

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONTHLY MEETING  
March 18, 2026

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Monica Standel.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MEMBERS PRESENT – Monica Standel, Paul Urben, Dawn Fulk, Joseph Hayes, Leann Clink, & Dave Rushing  
MEMBERS ABSENT – Carolyn Richards and Stephen Smith.
- IV. STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Nevin and T. Berger
- V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –
  - a. Tray Smith, St. Clair – Discussed providing a presentation to the ABOH concerning homeless and suicide prevention and federal dollars available.
  - b. David Allison – Kenockee Twp.- Right to Life, abortion
  - c. Jennifer Michaluk - Email
- VI. MINUTES – The Board received the February 2026 meeting minutes. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Urben to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VII. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the February 2026 AP Transaction Register in the \$75,009.35 and the February Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Urben to accept the February 2026 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report as forward to the controller.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – The Board received the following correspondence for review: Liz asked the Board for their input on responding to routine letters of support. Discussion followed. It was determined that Liz will proceed handling routine letters of support as presented.
  - a. Two letters of support for Fort Gratiot sewer project.
  - b. One letter of support for Kimball Twp. Sewer project.
  - c. Burst Fax – Measles Refresher for Clinicians
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. Solar Regulation Update – The Board of Commissioners voted to appeal the 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court ruling.
  - b. Fluoride Regulation –
    - Letter to EPA & Memorandum to SCC Municipalities & Municipal Water Systems - Dr. Nevin anticipates the EPA will change the maximum contaminant level goal to below 0.7 mg/L, which would be below the level otherwise recommended for prevention of caries. Dr. Nevin anticipates this will effectively preclude the addition of fluoride.” Standel asked if there were any responses from any municipality about the letter. Dr. Nevin stated there were zero responses.
  - c. MAPPP letter – Dr. Nevin discusses his non-renewal of MAPPP membership and rationale.
  - d. Teen Health – Liz King updated the Board on the developments with the steering committee. King stated that the PHASD Board of Education will be the final decision maker. The mental health therapist at Teen Health has resigned. In the meantime, the mental health therapist in Capac (E3 funding) will help fill in. However, this funding for the mental health therapist in Capac will also not be renewed in FY27.
  - e. Civics Plus – Liz stated that the HD is working with administration. An agenda template needs to be built. Monica noted that there will be some changes on the agenda format.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. MEDICAL DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. Remington Nevin

- Dr. Nevin discussed the recent court decision concerning the new CDC vaccine schedule. He stated this was an example of court overreach and expected the decision to be overturned.
- Memorandum March 2, 2023 – Proposed Deputy Physician Assistant – NP resignation discussed. Memo supports hiring a deputy physician assistant 32-40 hours a week. Recommends this position report only to Dr. Nevin. Asked the Board to support this recommendation via a motion. Explanation followed regarding budget and structure of supervision. Motion by Clink to recommend that County Administration and Health Department leadership make adjustments to the Medical Director's job description and the department staffing table, and that these revised documents be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Discussion followed. Roll Call: Clink – Yes; Hayes – Yes; Fulk; Yes; Standel – Yes; Urban – Yes. Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nyes.

b. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – Liz King

- The Board received a copy of the 2025 Annual Report.
- King discussed the Strategic Action Plan framework. More to come in April.
- The Board received the Health Department's divisional summary report. Topics discussed were
  - An update on the State Sanitary Code development (SB 771);
  - Renewal of EGLE funding for beach testing;
  - Update that the WIC and Title X audits were completed
  - Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) – Have seen an increase in enrollments.
  - Discussion about McLaren's residency program regarding OB care.
  - Immunization – Are conducting their site visits for VFC (Vaccine for Children) program. Fourteen sites within SCC, including the health department.
  - DocuSign update – Close to rolling out the on-line waiver program.
  - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) meetings continue.

XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS -

a. Fulk – Asked question about a community group called CSCB. Discussion followed.


XII. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Urban, seconded Clink to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Prepared and submitted by:**

  
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Elizabeth King, Health Officer - Director

  
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Monica Standel, Chairman

  
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Leann Clink, Secretary

Distribution to:  
Advisory Board of Health Members  
Board of Commissioners  
Thomas Hull, Interim Administrator/Controller  
Elizabeth King., Health Officer – Director  
Greg Brown, Administrator

Advisory Board of Health Members:

Please read and submit my letter into the ABOH meeting minutes for the meeting on 3/18/26.

