

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
April 16, 2025

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair, Dawn Fulk
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – Marie Muller, Kevin Watkins, Dawn Fulk, Stephen Smith, Leann Clink, & Carolyn Richards

MEMBERS ABSENT- Monica Standel & Robert Fielitz
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Remington Nevin & Tammie Berger
- IV. CITIZENS -
 - a. Amiee Nelson - St. Clair, MI – Vaccine waiver law
 - b. Vance Richardson, Fort Gratiot, MI – Solar
 - c. Angie Defrain – Fort Gratiot, MI – Vaccine Waiver law
 - d. Jackie Darrough – Port Huron, MI - Vaccine Waiver law
 - e. Sandra Richardson, Fort Gratiot, MI - Solar
- V. MINUTES – The Board received the March 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Watkins, seconded by Clink to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the March 2025 AP Transaction Register in the \$96,638.64 and the March Budget to Actual Report. L. Clink did ask how the department chooses their medical supply vendors. Discussion followed. Motion by Richards, seconded by Watkins to accept the March 2025 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report to forward to the controller
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE - The Board received the following correspondence for review:
 - a. Email to BOH member LeAnn Clink for her support of BW Recovery and Outreach.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. By-Laws – Liz stated that it is still pending review by legal Counsel.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – Liz King
 - i. The business office is continuing with routine audits. COVID federal dollars that are being pulled back or ending were discussed. These monies will not have any effect on HD staffing or programs; however, it will impact other local health departments. Communication continues with the state on other potential funding pauses.
 - ii. Environmental Health division update:
 1. Notification was received by EGLE Water Resources Division that they will be in Port Huron and Kimball Townships to collect water samples to be analyzed for PFAS. This is a follow up to Thompson Pond results in 2024.
 2. The EH division will also be assisting MDHHS with algal bloom monitoring this summer.

3. Earth Fair will be this month and EH staff will be participating.
 4. The summer beach monitoring program will be participating in some additional source testing this year to determine the origin of contamination of E-Coli sources.
 5. K. Watkins asked about the status of the Septic Bill. Steve Demick responded that the bill will be reintroduced. He will be attending a stakeholder meeting this week.
- iii. Nursing division update:
1. The Personal Health Family Planning Program just completed their review process and passed with flying colors. Liz commended the staff for all their hard work. The Family Planning program has also seen an increase in clients.
 2. Child Adolescent Health Centers (CAHC) are working on different aspects of the construction grant. These grants were approved by the BOC and will update the clinic area at each school site. The Port Huron clinic is getting a face lift including new flooring and new countertops, as it is over 30 years old. The HD's role is simply acting as a fiduciary for the state funds
 3. McLaren Health Clinic has become a VFC provider. They have recently started a medical residency program.
- iv. The PPEv division continues to work on quarterly CHIP initiatives.
1. The 2024 Annual Report continues to be edited and involves QR codes that will link to videos.
 2. The on-boarding project is now sending surveys to new staff at 1 week, 1 month, 3 month and 6-month intervals. Liz does meet with each employee near their 6-month mark. She may consider also meeting with these employees at 1 year.
 3. Health Ed has filled their vacant Health Educator position.
- v. Building Move – A new vendor and flooring product needed to be identified and ordered. The flooring is expected to arrive in 2 weeks, with a 2 week install period. The movers' contract was approved by the BOC. Construction on the garage started April 7th. There will be some interruption to the access of the loading dock. May 5th will be the start of some disassembly of some office space and the board room. Both Liz and Greg's offices will be disassembled. The Lab will also be disassembled and moved this week. Marie asked about communication process. Liz shared the planned steps. Liz proposed that the May Board of Health meeting to be cancelled as the NCR will not be available and necessary moving will be ongoing as it occurs in stages. The board did consent to cancelling the May meeting and will meet again in June at the Don Dodge Auditorium which is where all future meetings will be held. The meeting cancellation will be posted on our website.
- vi. Liz distributed Dr. Nevin's most recent 36-page memo re: laws and regulations pertaining to immunization exemption to members of the Board, along with a summary of the Michigan Administrative Rules. She also asked the Nursing Director and Assistant Director to provide a presentation. Their presentation covered the vaccine waiver process currently and the steps involved in completing the process. Also shared was a virtual option that other health departments are using. In 2024 the data team surveyed the 526 waiver clients and the overall score on that survey on a scale of 5.0, was 4.55% with positive comments related to staff and efficiency. Dr. Nevin discussed his memo, comments from Board members, Kevin Watkins, Carolyn Richard and Steve Smith.

X. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS -

- a. LeAnn Clink spoke about the OB shortage that she is seeing with SPERO clients. Dr. Nevin spoke about the county's low birth rate and the economic disadvantage for this type of practice.
- b. C. Richards discussed a northern Macomb County's residents concern about finding a large number of empty "whip-it" aerosol canisters in ditches near her home. Carolyn did suggest that she start with her local sheriff office. Dr. Nevin shared that he had spoken to CMH about their experience with child clientele experience psychosis due to access to marijuana. Discussion followed.

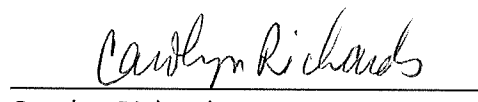
XI. NEXT MEETING – The May meeting is cancelled. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location will be in the Don Dodge Auditorium, 200 Grand River, Port Huron, MI.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Muller seconded Richards to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:


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Carolyn Richards, Secretary

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