

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
September 18, 2024

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Monica Standel. Kenneth Heuvelman was appointed as temporary secretary.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – Monica Standel, Dawn Fulk, Ken Heuvelman, Kevin Watkins, Marie Muller, Stephen Smith and Lisa Beedon.
- III. MEMBERS ABSENT – Steve Gura.
- IV. STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Greg Brown & Tammie Berger
- V. CITIZENS –
 - a. Cynthia Bankston – Under the MDHHS Administrative Rule 325.13001-325.13004 the Health Officer, Liz King is charged with the administration of the local health department and includes hiring employees. She went on say that the part-time medical director is within her authority to hire when she has a qualifying candidate as with Dr. Smith. She protests the Board of Commissioners interference with the hiring of staff at the health department who are under Ms. King’s direction.
 - b. Carol Miller – She recently had attended a Port Huron Township meeting and noted the importance of professionalism. She first thanked Liz for her professionalism in answering all the questions at the last Board of Commissioners meeting. However, she noted that after that meeting she witnessed some unprofessional behavior of a current Board member and was disappointed that they were disrespectful to a BOC member.
 - c. Tyler Meganck – Mr. Meganck introduced himself as a reporter for the St. Clair County Voice and had experience with interviews. He is covering local news and will leave his card if anyone is interested in reaching out to him.
- VI. MINUTES – The Board received the August 2024 meeting minutes. Motion by Muller, seconded by Fulk to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
- VII. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the August 2024 AP Transaction Register totaling \$141,228.03 and the August Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Watkins to accept the August 2024 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report sent to the controller.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – None.
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Building Update – Contractor meetings continue every two weeks. There have been some minor changes in walls and they are working on a HVAC solution to some of the venting. The largest change is that additional site prep is needed for building the storage facility. These new requirements will add over \$300,000 to the project and this cost will need to go to the change committee for approval. Medical carts will be ordered through a medical co-op which will help reduce their costs and may be purchased using some MDHHS funding. The contractor has given a construction finish date of May 7, 2025. This will then allow the IT wiring to be complete, followed by furnishing the space. Currently the move date is anticipated to be in July 2025.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – Liz King
 - 1. Liz noted that the opiate fatality meetings continue to progress.
 - 2. Liz met with Mike Baranowski from Community First to discuss the shortage of OB care for community members. We will begin referrals to Thumb Coast Transportation so that they can help with out-of-county transportation to medical appointments.
 - 3. EH – The Statewide Septic Code is on draft #7. This draft will include septic inspections every 8 years at the homeowner's expense and will do away with point-of-sale ordinances. It is expected to be passed by the end of 2024.
 - 4. Th POM safety devices have been implemented with staff that have requested them.
 - 5. MIHP – State review completed and staff did an awesome job. Our staff were the only ones to complete the ACES project training and received recognition for this with an offer to travel and present at a conference in Washington, D.C.
 - 6. Lead Case Management – Blood lead testing changes - No changes for ages 12-24 months. However, there are new screening requirements for ages 48-60 months. Our lead case PHN has been working with physicians to get the screening done at point-of-care vs. immediately sending a child to a lab for bloodwork.
 - 7. Medical Director Contract – The Board members discussed the contract with Dr. Smith after the submission of Dr. Nevin's resignation. At the last BOC meeting the contract was not approved and the majority of the Board of Commissioners voted to post the position, which has been done. At this time the only applicant is Dr. Smith. More discussion followed. Motion by Muller to draft a letter to the BOC, seconded by Kevin Watkins requesting the Chair for a roll call vote. Letter content was discussed before the roll call. The letter will be completed in one week. The letter will support Liz's authority of hiring a subordinate position, i.e. the Medical Director. It will also be clarified that under the current Public Health Act the medical director has no authority to write orders and is an advisory only position. Roll Call Vote: Muller – Yea; Standel – Yea; Fulk – Yea; Heuvelman – Yea; Watkins – Yea; Smith – Yea.

8. Greg – Staff will be at an all-day in-service training on Friday, September 20th. The department will be closed.


XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS –

- a. Ken H. discussed a recent presentation where SCC was recognized for their SSP program. Ken noted that even with the progress we have made our County is still listed 3rd in the State for opiate deaths. Also, individuals outside of the mobile unit's current travel range are 4.5 more likely to die from a drug overdose.
- b. Monica S. noted the report reflects that all 4 mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile Virus. Monica asked about current treatment and Liz stated that she believed it was just supportive care for the disease.
- c. Kevin W. commented that he was happy to see that the contract for the oral care screening. Screenings are an important tool in health care in identifying health issues.
- d. Dawn commented on an article she had recently seen about PFAS testing at various municipalities across the county. Liz commented that she had also read that article. As of yet there is nothing locally expected except the previously discussed location of the 40th Street Pond. Liz noted that we are expected an update from the State about their investigation.

XII. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Watkins seconded by Heuvelman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

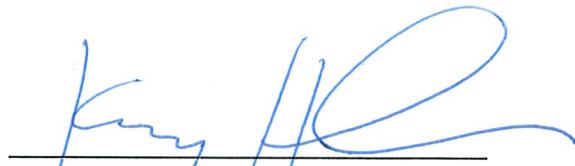
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