

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINTUES
November 20, 2024

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Monica Standel.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – Monica Standel, Dawn Fulk, Ken Heuvelman, Kevin Watkins, Marie Muller, Steve Gura, Stephen Smith and Lisa Beedon.
- III. MEMBERS ABSENT – None
- IV. STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Greg Brown & Tammie Berger
- V. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board–
 - a. Angela Defrain – 5045 Parker Rd, Fort Gratiot, MI. – Solar Project
 - b. Andrea Heering – 4490 Cole Road, Fort Gratiot, MI – Solar Project
 - c. Cynthia Bankston – 3024 Thornhill, Port Huron, MI – Adv. Board of Health
 - d. Tyler Meganck – 1219 Minnesota, Port Huron, MI – Vaccines and Solar Project
 - e. Vance Richardson – 4126 Cole Road, Fort Gratiot, MI – Solar Project
 - f. Sandy Richardson - 4126 Cole Road, Fort Gratiot, MI – Solar Project
 - g. Mary Williams – 2310 Ashland Ct., Port Huron, MI - Solar and Advisory Board of Health
 - h. Chris Barto – 4607 Metcalf Rd, Clyde, MI – Solar Project
 - i. Lynn Schroeder – Clyde Township – Solar Project
 - j. John Borkovich – Solar Project
 - k. Tray Smith – Advisory Board of Health
- VI. MINUTES – The Board received the October 2024 meeting minutes. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Muller to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
- VII. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the October 2024 AP Transaction Register totaling \$193,989.51 and the October Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Watkins, seconded by Gura to accept the October 2024 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report sent to the controller.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – The Board was provided with the following correspondence:
 - a. Letter authored by Dr. Nevin independently for patients receiving the influenza vaccine due to a workplace mandate. Discussion followed. Liz stated that Dr. Nevin is expected to be at the December BOH meeting.
 - b. Letter from MDHHS in response to Dr. Nevin’s influenza vaccine letter.
 - c. Letter authorized by Liz King, Health Officer in response to MDHHS’s letter.
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Letter of support for the health department finalized, sent and read at BOC meeting.
 - b. Building Update – Contractor meetings continue. Timeline continues to be on schedule. Furniture package goes to BOC for final approval this week. The previous flooring was discontinued, but a similar product was selected.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – Liz King

1. Liz thanked the public for coming in today to share their concerns. She commented that in reference to the solar project Dr. Nevin has been asked to supply a report to the BOC for the December 5th meeting in response to the BOC's request.
2. Quarterly Disease [Report](#) was shared with the Board. Liz noted that since the report was published, Pertussis cases have increased to 21 cases. Currently there has been no hospitalizations or deaths. Statewide cases are going up. We are increasing our messaging, including a social media segment called Whooping Cough Wednesday. In addition there was multiple cases of chicken pox. The first exposure resulted in 22 initial exclusions from school, that was reduced to 12. The second exposure resulted in 16 exclusions from school, that was reduced to 11.
3. Liz continues to attend the Opioid Settlement Funds advisory meetings. The group did agree to allocate funding for the health department's community needs assessment. This proposal still needs BOC approval.
4. Currently there is 1 active TB patient. 14 contacts were identified and entered into the contact tracing. The patient is compliant with taking his medication.
5. EH recently was audited on private well and Type III water supplies. All 41 indicators were met.
6. Statewide Septic Code - Currently in its 9th version. Inspection will be every 10 years. This will still eliminate local property transfer regulations. It is expected to be put forth in December for legislative approval at this time.
7. PFAS well and surface water testing residents in proximity to the landfill was approved by the BOC. Testing for 10 sites was approved. Cost for each test is approximately \$350. It is estimated that the whole process should be completed in 30 business days.
8. Additional walk-in clinics have ended and we have returned to just one late night per month. It is anticipated that extra nights will be added again as demand indicates.
9. Liz commented that she appreciates the current diversity on the BOH and unique perspective that each appointed member brings. Cultural and cognitive diversity are essential to represent St. Clair County.

XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS –

- a. Lisa asked about putting together a list of what is reasonable to the HD to do in relation to the solar project, i.e. possibly a preliminary water test. Greg commented that we need Dr. Nevin's report to see what may be possible and if water testing was one of those items, it would be necessary to determine what chemicals would need to be tested for.
- b. Monica asked about the open comment section that EGLE has opened up on their website concerning the landfill. Liz stated that she would look into it. She understands that the landfill has corrective action deadlines upcoming.
- c. Ken announced that he has a new position as Director of Region 10 and wanted to know if there was any conflict with him remaining on the Board. Both Liz and Greg agreed that there was not, as SCCHD no longer has any grant funding through Region 10. No other members saw a conflict either.

- d. Marie commented that she recently saw a news story about hospital nurses trying to unionize. Liz commented that our nurses are already part of the MNA union. Monica stated that news story was concerning Cornwell Health (formerly Beaumont).
- e. Kevin shared concerns about the influenza letter. Discussion followed. Liz commented that we as a public health department have a duty to reduce barriers, not create them.
- f. Dawn thanked the public still present for coming to speak to the Board.
- g. Ken discussed the HD Mission statement and noted the Board's duty make sure the health department is meeting the minimum State standards.
- h. Monica asked for the by-laws to be placed on the website and to put them on a future agenda in 2025 for review.

XII. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT Motion by Gura seconded by Watkins to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:


Elizabeth King, Health Officer - Director


Monica Standel, Chair


Steve Gura, Secretary

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