

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on July 24, 2025
The Toledo Catholic Diocese, 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, Ohio 43604
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Barbara Sarantou

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Ted Kaczorowski, David Karmol, Dr. Richard Munk, Dr. Donna Woodson, Matthew Sapara, Dr. Johnathon Ross, Sonia Flunder-McNair, Paul Komisarek, and Barbara Sarantou

Excused: Amr Elaskary, Cheryl Crowder, and Susan Postal

II. Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Jennifer Gottschalk, Dr. Lawrence Monger, Shannon Jones, Angie Bauman, Wendy Davis, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Brandon Palinski, Kendra Kec, Tina Stokes, Heather Burnette, Scott Francis, Dyana Newton, Michael Judin, Monsignor Kubacki, Jessica Steinman, and Adrianne Briner.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Karim Baroudi reported that there are two walk- on contracts that include entering into an agreement with United Way to receive \$13,000.00 and serve as content matter expert specific to the public health pillar and to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health and receive \$38,750.00 for Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) in Lucas County under the Audit/Finance Committee report.

IV. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Donna Woodson, MD recommended to add the presenter of committee reports when the chair is absent when reporting out at the Board of Health meetings.

(Resolution 145-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the recommendation to add the presenter of the committee reports when chair is absent at the Board of Health meeting. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 146-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the minutes with recommended changes of June 26, 2025, Regular Board of Health Meeting as amended. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

V. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

Legal update to be discussed during executive session.

VI. Medical Director's Report – Lawrence Monger, MD

Dr. Lawrence Monger, Jr., reported Ohio is experiencing a rise in communicable diseases, with over 1,300 measles cases reported and the highest number of whooping cough (pertussis) cases in 2024 since 2010. The Ohio Department of Health emphasizes the importance of vaccinations to help control these outbreaks. Additionally, the Health & Safety Committee reviewed a *Journal of the American Medical Association* article highlighting an increase in U.S. child mortality rates, driven by rising rates of chronic illness, obesity, and gun violence. U.S. children now face a significantly higher risk of premature death compared to previous years.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Health Services – Cheryl Crowder, Presented by Johnathon Ross, MD

The Health Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

Dr. Johnathon Ross reported on a billboard media campaign to raise awareness about WIC, aiming to reach more eligible individuals and highlight the importance of nutritional education amid concerns about declining child health. Karim Baroudi noted that a full presentation on the campaign will be shared next month. Additionally, Health Services is continuing its review and update of tuberculosis (TB) policies as part of broader policy updates.

(Resolution 147-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the Health Services Committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 148-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to improve efficiency in the policy revisions process, any policy updates that involve minor changes as to language cleanup, clarification, or simple change to reflect the most recent revision date will no longer require full Board of Health (BOH) review or approval. Instead, a new internal procedure will be implemented to formally notify the BOH of these minor administrative updates, ensuring transparency while allowing the Board to focus on substantive policy changes. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 149-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the personnel committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary, Presented by Ted Kaczorowski

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 150-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the payment of the June 2025 vouchers. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 151-25) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$51,248.00 for June 2025. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$125,000.00, Community Impact Grant – new application.
- \$38,750.00, new name for the grant/continuation of Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) deliverable portion of formerly OEI but now receiving funds from Ohio Department of Health – new application.
- \$40,000.00, continuation grant for Minority Health Month 2026.
- \$115,773.00, continuation grant for Get Vaccinated Ohio from the Ohio Department of Health.
- \$238,862.00, continuation grant for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness from Ohio Department of Health.
- \$798,384.00, continuation grant for the Maternal and Infant Vitality Initiative (formerly OEI) from the Department of Children and Youth.
- \$33,000.00, additional award for MRC Strong from the Wood County Health Department.
- \$38,750.00, continuation grant for Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) from the Ohio Department of Health.

(Resolution 152-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to apply and accept all grants listed above. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Enter into an agreement with Ohio Department of Children and Youth to receive \$798,384.00 for Maternal and Infant Vitality Initiative activities for reducing infant mortality by prioritizing communities most impacted by infant deaths.
- Enter into an agreement with Marciella Ardolino Consulting contract with no cost for review of medical records and associated privacy practices.
- Enter into an agreement with Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County to receive \$63,672.00 to purchase NOSS supplies.

- Enter into an agreement with Allen County Public Health to receive \$5,000.00 to host Ohio Overdose Awareness Day Events.
- Enter into an agreement with Crawford County Public Health to receive \$5,000.00 to host Ohio Overdose Awareness Day Events.
- Enter into an agreement with Pathways Counseling Center, Inc. to receive \$5,000.00 to host Ohio Overdose Awareness Day Events.
- Enter into an agreement with Sandusky County Public Health to receive \$5,000.00 to host Ohio Overdose Awareness Day Events.
- Enter into a memorandum of understanding with Midwest Centers at no cost to secure the partnership to implement Harm Reduction vending machine.
- Enter into a memorandum of understanding with TASC of Northwest Ohio at no cost to secure the partnership to implement a Harm Reduction vending machine.
- Enter into an agreement with Tovuti for \$30,618.00 over 3 years to support the learning management system for creation, implementation, and tracking of staff trainings and onboarding.
- Red and White contract to terminate effective 6/26/2025.

(Resolution 153-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to enter into all Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in July 2025 Audit Finance committee report. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 154-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Matthew Sapara to enter into an agreement with the United Way to receive \$13,000.00 and serve as content matter expert specific to the public health pillar. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 155-25) A motion was made by Paul Komisarek and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health and to receive \$38,750.00 for Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) in Lucas County. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 156-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the write-off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount \$2,965.70 for the month of June 2025. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 157-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the audit and finance committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

D. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 158-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the extension of the connection to the accessible sanitary sewerage system, 7332 Angola Road, Holland, Ohio 43528 with the following conditions:

- Enrollment in the Lucas County Regional Health District's Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program.
- The property owner is responsible for paying the fee associated with recording the extension at the Lucas County Recorder's Office.
- Connection to the sanitary sewerage system is required if the household sewage treatment system requires an alteration, significant repair, or replacement.
- Connection to the sanitary sewerage system is required if there is a transfer of sale of the property.

Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 159-25) A motion was made by Ted Kaczorowski and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to approve the Environmental Health Committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

E. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek

The Facilities and Fleet Committee met on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

(Resolution 160-25) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the Facilities and Fleet Committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VIII. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 161-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code. at 9:45 a.m.. Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 162-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 10:23 a.m. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action was taken during executive session.

IX. New Business/Points for Consideration

X. Prior Business

XI. Public Health in the News

XII. Next Meetings


August 28, 2025 (Mott Branch Library)

September 25, 2025 (Kent Branch Library)

October 23, 2025 (TBD)

(Resolution 163-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:


Barbara Sarantou, President
Lucas County Regional Board of Health


Karim Baroudi, MPH, REHS
Secretary to the Board of Health

Date: 8/26/25

Date: 8/28/25