

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONTHLY MEETING  
December 21, 2022

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair, John Jones.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – John Jones, Monica Standel, Arnie Koontz & Lisa Beedon.  
MEMBERS ABSENT – S. Reddy and Marie Muller
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Elizabeth King, Dr. N. Rehman, Greg Brown and Tammie Berger
- IV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –
  1. Elizabeth Sommerville – A statement was made about a draft version of by-laws that were to be reviewed by the Board of Health at today's meeting regarding changes recommended by legal counsel. Mrs. Sommerville was not in favor of the edits.
  2. Geneva Bivens – A statement was made about a draft version of by-laws that were to be reviewed by the Board of Health at today's meeting regarding changes recommended by legal counsel. Mrs. Bivens was not in favor of the edits.
- V. MINUTES – The Board received the November 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Koontz, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the November Budget to Actual Report and the November 2022 AP Transaction Register in the amount of \$87,209.32. Motion by Koontz, seconded by Standel to accept the November 2022 Budget to Actual Report and the AP Transaction Register. Motion carried.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE –
  1. Gongwer article was shared regarding the Court of Appeals affirmation of the Ottawa Circuit Court trial court order dismissing school COVID mask challenge.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –
  - i. By-Laws – Legal counsel's edits were reviewed. By-laws will be tabled until a meeting could be set up with legal counsel. John asked Liz to set up a closed session meeting at the next BOH meeting in January.
  - ii. Evaluation Form – tabled until by-laws are completed.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  1. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – E. KING
    - i. The MiPHY 2021-2022 St. Clair County Report on high school and middle school substance use and mental health was provided. This document is also posted on the health department website. This report format will be one that is standardized for data reporting.
    - ii. Two public health law handouts were given to the Board and will be part of new BOH and BOC member packets. The packet will be mail soon in accordance with past practice. Other material included will be the annual report, public health law booklet,

annual report, service directory, and information on the website. New to the letter is an invitation to meet with Liz at the Health Department.

- iii. Staff development on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, was well received by staff.
- iv. Strategic Plan Update – Staff were provided with an overview of strategic planning in November. The same survey that was sent out at the beginning will now be sent again for comparison.
- v. The State has allocated additional funding in FY 2023 to support the Type II (small community) supply. This program has been underfunded in the past.
- vi. A \$50,000 SDOH grant which is being re-directed to Community Action Agency for their eviction deferment program has been approved. SCCHD staff felt compelled to direct these dollars here in light of the homeless shelter availability decrease. The remainder of the dollars will be utilized for HUB enhancements through InterWest.
- vii. Reviewing the FY 2023 Marijuana Operation & Oversight Grant Program (\$52,772). This grant is available to counties and is approved for education, communication and outreach regarding the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Acts. Funds would be used for education on safe storage to prevent accidental ingestion by children. Funds cannot be used for law enforcement.
- viii. Wellness Grant (under \$5,000) was applied for through MALPH for 2023 staff wellness
- ix. Child Adolescent Health Center Grant – awaiting an RFP due out sometime in January 2023.
- x. Continued progress with collaboration with the Medical Examiner's office. At this time the solution to us getting the annual report will be to gain access to the data once redacted.
- xi. Informatics Coordinator position has been filed.
- xii. There will be an upcoming posting for an addition supervisor for off-site school programs. This position was approved by the BOC at their last meeting.
- xiii. COVID Dashboard – There will be changes to posting beginning in 2023. We will no longer post weekly, but will only post when there is a significant change. So, only when we go in or out of a high rating for transmission.
- xiv. January is Radon test kit month and kits will be available in EH.

## 2. MEDICAL DIRECTOR UPDATE - DR. N. REHMAN

- i. Meeting with Medical Examiner went well
- ii. Current Viruses Circulating
  - a. RSV has hit its peak. As there are no pediatric beds in St. Clair County, Dr Rehman did state that neighboring counties did have pediatric beds available.
  - b. COVID – Remain steady. Currently at medium risk. The antibody treatment is no longer effective. However, antivirals are proving effective. The current studies show that the optimum time for your COVID booster is 8 months after the initial series.
  - c. Monica asked about current TB cases. Dr. Rehman discussed the status of some latent TB cases and the importance of treating it.
  - d. Flu – Dr. Rehman indicated that flu hospitalizations still appear to be rising, earlier in the season than normal.

## 3. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS – None

- X. NEXTMEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Koontz, seconded by Standel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

**Prepared and submitted by:**

  
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