My name is Jennifer Michaluk. I reside in Port Huron and am a life long St. Clair County resident. I retired from the health department after 30 years in May of 2025. Even though I'm retired, I still have high interest in public health matters. As you know, the health department plays a pivotal role in protecting the health of ALL of our residents.

As I watch the dismantling of our local health department programs and services unravel before my eyes, I find myself puzzled and truthfully disgusted. This current ABOH is a big disappointment; with one exception, Monica Standel. Monica seems to be the only voice of reason and sensibility. The BOC sure stacked this group.

I am writing to ask, why? Why exactly did you vote to recommend combining the Health Officer and Medical Director position? The unprofessionalism and seemingly backhanded approach on how this went down appeared calculated and dirty. Even though the decision is now in the hands of the Board of Commissioners, I still wanted to share some thoughts.

As you know, several years ago the BOC split the Medical Health Officer position back into two positions, Health Officer and Medical Director. They, specifically Commissioner Rushing said, "the MHO position was "too much power" for one person to have" and "that very few counties in MI had this combined role." So pretty much SCC shouldn't either. Fast forward to 2026. Now you want them to recombine it. Why? Do you have a bias against women in a leadership role? It was just fine when Jon Parsons oversaw the actions of the Medical Directors years ago. Or are you living so deep inside of Dr. Nevin's pockets that he's influencing you somehow behind the scenes? It is ironic that most of you seem to be onboard with everything he says or does. Makes me wonder.

Next question pertains to the "what". What has Liz King done to deserve this? What has the hardworking and dedicated health department staff done to deserve this? Dr. Nevin paints a picture in his interviews or meetings he presents

at that the staff is being influenced to dislike or go against him. I would pretty much put money on that he does that all by himself. He does NOT appear to be a team player. He appears like a man on a mission for more power and control. If he ever was to get a higher position, I have a strong feeling he will whittle the health department down to the minimum, bare bones staff and services. He does NOT appear to have the comfort level or experience working with the "whole" population, nor appears to want to try. That being said, it's no surprise he worked hard to eliminate all of the adolescent health clinics, took away medical services provided at community events for those in need, has put barriers in place to obtain certain vaccinations, etc.. What will he get rid of next? I have my theories.

I can tell you from my 30 years of working at SCCHD and 20+ years working with Liz, that she is one of the most intelligent, educated, dedicated, transparent, caring, conscientious and hard working people I have ever met. I know her qualities haven't changed. Our staff went through hell during the covid years, especially when the BOC ousted Dr. Mercatante. When the BOC hired Liz for the Health Officer/Director position, I know she accepted the role with only the best intentions. She has always believed public health is important, including the health and well being of ALL of our residents. After covid, there was positive work being done to restore and rebuild, which I felt we were doing. Many exciting things were happening....then Dr. Nevin came along.

I am not going to lie, I am NOT impressed by the letters behind his name, the way he drones on and on when speaks or the way he writes pages and pages of his incessant memos. Annoying! Land the plane buddy! This man is NOT an ally to public health. I truly believe he came here with his own personal agenda to destroy our local public health system.

As I see this madness taking place, it's alarming. I am fearful for the staff and the residents of our county. He acts as if he speaks for the majority of the residents; that is 100% FALSE!! He does NOT speak for me or many other people in our county. He wants to play on his own team, by his own rules and with his own select players. His actions seem to mimic the playbook from the RFK administration which he recently stated he is flattered by. Scary!! He appears to be following a political health agenda and that should not be accepted or

encouraged! If he wants to do that, he should go apply for and work in a federal position.

Furthermore I feel it is wrong that you appear to belittle or degrade Liz and insult her intelligence. Liz has the true and real experience of working in local public health. She is a highly trained and experienced RN with a BSN degree; not lacking education or intelligence. She is also a lifelong St. Clair County resident and not someone who's just passing through trying to make a name for themselves. It is also highly insulting that you are projecting her to the public as someone you don't trust or that she's not being transparent. From everything I observe now, have experienced myself (over 20+ years), those things couldn't be further from the truth!

Please watch carefully with what Dr. Nevin has done, is doing, will do, and what is really happening here. It is NOT right. I truly feel you made a huge mistake making your recommendation to combine the position, especially with your intentions on wanting to promote him, the doctor, written all over it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Michaluk