ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING June 12, 2024

- I. <u>MEETING</u> called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Monica Standel, Ken H. was appointed as temporary secretary.
- II. <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Monica Standel, Dawn Fulk, Ken Heuvelman, and Stephen Smith <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>- Kevin Watkins, Marie Muller, Lisa Beedon and Steve Gura.
- III. <u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Remington Nevin and Tammie Berger.
- IV. <u>CITIZENS</u> Carol Miller of Port Huron Township addressed the Board. Ms. Miller discussed her employment history as a nurse in Macomb County and how she was mandated by her employer to get the COVID vaccine. She received the vaccine from the Macomb County Health Department. She discussed the various effects she believes the vaccine has had on her life. She has suffered a disability and is no longer employed. She did not like that the SCC Health Department was advertising the COIVD-19 vaccine on its billboards and ask that we reconsider this in the future.
- V. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> None.
- VI. <u>MINUTES</u> The Board received the May 2024 meeting minutes. Dr. Nevin recommended a change to the minutes to change the word "will" to "may". Motion by Fulk, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE None.
- VIII. <u>BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER</u> The Board received and reviewed the May 2024 AP Transaction Register totaling \$78,606.68 the May Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Heuvelman to accept the May 2024 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report sent to the controller.
- IX. <u>UNFISISHED BUSINESS</u> None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE Liz King
 - 1. Building Update The lowest bid contract went to the BOC Ways and Means Committee on June 4th. The contracts were approved at committee and will now go to the full Board on June 20th. The entire project came in at approximately 5.5 million dollars. Our Health Education team has established a communication timeline for getting the message out regarding the move. Also, a workgroup has been established to starting looking at the logistics of the move.
 - 2. Smith Creek Landfill Monitoring by the State continues. There has been some low-level alerting on occasion. We have received no public inquires.

- 3. It appears that the State is looking to develop a new testing program for PFAS/PFOS in the future.
- 4. Financial Services Manager There was one qualified application for this position. The posting has been expanded to municipal publication.
- 5. The Public Health Supervisor has given her resignation. We will be looking to contract with an outside agency for clinical oversight that is required for limited license MHT until they become fully licensed.
- 6. The State presented us with a draft report concerning the closed landfill located in China Township (Huron Development Landfill). The State will be releasing the report.
- 7. Liz presented at the BOC meeting last month to address their concerns with billboard advertising the department had purchased to promote our presence at the Blue Water Pride Festival. The billboards detail the date of the event and outlines what vaccinations will be offered.

XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS –

- 1. Monica asked if WIC was fully in person now. Liz commented for the majority of participants, in person visits are being conducted. There is a virtual option if absolutely necessary as we do not wish clients to be without benefits. Discussion continued about the number of participants, even though 50% of the moms giving birth within SCC are Medicaid eligible.
- 2. Steve Smith reported on his participation on the Septic Appeals Board. The property in question is located on Harsens Island. There was an older home being torn down for a new build. Previously the existing system was just piping going directly into the water. An alternate septic tank system was approved.
- 3. Dawn Fulk commented that she has been collecting information on COVID-19 vaccine. Asked that the department keep an open mind. Does not think the vaccine is safe. Dr. Nevin at this time shared an abstract with the group regarding original research paper that was published in the British Medical Journal concerning excess mortality across countries in the western world since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4. Dr. Nevin shared additional articles: 1) Critical Reviews in Toxicology regarding the systematic review of epi and toxicological evidence of health effect of fluoride in drinking water; 2) A map from the MI EGLE-OGMD Data Explorer on the location of oil and gas facilities. Dr. Nevin suggested a presentation by Justin Westmiller to the Board.
- Ken inquired about the Overdose Fatality Review Team meeting that is scheduled for next week and if MPHI was contacted. Liz stated that Alyse will be leading the project. Both she and Brandon had reached out to MPHI.
- 6. Monica asked about Safe Sleep and if was still ongoing. Liz commented that although we no longer are receiving funding for safe sleep program directly, LMCH dollars are used to fund the initiative.
- XII. NEXT MEETING The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> — Motion by Heuvelman, seconded by Fulk to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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