ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
October 15, 2025

1) <u>MEETING</u> – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Monica Standel

2) <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

3) <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> – Monica Standel, Marie Muller, Kevin Watkins, Dawn Fulk, Stephen Smith, Leann Clink, Carolyn Richards & Dave Rushing
   STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Dr. Nevin and T. Berger

4) Motion by Richards to amend the agenda to move Item 4 – Citizens Wishing to Address the Board to follow item 10 to attend to official business. Discussion followed. Watkins asked that Richards amend her motion to include the word "only" be included to have the Citizen Address moved for this one meeting. Discussion followed. Motion by Watkins put forth to have the motion state that the Citizens Address be move for "only" this meeting. Seconded by Muller. Roll call: Clink – No; Richards – No; Smith – No; Fulk – No, Standel – No; Muller – No; Watkins – Yes. Motion Failed: 1 Aye, 6 Nye. The Chair introduced the original motion by Richards to amend the agenda to move Item 4, to follow item 10 for this meeting. Seconded by Muller. Roll call: Clink – Yes; Richards – Yes; Smith – Yes; Fulk – Yes; Standel – No; Muller – No; Watkins – No. Motion Carried 4 Aye; 3 Nye.

5) MINUTES – The Board received the multiple meeting minutes from: August 14, August 20 and September 17, 2025. Dr. Nevin requested a correction on the August 14th meeting minutes concerning his work hours. Motion by Richards, seconded by Clink, to approve all minutes, including the one correction to the August 14th minutes. Roll call: Clink – Yes, Richards – Yes, Fulk – Yes, Muller – Yes, Smith – Yes, Standel- Yes, Watkins – No. Motion carried. 6 Aye; 1 Nye.

6) <u>BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER</u> - The Board received and reviewed the August 2025 AP Transaction Register for $102,478.20 and September 2025 AP Transaction Register for $341,000.86, and the August and September Budget to Actual Reports. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Richards to accept the August and September 2025 AP Transaction Registers and Budget to Actual Reports forwarded to the controller. Motion carried.

7) <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> – The Board received the following correspondence

   a) Letter to the BOH email address from a citizen regarding using roll call.
   b) Liz discussed media release about the transition of the Algonac school-based clinic to Community First Health Centers. Liz was asked about the status of Yale. At this time a resolution for the school-based clinic in Yale is still being worked on.

8) <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

9) NEW BUSNESS

a) Dr. Nevin Update

i) Water Fluoridation – Dr. Nevin discussed his memorandum to the Board. He discussed FOIA requests he received from the State and email conversations between the State and a local municipality about removing Fluoride. Discussion followed. Board members: Watkins discussed concerns about not acknowledging Fluoride benefits and the County taking a mandatory position on the removal from water supplies. Richards discussed the risk/benefit rational in medicine. Richards discussed the source of fluoride being Hydrofluorosilicic Acid and that all fluoride sources are not created equal. Dr. Nevin noted that he wishes to modify the fact sheet. Dawn Fulk introduced into the record a Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet from the New Jersey Department of Health on Silicofluoric Acid. Watkins commented that with the Board moving citizen address to the end of the agenda there may have been credentialed participants that left that may have had an opposing view to Dr. Nevin. Standel commented that currently the County does not own a municipal water supply. Dr. Nevin discussed the use of a Regulation. Affirmed that it would be litigated, but felt the Health Department would be within its rights under the Public Health Code. Rushing commented the Dr. Nevin has an obligation to act as the Medical Director. Muller commented that Dr's 46-page document was a large amount of information and made a Motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Seconded by Watkins. Dr. Nevin comment that he will send the memo to municipalities with or without the Board support. He would simply remove the line noting such support. Roll Call vote: Clink: No; Fulk – No; Muller – Yes; Richards – No; Smith – No; Standel; No; Watkins – Yes. Motion failed: 2 Aye, 5 Nye. Richards motioned to support Dr. Nevins's June 17, 2025 memorandum recommendations on fluoridation of water supply. Seconded by Clink. Roll Call: Clink – Yes, Richards – Yes; Smith – Yes; Fulk – Yes; Muller – No; Watkins – No; Sandel – Yes. Motion carried – 5 Aye, 2 Nye

ii) Dr. Nevin discussed possible changes to health department policy in regard to acetaminophen, during vaccine encounters.

iii) PFAS – EGLE will host a public meeting on October 29th at 6 p.m. at the convention center. EGLE has done testing upstream of Thompson Pond to look for a possible source.

iv) Potential Department of Education changes to the health education curriculum regarding gender ideology was discussed.

b) Health Officer Update

i) State Budget has been received with no changes.

ii) Federal Budget – This is still outstanding. Programs potentially effected are WIC and Title X.

iii) As mentioned, previous the Eagle Townhall on PFAS is October 29th.

iv) Construction at Teen Health at PHASD is completed. This was a $250,000 grant project approved by the BOC in April 2025. Updated existing interiors due to the age of the building.

v) Qualtrics discussed in its support of school reporting for illness.

vi) CHIP meetings continue with good turnout by community.

vii) Received an annual report from the medical examiner's office. Liz will share with the BOH at the next meeting.

10) ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

a) Watkins discussed Dr. Nevin's 9/18 memorandum regarding Teen Health. Discussion followed.
b) Richards discussed Michigan Complied Laws and the difference between the Health Officer and Medical Director positions. She also discussed the Advisory Board of Health by-laws. She also discussed an email that Liz wrote to Karry Hepting and Lisa Beedon. Discussion followed.
c) Watkins discussed concerns about having both sides of the issue heard concerning fluoride. Discussed automatic hand washing issues and requested Dr. Nevin's involvement.
d) Rushing: Discussed Liz's email, her contract and the Advisory Board of Health By-Laws. Discussion followed.
e) Standel – Stated that this Board could benefit from a workshop. She also discussed this Board being held to a higher standard than other Boards under the BOC authority. Concerning Fluoride would like to see included a path for the underserved receiving topical fluoride treatments.

11) CITIZENS -

a) Eileen Tesch – Algonac – ABOH Board member at Port Huron City Council Meeting.
b) Jimmy Dado – Port Huron – Advisory Board of Health and public comment being move on the agenda.
c) Ray Johnson – Advisory Board of Health, public comment being moved, fluoride and Michigan Department of Education policy.
d) Carrie Balmer – Clyde – Public comment being moved and Fluoride.
e) Tracy Birgy – Marysville – Health Department Director's email.

12) NEXT MEETING –The next monthly meeting will be held on November 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

13) ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Fulk, seconded by Richards to adjourn. Roll Call: Clink – Yes, Richards – Yes; Smith – Yes; Fulk – Yes; Muller – Yes; Watkins – No; Sandel – Yes. Motion carried – 6 Aye, 1 Nye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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