ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH SPECIAL MEETING August 14, 2025

- I. MEETING called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Monica Standel
- II. <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Monica Standel, Marie Muller, Kevin Watkins, Dawn Fulk, Stephen Smith, Leann Clink, Carolyn Richards & Robert Fielitz
- III. STAFF PRESENT Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Remington Nevin & Tammie Berger

IV. CITIZENS -

- a. Pastor D. Hoffman Fort Gratiot, MI Dr. Nevin 8/1/2025 memo support ending services.
- b. Will Kriewall Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- c. Alyssa Seidl St. Clair County, MI Community Clinic Services support
- d. Kathy Swantek, St. Clair, MI Outreach & Community Clinic Services support
- e. Kelly Baker, Fort Gratiot, MI Adolescent Health Centers support
- f. Melanie Dunsmore, Yale, MI Adolescent Health Centers support
- g. Ruth Habalewski, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- h. Rachel Bonelli, St. Clair, MI Outreach & Community Services support; Fluoride in water support
- i. Scott Crawford, Port Huron, MI Outreach & Community Services support
- j. Cynthia Bankston, Port Huron, MI Outreach & Community Services support
- Mary Lynn Houle, Port Huron, MI Fluoride in water Support & Community Clinics support
- I. Kim Scheible, Fort Gratiot, MI Outreach & Community Clinic Servicers support; Fluoride in water support
- m. Rebecca Campau, Fort Gratiot, MI Adolescent Health Centers support
- n. Carol Miller, Port Huron Twp., MI Dr. Nevin memo support
- o. Jessica Baker, Marysville, MI Adolescent Health Centers support
- p. Angie Defrain, Fort Gratiot, MI Dr. Nevin 8/1/2025 memo support ending services.
- q. Diane Hulett, Riley, MI Dr. Nevin 8/1/2025 memo support ending services.
- r. Eileen Tesch, Algonac, MI Dr. Nevin 8/1/2025 memo support ending services.
- s. Dr. Ralph Gillhooley Fluoride in water support
- t. Virginia Corey, Fort Gratiot, MI Fluoride in water support
- u. Dr. R. Samman, Fort Gratiot, MI Fluoride in water support
- v. Deb Roberts, Burtchville, MI Fluoride in water support, Nurses support
- w. Ann Marie Ernst, Fort Gratiot, MI Community Clinic Services support; nurses support
- x. Sharon Kortez, Marine City, MI Community Clinic Services support
- y. Kurt Sutton, Yale, MI Yale Bulldog Clinic support
- z. Mary Lou Creamer, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- aa. Kassandre Alexander, Marysville, MI Community Clinic Services support
- bb. Amber Koningisor, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- cc. Sydney Barnes, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- dd. Brenda Tenniswood, Marysville, MI School Based Clinic support
- ee. Libby Prill, China Twp., MI Dr. Nevin 6/17/2025 Fluoride memo support

- ff. Jane Howard, Clyde, MI Fluoride in water support
- gg. Kathy Bladow, Kimball, MI Community Clinic Services support
- hh. Vickie Blackburn Community Clinic Services support and Fluoride in water support.
- ii. Ellen Ventimiglia, Lakeport, MI Community Clinic Services support
- jj. Tiffany Francis, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support
- kk. Marilyn Moncrief, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support; Fluoride in water support
- II. Sarah Jones, Port Huron, MI Outreach Clinic Services support
- mm. Dr. Amy Nelson, Capac, MI Community Clinic Services support
- nn. Cathy Murray, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support; Fluoride in water support
- oo. Robert Dr. Nevin 6/17/2025 memo support
- pp. Diane Lois Kimball, MI Emergency Clinics
- qq. Jimmy Dado Community Clinic Services support
- rr. Marilyn Abernathy Public Health support
- ss. Vanessa Davis, St. Clair, MI Fluoride removal support; quality nutrition
- tt. Susan Ingles, Burtchville, MI Fluoride in water support
- uu. Tracy Birgy, Marysville, MI Dr. Nevin 8/1/2025 memo support ending services.
- vv. Liz Somerville Dr. Nevin support
- ww. Dr. Merit Aksu, Detroit, MI Supports Community Based Clinics and Fluoride in Water
- xx. Debbie Brinson School Based Clinic support
- yy. Aleesha Wise, Fort Gratiot, MI Community Clinic Services support
- zz. Mary Williams, Port Huron, MI Community Clinic Services support

