

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
June 21, 2023

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, John Jones.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT –John Jones, Monica Standel, Steven Gura, Marie Muller, Kevin Watkins & Kenneth Heuvelman
MEMBERS ABSENT – Lisa Beedon.
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Elizabeth King, Greg Brown, Steve Demick and Tammie Berger
- IV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None
- V. STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE – STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE – Steve discussed the recently introduced Michigan House Bills 4479 & 4480 and Senate Bills 299 & 300. The current language as written is not feasible in that it would mandate over a quarter of million inspections annually. The mandatory 5-year inspection and pumping cost to the homeowner would be at current prices around \$1,000. There does not appear to be any realistic enforcement process for those households that decline to cooperate. There are currently not enough sites to take the raw sewage from septic tanks (approximately 350,000 gallons), let alone enough haulers. There is currently no State or local data base of the location of every septic field in St. Clair County and the State. John commented that if such a list is needed he would recommend starting with the assessor’s office to see if they can run a query. Currently, there is some indication that the bills will be re-introduced with some language changes and considered in the fall. To date the bill’s sponsors have not consulted with local environmental health representation, who would be responsible for administration and enforcement. Steve views a Point-of-Sale law more favorably. It is the most logical trigger when there is money changing hands and the home owner is seeking out our service for their own benefit and/or mortgage requirement vs. the health department being the mandatory enforcement entity.
- VI. MINUTES – The Board received the May 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Standel, seconded by Huevelman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VII. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the May Budget to Actual Report and the May 2023 AP Transaction Register in the amount of \$58,987.96. Motion by Standel, seconded by Watkins to accept the May Budget to Actual Report and the AP Transaction Register. Motion carried.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – The Board received the following correspondence:
 - a. Two letters sent to Kevin Watkins. The first from Karry Hepting regarding his appointment by the BOC to the Advisory Board of Health. The second letter from Liz King regarding his orientation meeting to the Advisory Board of Health.
 - b. Letter from McKenna regarding the Notice of Intent to Conduct Master Planning for Marine City, address to John Jones and Jennifer Michaluk.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – E. KING

- i. There are four applicants for the vacant Advisory Board of Health Member at Large position.
- ii. The resume of the preferred candidate for the Medical Director vacancy was shared with the Board. Liz thanked John and Commissioner Beedon for participating in the interview process. A contract will be presented at the July BOC meetings.
- iii. Strategic Action Plan – Survey results had been shared. Planning meetings took place with the admin staff last Monday and two sessions were held with general staff on Tuesday. Some changes were recommended to the vision statement. The mission statement will stay the same. Three proposed focus areas were identified. The results from those meeting have not yet been presented by the consultant.
- iv. Adolescent Health Centers were for both Algonac and Yale Schools were approved by the BOC at the last meeting. The new positions associated with this will be posted soon and work with the schools on developing the space will continue.
- v. Building update – Greg and Liz have been contacted by County administration and have been made aware that they will be seeking RFPs for the scope of work required to renovate the current space occupied by MDHHS. Liz and Greg are expecting to participate in another walk-thru of the space in early July.
- vi. Liz wanted to give Wendy kudos on her improvement in the billing process in the billing office.

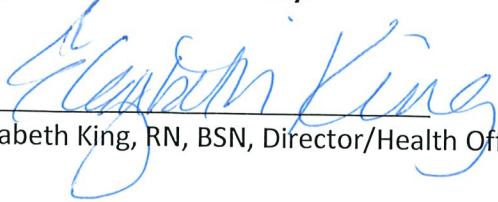
XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

- a. Marie discussed her recent participation with some UofM studies regarding heart and stroke. This made her think of some way that this information could be given to younger persons who may have heart issues and unknown that they have such issues. Monica discussed a screening ECHO which can be done at Beaumont and Henry Ford during sports physicals.
- b. Ken brought to the meeting a Naloxone distribution box. This box can hold approximately 60 kits. Various location placement throughout the county was discussed. One will be placed in the clinic area of the health department.
- c. Kevin discussed some recent news he heard of treatment for neuroblastoma with cancer vaccines that are another form of immunotherapy. He thought it was interesting that they refer to this treatment as a vaccine.

XII. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room.

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

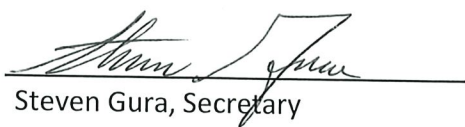
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John Jones, Chairperson



Steven Gura, Secretary

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