

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**December 20, 2023**

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, John Jones.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT –John Jones, Monica Standel, Marie Muller, Steve Gura, Kevin Watkins, Kenneth Heuvelman, & Dawn Fulk.  
MEMBERS ABSENT – Lisa Beedon
- III. STAFF PRESENT – Greg Brown, Steve Demick, Amy Bishop and Tammie Berger
- IV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None.
- V. MINUTES – The Board received the November 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Standel seconded by Gura to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the November Budget to Actual Report and the November 2023 AP Transaction Register in the amount of \$194,566.05. Motion by Standel, seconded by Gura to accept the November Budget to Actual Report and the AP Transaction Register. Motion carried.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Michigan Representative Andrew Beeler was invited by Dawn Fulk to attend the BOH meeting. Representative Beeler addressed the Board and noted that he is currently in his 2<sup>nd</sup> term for the 64<sup>th</sup> district. He sits on the Joint Committee of Administrative Rules. Some discussion focused on some current bills in both the Senate (299/300) and House (4479/4480). Both currently sit in committee. Bills signed into law Senate Bill 280/281 dental oral assessment program for certain children; require department of health and human services to establish and amends sec. 9316 of 1978 PA 368. Representative Beeler also stated that if you anyone needed to contact him regarding legislative issues please use his cell 810-434-1459 or [abeeler@house.mi.gov](mailto:abeeler@house.mi.gov).
  - b. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – G. BROWN
    - i. Greg noted that John Jones did not seek reappointment to the Board and thanked him for his 13+ years of service and noted that he will be missed.
    - ii. Landfill Issues – Liz was invited to attend a townhall in Kimball Township concerning the landfill. Both Liz and Dr. Remington attended. At this time the landfill is no longer accepting septage. The landfill currently has 15 monitoring well around the facility. All well testing results have been good. We may be doing some additional well sampling of a few privately held wells. The county will no longer accept Canadian trash which represents about 30% of what the landfill takes in. It is EGLE’s jurisdiction for air quality monitoring.
    - iii. OB Physician shortage. – Amy spoke about the current OB shortage that is being experienced due to the closing of Bluewater OB/Gyn. There is now only one practice

in the County (Northpointe). Our current MIHP case load is 300 clients. Amy has met with McLaren Hospital staff hoping they would address the issue. McLaren is taking steps to train up their staff as it is expected that more woman may go without OB care during pregnancy and may result in more complex deliveries. We are now tracking to see how many of our clients must look for services outside of SCC. Previously we had about 20-30% of staff going outside of St. Clair County, now that number is closer to 70-75%. Amy also discussed the possibility of using certified midwives. They do however need physician oversight. Steve Gura noted that in a few years we may be looking at the same situation with pediatricians as there are several who are coming up for retirement.

- iv. New Building Status – There recently was a meeting with Noor that included maintenance and IT. The first draft of plans was received. There will be some changes to discuss. That meeting will be tomorrow.
- v. State Accreditation – The final report is complete and a representative from the State will attend a BOC meeting to present our Accreditation Certification.

- X. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS – John wished to thank all of the Board members for serving with him. John mentioned that there is a new Asian tick that are killing cattle in Ohio. He also noted that Indiana is having issues with armadillo due to their migration north because of milder weather.
- XI. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jones seconded by Standel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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