



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

The regular Friday, July 18, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting, held in the Front Conference Room, was called to order @ 8:30 A.M. by President Dean L. Auxter, with the following members in attendance:

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

Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller was in attendance. Question regarding elimination of collection of property taxes in Ohio and the effect on Sandusky Co. Public Health operating budget was asked. More information will be forthcoming.

There was one additional agenda item under 6. FINANCE – 6.7 Approval of Notice of Award of Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation grant in the amount of \$72,300.00 for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting minutes for Friday, June 20, 2025. 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 \$252,699.14 and revenue year to date of \$2,052,210.95. Expenses for the month were \$264,581.07 and expenses year to date totaled \$1,645,616.78.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. After Board review, Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$5,362.72; Food Service, \$122.51; Private Water, \$166.85; Swimming Pools, \$29.40; Family Planning, \$6,691.53; Public Health Clinic, \$7,633.80;; CFHS, \$31.32; Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), \$4,367.86; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$9,05.52; Community Health Assessment, \$64.33; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$50.58; SPF-PFS, \$2,544.51; Help Me Grow, \$2,162.97; Wellness, \$324.04; Sewage Treatment System, \$254.60; Scrap Tire, \$2,144.43; Creating Healthy Communities, \$638.04; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$4,524.50; Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund, \$27,771.00; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), \$1,090.51; and Public Health Workforce, \$6,656.58.

Director of Support Services Bryleigh Wolf reported the fiscal portion of the annual State of Ohio audit for 2024 is completed, with additional information of the IT portion to be submitted.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve United Way of Sandusky Co. additional funding for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$180,000.00 for Welcome Home/Cribs for Kids. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Smith yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., yes; Arevalo, M.D., yes; Yuhas, D.O., yes; Mason, yes; Auxter, yes; and Gross, abstain. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 1 abstain

Dr. Arevalo asked protocols for newborn home visiting. Health Commissioner Brown stated an early assessment is completed and subsequent home visits are made as needed. Referrals for newborn home visits come from the hospitals.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the contract with Overdose Awareness Day speaker Matt Keegan in the amount of \$500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Overdose Awareness Day is Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 6-8 P.M.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve Notice of Award of actual \$49,326.00 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Allison Smith is Sandusky Co. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator paid with these funds.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Notice of Award in the amount of \$50,720.00 for Get Vaccinated grant for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Sandusky Co. Public Health partners with Ottawa Co. Public Health in Get Vaccinated grant activities.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed Resolution 25-09 Sandusky Co. General health District Public health Nuisance Regulation. After review, Mr. Mason made a motion to approve Sandusky Co. Resolution 25-09 Sandusky Co. General Health District Public health Nuisance Regulation. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve Notice of Award for Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$72,300.00. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

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

City of Clyde Complete Street Policy was one of forty-two (42) submitted to National Coalition of Complete Street Policy and was awarded third in the country. President Auxter commended Laura Bogard and Jim Posey for the very good work on policy and implementation.

The Citizens Public Information Committee meeting is FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M. @ Vickery Environmental, Inc. Conference Room.

SANDUSKY COUNTY DISTRICT LICENSING ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL MEET FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM. Review of Sandusky Co. Public Health Environmental Health fees for 2026 will be reviewed.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reviewed Household Sewage Treatment System Survey Plan of Action. Submittal of information for the Plan of Action is on a very strict timeline. Updates will be provided @ future meetings. Questions, please contact Mr. Carpenter.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown reported on state/federal budget cuts, noting a “win” for funding of Ohio Dept. of health lab. Budget cuts included \$40,000.00 to Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation grant, \$20,000.00 to Public Health Emergency Preparedness and cut to Get Vaccinated grant. President Auxter questioned if Public Health Accreditation helped in budget cuts, which it did not. Health Commissioner Brown will keep the Board of Health updated.

Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment will launch August, 2025, as an online survey. Paper surveys will be available and distributed to Mobile Meal recipients. Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority will post the link on their website. Surveys/link will be distributed @ Downtown Fremont Farmer’s Markets, Family Fest, hospitals, Sandusky Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities and other venues. Health Commissioner Brown will share the survey with Board of Health members for completion @ the Friday, August 15, 2025 meeting.

Sandusky Co. Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook reported on the SPF-PFS new grantees conference held in Washington, DC this week. SPF-PFS representatives from across the country interacted with Project Directors and Administrators, discussing prospective funding, new reporting system and other facets. Charlotte was asked to report on the very successful Sandusky Co. Public Health SPF-PFS Coalition at the meeting.

Division reports noted increase in newborn home visiting with funding from United Way of Sandusky County and concern with grant budget cuts.

Sandusky Co. Overdose/Suicide Review Committee met and reviewed deaths from 2024 and first months of 2025. Sandusky Co. Health Planning and Education participated in Grove Fest; Downtown Fremont Farmer’s Markets and was part of a panel discussion @ Prevention Action Alliance in Columbus, Ohio. Jamie Belcher developed a policy regarding vaping/nicotine use for prevention in youth. Dr. Zimmerman questioned advertisement of vaping/nicotine products and its behavioral effects.

Garage sale held on Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20, 2025 netted \$600.00 for Always Choose Health Levy Committee.

Environmental Health Division is busy with mosquito control activities, scrap tires remediation and bird flu surveillance.

THE AUGUST SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 15TH @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

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

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF HEALTH

SECRETARY, BOARD OF HEALTH