Letters read into the record

- aaa. Jeri Smith, Ira Twp., MI Community Clinic Services support
- bbb. Jennifer Michaluk Community & Outreach Clinic Services support
- ccc. Susan Amato Community Clinic Services support

10 MINUTE ADJOURMENT- RECONVENE AT 9:55 P.M.

- V. Justin Westmiller spoke regarding the county's emergency plan.
- VI. PowerPoint Presentation Shifting Medical Direction Memo Overview Presented by Liz King, Brandon Fey and Amy Bishop
- VII. Dr. Remington Nevin Provided his rationale and explanation for issuing his 8/1/2025 memorandum directing the end of clinical services and adolescent health centers outside of the main Health Department building.
- VIII. Roundtable discussion of Advisory Board of Health members (10 minutes allowed)
 - a. Robert Fielitz BOC 5th District. Recommending the extension of the memo's deadline beyond September 1, 2025 to allow for solutions to be found. The BOC would like the ABOH to have a solution by their September 4th meeting.
 - b. Carolyn Richards Discussed that Dr. Nevin not having trust in individuals in the department and employee loyalty to previous health department leadership and supports Dr. Nevin at this time regarding RNs not providing medical care under his license. Asked about the Mental Health Therapist. Liz confirmed that Mental Health Therapist position funding are tied to the Adolescent Health Centers grant and would be

- discontinued without the centers. Talked about have corporate pharmacist to support outside clinic services at community events.
- c. Leann Clink Stated that medical oversight is import and to look at other solutions. Do some out of the box thinking.
- d. Kevin Watkins Discussed the concerning surrounding nursing duties and setting back nurses responsibilities. Nurses are high level critical thinkers. Must look at all the data. Has concerning about cutting services at the school health clinics and at outreach events. We must think very carefully about this.
- e. Steve Smith Discussed his wife being an RN and him background as a chiropractor. Need for more collaboration and address communication issues. Talked about scope of duties and liability. Agrees that Dr. Nevin does not have enough time. He supports Dr. Nevin's judgment.
- f. Marie Muller Thank citizens for attending. Discussed her background. Discussed a historical measles outbreak at Yale schools in the past. Favored more hours for Dr. Nevin. Favored keep the school-based clinics.
- g. Monica Standel Has concerns about taking away the school-based clinics. Taking services aware from children and lost in public trust before of this proposal. Would like to see a clinical services director to provide clinical oversight to keep services. Asked Dr. Nevin to bump his deadline from September 1st to October 1st to allow the exploration of solutions. Dr. Nevin unwilling to extend the deadline for his memorandum and the closure of school-based clinics.
- h. Robert Fielitz proposed a solution he received from a citizen about providing bus service to the main office for services. Would like to see the letter from the State of Michigan regarding a second physician considered.

IX. Motion

Dawn Fulk proposed a motion to support Dr. Nevin's memo to support the consolidation of services. Motion to support the memorandum to close school-based clinics as of September 1, 2025. Carolyn Richards, seconded, but asked if there could be an addendum to the motion to look into the hiring of a clinic services physician. It was explained that an addendum would have no bearing, as the clinics would close on September 1, 2025 and all grant monies would be return to the State of Michigan who would allocate those funds to other school-based clinics across the State. Robert Fielitz asked Dr. Nevin if he was willing to accept more hours to provide clinic oversight. Dr. Nevin stated that full time clinical oversight is not the solution. Kevin Watkins asked to table the motion until the next Advisory Board of Health Meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 9 a.m. Dawn Fulk agreed to rescind her motion until the next meeting. Motion by Fulk seconded by Richards, to rescind the current Motion on the floor and tabled it until the August 20th meeting. Motion carried.

X. <u>NEXT MEETING</u> –The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> — Motion by Muller, seconded by Richards to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

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Monica Standel, Chair

Carolyn Richards, Secretary

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