

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONTHLY MEETING
October 17, 2023

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, John Jones.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT –John Jones, Monica Standel, Marie Muller, Steven Gura, Kenneth Heuvelman, Dawn Fulk, Kevin Watkins and Lisa Beedon
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Elizabeth King, Greg Brown and Tammie Berger
- IV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None
- V. MINUTES – The Board received the September 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Standel, seconded by Muller to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the September Budget to Actual Report and the September 2023 AP Transaction Register in the amount of \$254,224.81. Motion by Standel, seconded by Watkins to accept the September Budget to Actual Report and the AP Transaction Register. Motion carried.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – E. KING
 - i. Opioid Settlement Dollars – A meeting was recently held, Greg & Jenn attended as Liz was out of town.
 - ii. Accreditation – Will take place at the end of the month. Staff are prepared.
 - iii. We are currently offering the flu vaccine at our walk-in clinics on Monday and Wednesday or by appointment on the other days of the week.
 - iv. Recovery Summit – Liz participated in a panel discussion. We also provided some marketing dollars through a grant.
 - v. M.E. Report – Brandon Fey attended and presented the provisional medical examiner report. The M.E. office is still working to clean some of their data up from 2019-2023. He anticipates a final report in the 1st quarter of 2024
 - vi. Liz continues to participate in board meetings for the Dementia & Alzheimer’s Association of St. Clair County, Blue Water Hospice Board and Community Service Coordinating Body.
 - vii. Dr. Nevin’s orientation continues to go well. He is planning to move to Michigan in December.
 - viii. Two supervisors at the department attended leadership training presented by MALPH. Also, the nursing director took leadership training with NACCHO.
 - ix. There was a walk thru meeting with the architects at the health department to do a furniture assessment and to see what is cost effective to move. A survey was received

and will be presented to some of the administrative team to submit. It is anticipated that draft plans would be completed sometime in January/February 2024.

- x. All staff training day will be October 27 off site. The health department will be closed this day.
- xi. Liz discussed with fall comes respiratory disease season, RSV, Flu and COVID. There was an uptick in September, but most recently a decline to less than 2% of ER visits. We are still doing walk in appointments on Monday and Wednesday. Eligible recipients for RSV vaccine are in the 60+ age group or infants. Kevin asked out we are reaching out to the elderly population about the RSV vaccine Liz commented that we are relying on the commercial advertising and also, we are using word of mouth and our social media sites, but stated we could do some other outreach methods. Liz to encourage some in person education at COA on vaccines with PHI staff. Marie M. added that the Council of Aging is hosting multiple health fairs and that there was health department staff at the Capac site that did an excellent job. We also did a vaccine clinic at Blue Water Allies and work with Blue Water Immunization Partnership providing vaccine for clinics they hosted.
- xii. Septic Code Update – Liz stated that at this time no Septic Code Bill has been introduced, it is postponed and we should expect to see something in the Spring of 2024. Steve Demick continues to be present at meetings related to the code and offer local input.
- xiii. PFAS – The surface water detection in Fort Gratiot was concluded with well water testing in the area. The results have not yet been reported. The Kimball Township site is still being monitored by EGLE. Only one resident well was tested this year, yielding no positive results. EGLE may sunset this year with two years of good results.
- xiv. The EH Educator has left the county for a new position with Friends of the St. Clair River. The duties and position is being evaluated for changes that are more reflective of community and health department needs.
- xv. Greg – The 2nd CAHC nurse practitioner started work today. We also filled the FT mental health therapist position.

X. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

- a. Monica S. asked about the discontinuation of call center. Liz explained that the model was developed when staffing was lower and has organically changed over time from its original intent and model. Nursing division feels it longer fits our needs currently or the needs going forward into the new office space.
- b. Steve G. asked about OB emergency meeting. Liz noted that she did not attend, but understands that no solutions were presented, only some temporary fixes were discussed. The group will meet again.
- c. Lisa B. discussed a few matters that have surfaced that may involve our EH department in the future. The first is the landfill and the off-gassing problems. Currently the site is producing more gas than the DTE generators can use. Typically, this gas would be burned off on site, however the gas production exceeds the capacity of the current burner. The temporary solution was to add an additional burner, but more work is needed to determine what the right solution for SCC will be. The second issue is two new proposed solar projects in Fort Gratiot and Clyde Townships.

- XI. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Standel, seconded by Gura to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by:


Elizabeth King, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer


John Jones, Chairperson


Steve Gura, Secretary

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