3,965.09; Solid Waste, \$17.27; Tobacco, Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$5,155.69; Community Health Assessment, \$266.98; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$150.85; SPF-PFS, \$13,638.36; Help Me Grow, \$3,766.49; Wellness, \$7,958.52; Sewage Treatment System, \$424.00; Smoke Free Workplace, \$227.72; Immunization Action Plan, \$4,026.34; Scrap Tire, \$993.25; Creating Healthy Communities, \$7,349.72; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$17,251.07; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$3,150.00; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), 399.31; and Public Health Workforce Development, \$36,100.00.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-10, transfer of \$10,000.00 from Board of Health fund to W.I.C. for salaries. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Resolution 25-10. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Mason, yes; Yuhas, yes; Gross, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Smith, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 8-yes and 0-nay.

Sandusky Co. Public Health received certification on Friday, July 25, 2025 as Recovery Friendly Workplace Designation for supportive efforts mental and substance abuse, local recovery assistance and mental and physical well being of all employees. Sandusky Co. Public Health will reach out to local agencies, government offices and industries to promote Recovery Friendly Workplace Designation initiatives. President Auxter thanked Health Planning and Education staff for their efforts in this certification.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to accept Environmental Health intern Isabella Sanabria's resignation, effective Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Environmental Health Director Juston Carpenter reported Ms. Sanabria did a great job.

The annual 2024 State of Ohio audit has not been completed as protocols and updates for cyber security have not been finalized. The fiscal portion of the audit is complete.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Authorizing Necessary Tax Levies and Certification to Sandusky Co. Auditor in the amount of \$688,416.00. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: R. Zimmerman, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; Yuhas, yes; Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Auxter, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Smith, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 8-yes; 0-nay.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve Get Vaccinated contract with Ottawa Co. Public Health in the amount of \$20,764.00. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the contract with St. Mary's Development Corp in the amount of \$5,000.00 for implementation of WISE Program (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education for Older Adults. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve contract with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for Household Sewage Treatment System Administration in the amount of \$150,000.00 for August 15, 2025-December 31, 2026. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

A report of the Friday, July 25, 2025 Citizens Public Information Committee meeting noted the recently drilled well has been permitted to operate. There are no issues with Vickery Environmental, Inc., as operation is running smoothly.

THE ANNUAL SANDUSKY CO. DISTRICT LICENSING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE BACK CONFERENCE ROOM. Discussion and approval of proposed 2026 Environmental Health Division fees is on the agenda.

Sandusky Co. Community Health Assessment survey is schedule to launch week of August 18, 2025. All Sandusky Co. Board of Health members will be included in the distribution and encouraged to completed the survey to provide valuable health information, disparities and future planning for Sandusky Co. residents. Ten (10) \$100.00 Wal Mart gifts cards are being offered as an incentive to complete the survey.

The tenth annual Sandusky Co. Public Health Work Force Development Day is Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ Hayes Museum Conference Room. Staff trainings will be in the morning, with tour of the museum and Hayes home in the afternoon along with team building activities. Sandusky Co. Public Health offices are closed. Will re-open @ 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reviewed the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture Food Retail Establishment survey with diligence of plan review and inspections assuring Sandusky Co. resident of clean and safe eating choices.

The Ohio Dept. of Health has accepted the Household Sewage Treatment System Action Plan.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown and Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook attended the mid-year CADCA Conference in Nashville, TN, July 21-24, 2025. Federal funding for grants is projected @ 2025 level going forward. Trainings regarding mental health and substance abuse were attending, noting that many lyrics in music reference drug/alcohol issues.

Environmental scans were completed this week @ Sandusky Co. gas stations, carry outs, grocery stores and vape shops. There are no age restrictions on certain drugs, i.e. Oh7, which youth can purchase and are harmful. Charlotte stated regulation is in "limbo" with State of Ohio legislator and law enforcement does not have proper authority in sales of cannabis derivative products and other drugs. Charlotte will update the Board @ future meetings.

Director of Nursing Deb Agee reported the newborn home visiting program for newborns is just beginning with increased United Way of Sandusky Co. funding. The new Ohio Dept. of Health Vital Statistics Reporting System provides information on cannabis use by pregnant moms, infant low birth weight and other important statistics to aid Sandusky Co. Public Health in providing support to new moms and their families.

Health Planning and Education will be @ the Sandusky Co. Fair Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, 2025, promoting public health programs and distributing educational materials. Recent events attended were the Pride Fest @ Walsh Park, Birchard Public Library Touch a Truck and presentations @ two conferences in Columbus, Ohio OVERDOSE DRUG AWARENESS DAY IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025 FROM 6-8 P.M. @ DOWNTOWN FREMONT AMPITHEATER.

At 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 15, 2025, Sandusky Co. Board of Health conducted a hearing of Sami Farraj, Sandusky Fuel, 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Ohio, for violations of the food operation. Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter presented a video to the Board of public health nuisance conditions including foul smelling garbage, thousands of flies, expired food items water leaking from the ceiling, compromised grease trap, plumbing disrepair, and general filth. An inspection was conducted by Director Carpenter on August 14, 2025, noting ceiling leakage had stopped, flies had been

swept up and a payment of \$100.00 to a pest control company has been made for an extermination services in September, 2025. Sami Farraj addressed the Board stating calls had been directed to the proprietor with no avail. Mr. Gross made a motion to suspend the license for 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Ohio today until violations are corrected and follow-up inspection of the establishment by Sandusky Co. Board of Health is completed. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Mr. Carpenter thanked Mr. Farraj for appearing before the Board and will meet with him this afternoon to review remediation required to lift suspension.

THE SEPTEMBER SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 19TH @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room.

There was no need for Executive Session.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY