

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
January 18, 2023

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Marie Muller
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – John Jones, Monica Standel, Marie Muller, Steven Gura, Kenneth Heuvelman & Lisa Beedon.

MEMBERS ABSENT- None
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Gary Fletcher (legal counsel), Dr. Najibah Rehman and Tammie Berger.
 - At this point in the meeting John Jones recommended that we start with Unfinished Business so that Mr. Fletcher would address the Board first.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –
 - a. By-laws - Monica opened up with questions concerning Article II. Mr. Fletcher discussed the current law and how it applies to the advisory Board and its duties. The current changes are reflective on the current county process. John Jones requested leaving in the section about recommendation of policy. Mr. Fletcher agreed. John commented the evaluation section of the by-laws. Mr. Fletcher agreed that currently K. Hepting reviews county department heads, excluding elected officials. It was noted that an amendment to the health officer’s contract would need to be done to remove the wording concerning the Advisory BOH duty to evaluate the Health Officer. Mr. Fletcher will submit the newest version to Liz King for presentation back to the Advisory Board of Health.
 - b. Health Officer Evaluation Form - This item is now moot given the recommendation to amend the Health Officer’s contract while discussing the by-laws
- V. CITIZENS – None
- VI. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR/ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Standel opened nominations. Nominations for Chairman: Muller nominated John Jones for Chairman. Nominations for Vice Chair: Jones nominated Monica Standel for Vice Chairman. Nominations for Secretary: Jones nominated Steven Gura for Secretary. Motion by John Jones, seconded by Standel to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. MINUTES – The Board received the December 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Gura, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE –
 - a. The Board received the following correspondence for review:
 - i. Letter of support on behalf of Fort Gratiot Twp.’s 2022 DNR SPARK grant application.
 - ii. Reappointment letter for Monica Standel from BOC.
 - iii. Appointment letters for Kenneth Heuvelman and Steven Gura from BOC.

- iv. Letters to Kenneth Heuvelman and Steven Gura from the health department regarding orientation.
- v. Letters to new BOC members Steve Simasko and Joi Torello.

IX. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the December 2022 AP Transaction Register in the \$82,341.20 and the December Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Standel, seconded by Jones to accept the December 2022 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report to forward to the controller.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE –

1. The health officer report was read by T. Berger
 - i. Social Media - Comments will be turned back on Feb. 1, 2023. There is a statement on the website and the policy updated.
 - ii. No RFP yet for the Child Adolescent Health Center. Expecting to see it at the end of January.
 - iii. The annual report for 2022 is in development.
 - iv. An update for the State of the County is being worked on.
 - v. MEHA conference is scheduled for March 15th at BW Convention Center and local staff have been working on the planning committee. Local topics and speakers.
 - vi. Five staff members from varying departments have been accepted by MALPH to pursue being credentialed in public health. In addition, letters of recommendations were written for two staff members pursuing Masters of Public Health at both Oakland University and Wayne State.
 - vii. Dr. Rehman and Liz attend the SCC Medical Society on current changes and initiatives for 2023 at their annual meeting on January 10th.

b. MEDICAL DIRECTOR UPDATE –

1. Dr. Rehman discussed the Medical Society presentation
2. Dr Rehman distributed to the Board the 2023 Reportable Diseases in Michigan – By Pathogen list. She discussed her duties beyond standing orders.
3. Flu seems to have peaked in December (Influenza A). We could still see a spike with Influenza B in the spring as was seen in the Southern Hemisphere. SCC vaccine rates for flu are 1 in 4 get vaccinated. This year the vaccine is good match at 49% effectiveness. There have been 79 pediatric deaths nationwide associated with flu.
4. RSV peaked in mid-November in the age group of 0-4. No record for elderly illness.
5. Our current community level for COVID is low. CDC recommendation for prevention are vaccination and ventilation. Dr. Rehman discussed waste water studies in tracking COVID across communities.

XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS -

- a. Marie asked the newest members to provide some information about themselves Both Kenneth Heuvelman and Steven Gura spoke. In addition, each standing Board member gave a brief bio.

NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Muller, seconded Stadel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:



Elizabeth King, Health Officer - Director



John Jones, Chairman



Steven Gura, Secretary

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