

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
December 17, 2025

- 1) MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Monica Standel
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) MEMBERS PRESENT – Monica Standel, Kevin Watkins, Dawn Fulk, Stephen Smith, Leann Clink, Carolyn Richards & Dave Rushing
STAFF PRESENT – Greg Brown, Dr. Nevin and T. Berger
- 4) CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD -
 - a) Amanda Shaw – Medicaid coverage for her daughter.

There was a request for a temporary recess by Dr. Nevin, as I.T. was not present to record the meeting. I.T. was contacted. The meeting resumed after a short recess; Amanda Shaw was asked to present again.

- b) Andrew Eberly – Columbus Twp. – Update on School of Choice admission at Armada School District.
 - c) Sandra Tannehill, Wales Twp, - Michigan Department of Education new guidelines on education and gender ideology.
 - d) Tracy Birgy – Marysville -Yale Clinic and Health Officer’s August email, combining MD/HO position.
 - e) Carol Miller – Port Huron – Health Officer’s email & Open Meetings Act.
- 5) MINUTES – The Board received the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Richards, seconded by Watkins, to approve the November minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the November 2025 AP Transaction Register for \$71,386 and the November Budget to Actual Reports. Dr. Nevin discussed the cost of the protein-based COVID vaccine in the amount of \$24,000. Motion by Richards, seconded by Clink to accept November 2025 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report forwarded to the controller. Roll call 6 Ayes, 1 Ney (Opposed by Watkins).
- 7) CORRESPONDENCE – The Board received the following correspondence:
 - a) SC4 Letter. Dr. Nevin asked that this item be moved to new business and wished to move to Unfinished Business, item b) on the agenda. The Board concurred.
- 8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a) Physician exemption in absence of state waiver form – Dr. Nevin discussed the confidential letter he sent to the Armada School District on behalf of Mr. Eberly. Dr.

Nevin discussed State Regulations regarding vaccine exemptions and the medical exemption form. Based on the letter sent by the State today, to the Health Officer, he would recommend to the Advisory Board of Health that a letter be drafted from the Health Officer to the State to ask them to formalize what is an appropriate exemption and to make a declaratory ruling on the issue. Richards made a motion to support the writing of a letter to request clarification from the State in the form of a declaratory ruling, pending advice from legal counsel, as to a physician appropriate exemption. Seconded by Clink. Roll call: Leann Clink – Yes; Dawn Fulk – Yes; Steve Smith – Yes; Monica Standel – Yes; Kevin Watkins – Yes. Motion carried. 6 Ayes; 0 Nyes.

- b) Michigan VIS – Dr. Nevin provided the Board with the current State website page from the MDHHS Vaccine Information Statements for Michigan highlighting changes recently made. The MCIR opt out from was also discussed.
- c) 2024 Medical Examiner Annual Report – The Board received the report. Dr. Nevin stated that he believed this to be a good representation of death within St. Clair County.

9) NEW BUSINESS

a) Dr. Nevin Update

- (1) Letter to Steve Gura, SC4 – The Board received a copy of the letter. Dr. Nevin had received an email from Mr. Gura asking his opinion on mandatory vaccine of clinical students. Dr. Nevin's letter outlined not supporting mandatory flu & covid vaccine for clinical staff. Discussion followed.
- (2) New Release from MDHHS regarding new Gun Violence Prevention Task Force report was received by the Board. Discussion followed. Clink made a motion to table the discussion to a later date. Seconded by Richards.

b) Health Officer Update – Given by Brown.

- (1) Discussed the information that Liz had received about the Yale Clinic that Great Lakes Bay was not interested in running the school-based clinic in Yale, nor was Community First. The clinic in Yale will be dismantled and items will be put in County storage. Monica asked about Teen Health (Port Huron) open house event. Amy reported it went well.

10) ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

- a) Watkins – Discussed his disappointment that the rural community without student services with the closing of the Yale Clinic. Discussed not being in favor of recombining the Health Officer and Medical Director position.
- b) Rushing – Commented that the Smile on Wheels contract passed at the last BOC meeting with the opt-in/opt-out added to the contract.
- c) Clink – Regarding SC4 discussed personal choice, home school choice, and thanked Greg for clarifying Great Lakes decision to not run a school-based clinic in Yale.
- d) Richards – Discussed Ms. Tannehill comments on Michigan Department of Education (MDE) attempts to circumvent legislative authority with radical and extreme concepts into education. She personally has sent a letter to her local school board to educate

on the MDE recommendation regarding gender identity education. Also expressed her opinion on the health officer and medical director relationship.

- e) Smith – Spoke about the current HD structure and combining positions. Spoke about not having a goal session.
- f) Fulk – Discussed clinic closures and public response. Discussed autism studies. Discussed national news released from the HHS. Discussed her disappointment with current HD leadership. Fulk made a motion at this time to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to combine the Health Officer and Medical Director into a single position. Seconded by Richards. Discussion followed. Standel called for a roll call vote on Fulk’s motion to make a recommendation to the BOC about combining HO and MD position. Clink – abstain for more information; Richards – Yes; Smith – Yes; Fulk – Yes; Standel – No; Watkins – No. Motion carried. 3 Aye, 1 abstain and 2 Nay.
- g) Standel – Discussed the necessity to keep the separation of power to maintain checks and balances by keeping the Health Officer and Medical as separate positions. Discuss the necessity for the Board of Health to have a work session to set goals for the Advisory Board of Health and the Health Department. Currently there are 4 open seats for ABOH positions and those appointments have been tabled until January 8th.

11) NEXT MEETING –The next monthly meeting will be held on January 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

12) ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Clink, seconded by Richards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

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Monica Standel, Chair



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