



# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



## SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025**

The regular Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order on Friday, May 16, 2025, by President Dean L. Auxter @ 8:30 A.M. with the following in attendance:

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

Excused absence: Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M.

Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M. phoned in to the meeting to listen to discussion.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown announced Sandusky Co. Public Health received re-accreditation status for another five (5) years, thanking Board of Health members, Re-accreditation Coordinator Laura Bogard and staff. An Open House honoring the Re-Accreditation is being planned.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Board of Health minutes of the Friday, May 18, 2025 meeting as presented. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

President Auxter welcomed fiscal officer Bryleigh Wolf back following Maternity Leave.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$339,106.96 and revenue year to date \$1,509,977.52. Expenses for the month totaled \$259,386.82 and total year expenditure of \$946,707.71.

The Board reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. Dr. Arevalo made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$30,701.05; Food service, \$3,214.08; Private Water Systems, \$717.35; Swimming Pool, \$45.35; Family Planning, \$5,128.91; Public Health Clinic, \$1,135.26; CFHS, \$600.00; Women, Infant and Children, (W.I.C.), 1,862.29; Tobacco Use, Prevention and Cessation, \$2,327.41; Community Health Assessment, \$15.00; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$189.23; SPF-PFS, \$20,794.33; Help Me Grow, \$699.27; Wellness, \$251.68; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$187.40; Smoke Free Workplace, \$78.96; Immunization Action Plan, \$67.86; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$742.80; Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, \$3,447.16; and Public Health Workforce, \$322.03.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-02, Supplemental Appropriation of \$75,000.00 to Public Health Workforce fund. After Board review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-02. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Auxter, yes; Gross, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; Yuhas, yes; and Mason, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-03, Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000.00 to Wellness Fund. After Board of Health review, Mr. Mason made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-93. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Auxter, yes; Smith, yes; Yuhas, yes; Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Zimmerman, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-04 Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,461.75 to Scrap Tire Fund. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-04. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Auxter, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Smith, yes; Arevalo, yes; Yuhas, yes; Gross, yes; and Mason, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-05, Account Transfer of \$10,000.00 from Public Health Workforce to Community Health Assessment. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-05. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Auxter, yes; Smith, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhas, yes; and Arevalo, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-06 Advance Repayment of \$10,000.00 from Scrap Tire fund to Board of Health. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-06. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Yuhas, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Mason, yes; Gross, yes; Arevalo, yes; and Smith, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay. Motion carried.

Dr. Arevalo made a motion to employ Isabella Sanabria, Seasonal Environmental Health Intern, effective Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ \$18.00/hour. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Fiscal Officer Bryleigh Wolf reported the annual State of Ohio Auditor 2024 fiscal audit is going very well and should be completed by the end of May, 2025.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Notice of Award in the amount of \$15,461.75 for the Mosquito Control grant. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Arevalo made a motion to approve out of state travel for Bethany Brown and Charlotte Stonerook, July 21-24, 2025 to Nashville, Tennessee for the midyear CADCA Conference. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Bellevue High School RESIST Teen Leadership in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve submittal of 2026 fiscal year Women, Infant and Children grant in the amount of \$372,576.00. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

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

Health Commissioner Brown updated the Board of Health on federal funding budget cuts. Ohio Dept. of Health is updated with cuts to public health programs.

The Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment Kick Off was held Thursday, May 8, 2025. Sandusky Co. Public Health contracted with Bowling Green State University Center for Regional Development for the assessment, focusing on a broader vision, with a more diverse population targeted. Health Partners, will meet monthly to develop questions for the survey, review data and complete the process for release spring, 2026. Community agencies will assist with the Community Health Assessment.

Health Planning and Education Charlotte Stonerook and Jamie Belcher attended Epiphany Community Services Retreat in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 28-May 1, 2025 and discussed Sandusky Co. Public Health coalition activities and funding. Epiphany Community Services is consultant to Sandusky Co. Public Health SPF-PFS grant which encompasses the counties of Wyandot, Ottawa, Huron, Seneca and Sandusky.

Division reports noted concern of vaccination rates, receipt of Reproductive Health and Wellness funding which the clinic has an uptick in patients. W.I.C. Program caseload is over 1,000. At the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners Conference the week of April 28, 2025, it was noted for Sandusky Co. Public Health size, the W.I.C. program is in great financial status, which is a concern for other counties with the same caseload.

Charlotte Stonerook requested Board of Health members complete a survey and provided the QR code. Over three hundred (300) surveys need to be completed by Sandusky Co. for the SPF-PFS grant requirements. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey, which is available on Sandusky Co. Public Health Face book page.

Photovoice students from Fremont Ross High School presented @ Advocacy Day on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 and were awarded Letters of Commendation by Rep. Gary Click @ the Fremont Board of Education meeting on May 12, 2025. Congratulations!

Sandusky Co. Public Health will be participating in the bike safety/rodeo event on Saturday, May 17, 2025 @ Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, behind Y.M.C.A. of Sandusky Co.

The Environmental Health Division is prioritizing activities for review, inspection and remediation. The process was reviewed with prioritization as paramount. Sandusky Co. Board of Health received the sewage treatment system Ohio Dept. of Health survey results. Some items need to be addressed in the program. Sandusky Co. Public Health has been put on provisional status. Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter has forty-five (45) days to respond with action plan to address some deficiencies. Sandusky Co. Public Health has one (1) year to correct and Ohio Dept. of Health will do a follow up visit @ that time.

Dr. Arevalo stressed the importance of vaccination of children and need to advocate for childhood health. Health Commissioner Brown stated the need for Early Intervention funding and education of parents on vaccinations. Funding for State of Ohio Laboratory is being cut. Local health departments would have to send samples for testing, i.e. health clinic, rabies, etc. to a private laboratory which would be very expensive.

There was no need for Executive Session.

THE JUNE SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY