

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on September 24, 2026, 8:45 a.m.
Sylvania Township Hall, 4927 N. Holland-Sylvania Road, Sylvania, Ohio 43560, Chamber Room
Meeting Minutes

I. Board Continuing Education: Disease Surveillance

Two of the three communicable disease epidemiologists, Maria Bibsh and Terri DeTano, presented an overview of disease surveillance within our community, working closely with schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. A quick update was also given surrounding the Cyclospora outbreak and recent Measles case in Lucas County.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call – Amr Elaskary

Amr Elaskary, President, called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Amr Elaskary, Paul Komisarek, Ted Kaczorowski, Richard Munk, MD, Cheryl Crowder, Susan Postal, Dr. Donna Woodson, MD, Barbara Sarantou, Johnathon Ross, MD, and Sonia Flunder-McNair

Excused: David Karmol and Matthew Sapara

III. Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Shannon Jones, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Angie Bauman, Kendra Sivilie, Jen Gottschalk, Tina Stokes, Wendy Davis, Brandon Palinski, Dr. Lawrence Monger, Gina Baroudi, Kevin Roberts (WIC), Jane Hearons (WIC), Nate Fries (AFSCME), Jessica Steinman, and Adrienne Briner.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions.

V. Medical Director's Report – Dr. Lawrence Monger

Dr. Monger expressed appreciation for attending the Association of Ohio Health Commissioner's (AOHC) and shared information on cancer screening tools, with plans to present the slides at next month's meeting. He also reported 180 measles cases in Ohio and 3,471 cases nationwide, including four deaths.

VI. Prior Business/New Business/Health Commissioner's Update – Karim Baroudi

Board Resolution Recognizing the Retirement of Jane Hearons, Dietitian/Nutritionist, WIC Program, 22 Years of Service

Karim recognized Jane Hearons, Dietitian/Nutritionist, WIC Program, for her retirement after 22 years of service.

(Resolution 167-26) A motion was made by Dr. Donna Woodson and seconded by Ted Kaczorowski to Approve a resolution honoring Jane Hearons, RD, LD, for 22 years of dedicated public service and celebrating her retirement. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Strategy Update (Strategic Planning)

Karim reported that strategic planning will become part of the Committee of the Whole, with monthly updates, quarterly presentations, and a detailed year-end report. The entire Board of Health will be involved, with stakeholders potentially participating as well.

Brandon reported that January will focus on reviewing 2026 and using the CHA results to guide the next Strategic Plan, ensuring goals align with community needs and stakeholder priorities. It is recommended focusing on 3–5 key goals over time, with consideration given to developing a five-year plan alongside shorter-term goals.

Dr. Woodson emphasized that the Strategic Plan is a living document and supported involving the entire Board of Health. Karim compared it to a vehicle dashboard, allowing the plan to be monitored and adjusted throughout the year.

Dr. Munk arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Board members who had not yet signed the Conflict of Interest or Disclosure Statement were provided the forms to complete and return to Wendy for recordkeeping.

VII. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

(Resolution 168-26) A motion was made by Barbara Sarantou and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the Minutes of August 27, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VIII. Open Forum Discussion – Karim Baroudi

The President's Vision

Amr discussed the challenges of changing established routines and encouraged the Board of Health to evaluate current practices and consider alternatives. Board members are invited to suggest improvements and identify hurdles as the department shifts focus toward new goals following the move to the new building.

Karim stated that goal development will begin early next year to allow time to identify and align priorities. He highlighted the 2026 accomplishments of obtaining a new building and strengthening community partnerships, while emphasizing the importance of promoting the Health Department's work and demonstrating its value to the community.

Dr. Ross raised concerns about funding cuts and gaps in insurance coverage, identifying them as an immediate threat. He recommended engaging community partners to develop strategies for mitigation. Amr requested additional ideas from Dr. Ross and information on infrastructure used in the past.

Food choices and public health were discussed, including the success of the smoke-free community initiative. Karim emphasized the importance of the Board of Health and Health Department serving as public health leaders, while Amr suggested identifying root causes as a starting point.

Sonia highlighted environmental initiatives focused on lead abatement, including pre- and post-demolition soil testing to protect local soil quality and ensure safe areas for children.

Amr emphasized public education on health and prevention, including the importance of regular preventive care, while expressing concerns about AI and long wait times for medical appointments.

Paul emphasized the Health Department Board is unique because it serves as both a governing and working board. He recommended continuing to consider both roles and maintaining an engaged, hands-on Board while recognizing that members are not involved in daily operations.

Amr encouraged the Board of Health to identify ways to support specific strategic goals. He noted that the Board is governing effectively and should focus on opportunities for growth to better serve the community as its needs change.

A. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 169-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion to Approve the *First* reading of the Environmental Health proposed 2027 fees:

1. The committee reviewed the program fees attached for the following programs:
 - I. Food Safety Program Proposed 2027 Fees.
 - II. Food Safety Plan Review Proposed 2027 Fees.
 - III. Body Art Program Proposed 2027 Fees.
 - IV. Campground Program Proposed 2027 Fees.
 - V. Pool Program Proposed 2027 Fees.
 - VI. Rabies Shipping Fee (new).

VII. Lead Program Proposed Fees (new).

Has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection will take a **Roll Call Vote**. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 170-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Susan Postal to Approve the Environmental Health committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Audit and Finance Committee – Ted Kaczorowski

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 171-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion to Approve the payment of the August 2026 vouchers has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 172-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion to Approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$104,895.00 for August 2026 has been moved and seconded. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$1,000,000.00, new grant from Community Reinvestment Collaborative Plan.
- \$90,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health, Public Health Workforce.
- \$350,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health, Regional Prevention and Linkage to Care Collaborative.
- \$2,772,575.00 from the Ohio Department of Health, WIC Program.
- \$9,950.00 from the Lucas County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, SOS 4.0 Y2 Carryover.
- \$30,000.00 from the Lucas County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, SOS 4.0 Y1 Carryover.

(Resolution 173-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion was made to apply and accept all grants listed above in August 2026 Audit Finance committee report. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Lucas County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, \$9,950.00 for Overdose Awareness Day 2026.

- Lamar Advertising, \$24,000.00 for Hypertension Awareness Billboard Campaign.
- Equitas Health Inc, at no cost, allowing NOSS program to hold clinic at Equitas.
- City of Toledo, \$100.00 per demolition inspection.
- East Toledo Family Center, \$8,400.00 for WIC Clinic (rent, internet, and phone system access).
- ProMedica Toledo Hospital, \$430,000.00 for WIC services.
- Neighborhood Health Association, \$215,000.00 for WIC services.
- Mercy Health – St. Vincent Medical Center, to receive \$378,411.00 for WIC services.
- Ohio Department of Health at no cost, providing vaccine through the VFC program to underinsured children.

(Resolution 174-26) On behalf of the committee, a motion was made to Approve the above listed contracts, agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in August 2026 Audit Finance committee report. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 175-26) A motion was made to Approve the write-off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount as amended \$1,794.54 for the month of August 2026. If there is no objection, will take a voice vote. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 176-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to Approve the Audit and Finance committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VIII. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

Legal report to be discussed in Executive Session.

IX. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 177-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Barbara Sarantou to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(3). Conferences with an attorney of the public body as well as section (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official at 10:38 a.m. **Roll Call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 178-26) A motion was made Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 19, 2026 – TBD

December 17, 2026 – Health Department (New building)

January 28 2026 – Health Department (New building)

(Resolution 179-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:



Amr Elaskary, CPA, CFE, President
Lucas County Regional Board of Health



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

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