



# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

The regular Friday, February 21, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room by President Dean L. Auxter, with the following in attendance:

Dean L. Auxter, President  
Nan Smith  
Alexandra Rojas  
John L. Yuhas, D.O.  
Robert Gross  
James Mason

Excused absence: Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., Vice-President  
John W. Zimmerman

There was not public, Board or staff comment.

One additional agenda under Finance, 7.4 Approval of Contract with Sandusky Co. Family and Children First Council

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 17, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown announced Director of Support Services Bryleigh Wolf gave birth to a daughter, Palmer, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with month/year revenue of \$281,506.06. Expenses for month/year \$215,262.30.

Sandusky Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills, which become a part of these minutes. After review, Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve payment of bills. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$19,933.84; Manufactured Home Park, \$140.00; Food Service, \$1,450.26; Private Water, \$1,305.67; Swimming Pools, \$140.00; Family Planning, \$4,884.32; Public Health Clinic, \$4,001.50; CFHS, \$895.22; Women's, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), 11,299.29; Solid Waste, \$155.00; Tobacco Prevention, Use and Cessation, \$192.20; Community Health Assessment, \$86.74; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$1,410.77; SPF-PFS, \$1,589.21; Help Me Grow, \$2,880.20; Wellness, \$186.99; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$1,019.81; Immunization Action Plan, \$5,225.674; Creating Healthy Communities, \$129.42; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$1,128.27; and Integrated Harm Reduction, \$4,503.80.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve closure of Sandusky Co. Public Health offices Wednesday, September 17, 2025 for annual Work Force Development Day. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Health Partners. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve out of state travel for Jamie Belcher, March 4-6, 2025 to Washington, DC to present@ HRSA Reverse Site. Ms. Rojas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve Resolution 25-01, authorizing Sandusky Co. Public Health to apply for, accept and enter into Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. Mr. Gross questioned the funding protocols, based on need, number of sewage treatment system projects, etc.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Sandusky Co. Family and Children First Council in the amount of \$10,000.00 for home visits. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. This first time funding will provided needed items, visits, support to Sandusky Co. families with young children in partnership with other Health Dept. program, i.e. W.I.C., Help Me Grow.

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

Sandusky Co. Board of Health members were updated on federal funding as a freeze on dollars was issued and then rescinded. Health Planning and Education funding for lock boxes/pouches through Mental Health and Recovery funding is still available.

Health Partners will work with The Bellevue Hospital that is going through transition of ownership for data information/dues/community health assessment.

Health Commissioner Bethany Brown is Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky Co. Chairperson for 2025 and July 1, 2025 will assume the role Chairperson for United Way of Sandusky Co. President Auxter commended Brown on community involvement.

Charlotte Stonerook, Jamie Belcher and Stacey Gibson presented @ annual CADCA Conference, Washington, DC, @ Prevention Day on Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 9:15 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. The presentation went very well. The group, along with several Northwest Ohio county Prevention staff, met with Rep. Marcy Kaptur's staff to discuss the importance of prevention education and funding on Legislation Day.

Sandusky Co. Child Fatality Review Board, a closed meeting, was held on Monday, February 10, 2025@ 9:00 A.M. to review deaths of Sandusky Co. youth 18 and under. Nine (9) cases were reviewed by representatives of Sandusky Co. Coroner's office, Sandusky Co. Family and Children First Council; Sandusky Co. Sheriff office; Fremont Police Department, ProMedica Memorial Hospital; Sandusky Co. Job and Family Services; Sandusky Co. Public Health; and Mental Health and Recovery Services.

Citizens Public Information Committee met on Friday, January 24, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M. @ Vickery Environmental, Inc. Conference Room. Bethany Brown was elected chairperson of the committee for 2025 and Gary Schwochow, Vice-Chairman. Vickery Environmental, Inc. is waiting for Ohio E.P.A. approval of permits for Well #8.

ANNUAL SANDUSKY CO. DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 @ 7:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

Re-accreditation will take place virtual Wednesday and Thursday, February 26 and 27, 2025, with staff members participating along with Sandusky Co. Board of Health members Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., John W. Zimmerman, and Robert Gross. The agenda is set and confirmation of Domain documentation reviewed noted. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) will meet in May, 2025 and following the review, accreditation will be received, which will last five (5) years.

Reproductive Health and Wellness site visit was completed on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 and went very well.

Health Planning and Education tobacco grant site visit by Ohio Dept. of Health was held Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and went well.

Women's, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Dead birds in Sandusky Co. have tested positive for bird flu. There are no human cases of bird flu in Sandusky Co.

MARCH SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no need for Executive Session at this meeting.

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