



# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



## SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

The regular Friday, February 20, 2026 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting, held in the Front Conference Room, was called to order @ 8:30 A.M. by President Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., with the following present:

Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., President  
Iracema Arevalo, M.D., Vice-President  
John L. Yuhas, D.O.  
Robert Gross  
Nan Smith

Excused absence: James Mason  
John W. Zimmerman  
Dean L. Auxter

Health Commissioner/.Board of Health Secretary Bethany Brown participated via phone.

Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioner Russ Zimmerman; and Tasha Tysiak, Sandusky Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities, who represented Sandusky Co. Leadership.

There was no public Board, or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sandusky Co. Board of Health minutes of Friday, January 16, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The monthly Sandusky Co. Public Health financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month/year \$223,574.73. Expenses month/year to date \$228,588.96.

The monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes, were approved on a motion by Dr. Yuhas. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$18,111.75; Manufactured Home Park, \$150.00; Food Service Operation, \$1,661.68; Private Water, \$579.95; Swimming Pools, \$192.00; Family Planning, \$5,433.20; Public Health Clinic, \$2,279.92; CFHS, \$107.75; Women's, Infants, Children (W.I.C.), \$852.60; Solid Waste, \$165.00; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$72.98; Community Health Assessment, \$198.23; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$100.37; SPF-PFS \$2,396.59; Help Me Grow, \$2,073.90; Wellness, \$129.88; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$866.70; Immunization Action Plan, \$387.00; Creating Healthy Communities, \$114.84; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$2,705.24; and Public Health Workforce, \$3,005.00

Mr. Gross made a motion to close Sandusky Co. Public Health offices on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 for 2026 Annual Work Force Development Day. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The all day training will be held @ Community Health Services, Inc. Keen Center.

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Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Health Partners in the amount of \$10,000.00. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$40,000.00 in additional tobacco funding. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve out of state travel for Charlotte Stonerook to Washington, D.C., March 2-5, 2026 to present @ HRSA for Maternal Mental Health Help Line. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Arevalo made a motion to approve Leadership Development and Play contract in the amount of \$500.00 for the speaker @ the Youth Summit on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ Grace Community Campus. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

There were no hearings/variances or orders before the Board @ this meeting.

One (1) focus group was held to gain public health concerns in Sandusky Co. for the Community Health Assessment. A second focus group was cancelled due to inclement weather and is to be scheduled soon. Sandusky Co. Health Partners will meet on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. with updates.

Sandusky Co. Economic Development hosted a tour of Sandusky Co. Health Departments with thirty-five (35) students learning positions/education/credentialing of public health. A tour of the building went very well with both students and teachers asking questions.

THE 2026 ANNUAL SANDUSKY CO. DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 7:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Jamie Belcher presented SAMHSA prevention information @ the annual CADCA Conference, National Harbor, Maryland. A very productive meeting was held on Capitol Hill with Rep. Marcy Kaptur where the importance of funding for prevention activities was discussed.

There were only two (2) infant deaths discussed @ the annual 2026 Sandusky Co. Public Health Child Fatality Review Board on Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. Both infants were never discharged into a home environment.

Citizens Public Information Committee held its first meeting of 2026 on Friday, February 13, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M. @ Vickery Environmental, Inc. Conference Room. Health Commissioner Brown was re-elected chairperson and Roy Gibbs, Vice- Chairperson of the committee for 2026. Well #8 is running and operating very well. Ohio E.P.A.'s annual report for 2025 noted no violations and a recommendation for accurate laboratory data.

A court hearing regarding 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Ohio, will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026. The operation is operating with exemption as it is less than 200 sq. ft., with only pre-packaged products available and not selling refrigerated/in store prepared food or coffee. Jamie Belcher reported the sale of cannabis and other illegal products to underage youth.

Director of Nursing reported vaccination rates in Sandusky Co. Public Health Clinic were down twenty (20%) percent in 2025. Application is being made for the Get Vaccinated grant which a component is strategy in the event of a preventable disease. Sandusky Co. Public Health is working closely with school nurses on encouragement of vaccinations in youth.

Youth Summit is TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 AT GRACE COMMUNITY CAMPUS. Over 100 youth are registered to participate. Jamie Belcher invited Board of Health members to attend.

Environmental Health Director Juston Carpenter recognized Environmental Health staff members Lydia Bruno, Travis Bates and Taylor Garcia for exemplary work in completion of operation and maintenance, household sewage treatment system program, food service operation inspections, and other programs. Food service operation licenses are due March 1, 2026. Rumpke Co. has made application for a transfer site @ Bark Creek, which Sandusky Co. Public Health will approve, license and inspect. Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca (O.S.S.) Solid Waste District eliminated funding to Sandusky Co. Public Health in 2025 which was critical to the solid waste program.

W.I.C. Director Angie Ruth reported billboards promoting the program are placed throughout Sandusky Co. with application made to United States Dept. of Agriculture for the Gold Award, which if a recipient Sandusky Co. Public Health would be notified late summer.

Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook distributed PAWS Off Those Meds flyers for a free webinar on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 3-4 P.M. on abuse of pet prescriptions by owners. CEU's are available. Board of Health President Dr. Zimmerman explained pet prescriptions, ability to purchase at a local pharmacy and costs.

MARCH SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room.

There was no need for Executive Session.

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY