

ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONTHLY MEETING  
July 17, 2024

- I. MEETING – called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Monica Standel.
- II. MEMBERS PRESENT – Monica Standel, