



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



MARCH 15, 2024

The regular Friday, March 15, 2024 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order @ 8:30 A.M., by President Nan Smith, @ 2000 Countryside Dr., Fremont, Ohio, with the following members in attendance:

Nan Smith, President
Dean L. Auxter, Vice-President
Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M.
John L. Yuhas, D.O.
Robert Gross
John W. Zimmerman
Alexandra Rojas

Excused absence: James Mason

Guests in attendance @ the meeting: Sandusky Co. Commissioners Scott Miller and Russ Zimmerman and Mr. Michael Pendleton.

There was no public, board or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting minutes of Friday, February 16, 2024. 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 \$357,350.47 and revenue year to date of \$503,300.28. Expenditures for the month were \$291,017.93 and year to date total expenses, \$494,104.51.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. Dr. Zimmerman 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, \$31,466.80; Food Service, \$693.91; Private Water, \$1,207.68; Swimming Pools, \$28.48; Family Planning, \$7,436.87; Public Health Clinic, \$30,104.92; CFHS, \$51.75; W.I.C., \$2,561.89; Public Health Emergency Response, \$146.14; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$2,850.33; Community Health Assessment, \$66.75; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$103.12; SPF-PFS, 8,388.15; Help Me Grow, \$393.23; Wellness, \$3,743.50; Drug Free Communities, \$2,718.25; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$419.88; Smoke Free Work Place, \$919.48; Immunization Action Plan, \$51.75; Creating Healthy Communities, \$788.73; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$3,326.06; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$1,000.00; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation, \$1,307.65; and Integrated Harm Reduction, \$398.18

The Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 24-08, Supplemental Appropriation in Prevention Partnership in the amount of \$0.21. After Board of Health review, Mr. Gross made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-08. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Smith, yes; Auxter, yes; Rojas, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; Gross, yes; and Yuhas, yes. Vote: 7-Yes; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

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The Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 24-09 Supplemental Appropriation in Smoke Free Work place in the amount of \$0.56. After Board of Health review, Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 24-09. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Voting thereon: R. Zimmerman, yes; Rojas, yes; Auxter, yes; Yuhas, yes; Smith, yes; Gross, yes; and J. Zimmerman, yes. Vote: 7-Yes, 0-Nay. Motion carried.

The annual State of Ohio Auditor fiscal audit for 2023 has commenced. Board of Health members will receive questionnaire to be completed and returned to the State Auditor.

Mr. Michael Pendleton, CR #106, Lindsey, Ohio, requested a variance of isolation distance from house foundation to septic tank in anticipation of increasing bedroom size to four-five. After much discussion, Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to grant strictly a variance for the isolation setback from house foundation to septic tank Board requesting , in writing on letterhead, the size and verification of the septic tank. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Annual Sandusky Co. District Advisory Council meeting was held on Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 7:30 A.M. As a quorum was not present, Executive Committee was formed. John L. Yuhas, D.O., was re-appointed to the Board of Health with term ending April 11, 2029. Michael Chudzinski and Christina Ward were appointed the Sandusky Co. District Licensing Advisory Council. Township Trustees and Village Mayors questioned Sandusky Co. Public Health nuisance investigations, follow up and remediation. Sandusky Co. Commissioners Scott Miller and Russ Zimmerman stated a countywide zoning code is not on the agenda. A uniform template for zoned townships to standardized protocols, investigation, enforcement and remediation is being looked at to be adopted. Dr. Zimmerman stated "share burden" of nuisance complaints, i.e. fire department, zoning officials, and Sandusky Co. Public Health.

Sandusky County Opiate/Suicide Fatality Review Board met on February 20, 2024, with representatives from law enforcement and Sandusky Co. Coroner's office to review deaths from drug overdose and suicide. Demographics for areas to target for prevention are the focus, i.e. Narcan distribution, education on mental health/suicide prevention. The Opiate/Suicide Fatality Review Board meets twice/year in a closed meeting.

Sandusky Co. Public Health offices will be closed Monday, April 8, 2024 for the Solar Eclipse. Environmental Health staff will make required inspections of temporary camp grounds/food services during the weekend.

Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan was reviewed on February 8, 2024, with priorities: Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Social Determinants to Health, and Chronic Disease.

Five (5) out of ten (10) Domain documents have been uploaded to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) data base. All required documentation is due May 8, 2024. Later in 2024, a ZOOM site visit, with Board of Health members, staff and community representation will be held.

Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook reported on her presentation in Washington, D.C., the week of March 5-8, 2024. Sandusky Co. Public Health was first to partner with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.) on prevention activities. Additional funding has been released and Sandusky Co. Public Health will apply in cooperation with Ohio University and P.I.R.E. for funds.

Director of Nursing Deb Agee reported client numbers in Reproductive Health and Wellness and Immunization Clinic have increased. A part time position for home visiting in the Help Me Grow program is posted.

An Active Shooter Training was held for staff @ Sandusky Co. Public Health General Staff meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Charlotte Stonerook stated 150 individuals attended the marijuana, gambling, pornography training, presented by Ben Cort, Weed, Inc., on February 22, 2024 @ Terra State Community College Neeley Center. Many positive comments have been received on the excellent presentation. Re-application for the five (5) year SPF-PFS grant funding was submitted, in partnership with Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot Counties. Overdose Deaths Awareness Day is August 29, 2024 @ Connor Park. Recent tobacco compliance checks were completed in Sandusky Co., with a thirty-three (33%) percent sale rate to underage youth. Health Planning and Education staff will work on the need for ID, by retailers, when selling tobacco products.

W.I.C. Director Angie Ruth reported billboards advertising W.I.C. services have been placed throughout Sandusky Co. Federal funding in the amount of \$7 million dollars has been approved for the W.I.C. Program, noting an increase in voucher amounts for fruits and vegetables that was first initiated during the pandemic. Dr. Zimmerman questioned if W.I.C. provided protein based foods? Peanut butter, eggs and tuna fish is a W.I.C. funded purchase for clients.

Interviews are being held for the Sanitarian position.

THE APRIL SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, THE 19TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to convene to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Smith, yes; Gross, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; Yuhas, yes; Auxter, yes; Rojas, yes; and R. Zimmerman, yes. Vote: Yes-7; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Gross made a motion to convene to open session. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Smith, yes; Yuhas, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Gross, yes; Rojas, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes. Vote: Yes-7; 0-Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Auxter made a motion the dental insurance coverage premium for Sandusky Co. Public Health staff breakdown @ eighty (80%) percent employer contribution and twenty (20%) percent employee contribution. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY