



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

FEBRUARY 16, 2024



The Friday, February 16, 2024 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order @ 8:30 A.M. by President Nan Smith, with the following members present:

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

Excused absence: John W. Zimmerman

Health Commissioner and Sandusky Co. Board of Health Secretary Bethany Brown phoned in for the meeting.

Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller; Sandusky Co. Public Health Medical Director Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, M.D.; Anita and Poncho Cortez, food service operators.

Additional agenda items: 5.1 Approval of resignation of Dawn Groh, Environmental Health Division; and 6.5 Approval of contract with Ohio University for Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation.

There was no public, Board or staff comment.

Mr. Auxter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 19, 2024 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting as presented. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month/year to date of \$245,949.81. Expenses for the month/year to date totaled \$203,086.58.

The monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes, were approved for payment on motion by Dr. Zimmerman. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$10,882.90; Food Service, \$842.13; Private Water, \$759.10; Swimming Pools, \$44.85; Family Planning, \$4,067.40; Public Health Clinic,, \$1,752.43; CFHS, \$670.88; W.I.C., \$784.43; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$543.67; Community Health Assessment, \$124.43; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$1,328.50; SPF-PFS, \$1,749.25; Help Me Grow, \$247.01; Wellness, \$94.23; Drug Free Communities, \$181.50; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$1,702.08; Immunization Action Plan, \$5,692.00; Creating Healthy Communities, \$2,125.14; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$1,089.00; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$1,000.00; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.), \$119.48; Public Health Workforce, \$119.40; and Integrated Harm Reduction, \$99.00.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 24-06, Fund Account Transfer from Board of Health to Community Health Assessment in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Health Partners dues. After Board review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve Resolution 24-06. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Rojas, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; Yuhas, yes; Gross, yes; Smith, yes; and Mason, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 24-07, Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000.00 to Board of Health fund for diaper program. After Board of Health review, Mr. Auxter made a motion to approve Resolution 24-07. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Voting thereon: Zimmerman, yes; Rojas, yes; Auxter, yes; Yuhas, yes; Smith, yes; Gross, yes; and Mason, yes. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes; 0-Nay.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to accept the resignation of Dawn Groh, Environmental Health Division, effective Friday, February 23, 2024. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Sandusky Co. Job and Family Services and Sandusky Co. Public Health for the diaper program. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve out of state travel for Charlotte Stonerook, to Washington, D.C., March 5-8, 2024 for presentation for the Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.) grant. Mr. Auxter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Clyde for pedestrian infrastructure in the amount of \$5,000.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Agenda item 6.4 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Fremont was tabled to a future meeting.

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve contract with Ohio University for Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation in the amount of \$48,812.47. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Director of Environmental Health Nina Johannsen presented an update on Sandusky Co. Board of Health orders for Big Shots Pub and Grub, 121 S. Stone St., Fremont, progress on food service violations, as well HD Express Mart, 506 N. Main St., Clyde, which the malfunctioning cooler ordered removed; Quality Inn, 3422 SR #53, Fremont, moving food service operation to lobby; and Cookie Lady, W. State St., Fremont, in compliance.

Anita Cortez and son, Poncho Cortez, addressed the Board regarding food preparation issues. The Cortez prepare food @ Fremont Eagles location, W. State St., and transport to events. Director of Environmental Health Nina Johannsen stated verification of food prep @ the Eagles is required. A punch in/punch out card is required on days of food preparation @ the Eagles. Dr. Zimmerman stressed proper communication between the Cortez and Sandusky Co. Public Health Environmental Health staff is paramount. President Nan Smith and Dr. Zimmerman thanked Anita and Poncho for addressing the Board.

Health Educator Jamie Belcher reported on the CADCA Conference, January 29-February 1, 2024 @ National Harbor, Maryland. Health Commissioner Bethany Brown, Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook and Jamie Belcher met with staff of Senators Sherrod Brown and J.D. Vance office and Representative Marcy Kaptur, stressing the importance of prevention funding to local health departments and coalitions.

Sandusky Co. Opiate/Suicide Fatality Review Board will meet Noon to 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the Front Conference Room.

Citizens Public Information Committee will meet FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.

ANNUAL SANDUSKY CO. DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 @ 7:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Re-accreditation upload of 150 documents to PHAB deadline is May 8, 2024. Health Commissioner Bethany Brown has approved fifty-seven (57%) percent of documents, with two (2) Domains uploaded, progressing very smoothly.

Director of Environmental Health Nina Johannsen reported Phil Spanfellner's sewage treatment system is complete. Complaints have been received by Sandusky Co. Public Health regarding Kingsway Auto Parts, SR #19, Fremont; and the former Gordon Lumber Co., S. Main St., Lindsey, regarding function of the sewage system. Mrs. Johannsen stated working in partnership with community agencies on remediation of issues.

Dr. Zimmerman questioned status of Edward Artz property, SR #19, Fremont, which is "at a standstill". Health Commissioner Brown and Ms. Johannsen meet monthly with Sandusky Co. Prosecutor Beth Tischler on filed cases.

Director of Nursing Deb Agee reported immunization clinic activities are slow. An uptick in the number of syphilis cases regionally has been noted. Sandusky Co. Public Health partners with Lucas Co. Public Health for syphilis/HIV case referral and investigation.

Maternal and child mortality work group provides home visiting upon receipt of referral of mother's use of marijuana/alcohol.

Health Educator Jamie Belcher reported tobacco compliance checks completed recently resulted in six (6) out of twenty-one (21) sales to underage youth; three (3) underage sales in Bellevue; two (2) in Clyde; and one (1) in Green Springs. Follow up letters of commendation for carding individuals are sent, as well as letters to violators of tobacco laws in the State of Ohio and information on the QUIT LINE.

W.I.C. Director Angie Ruth reported caseload is just under 1,000. Federal funding moving forward may be decreased. The State of Ohio has reported a large influx of Haitian population in W.I.C. clinics.

THE MARCH SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 15TH @ 8:30 A.M.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY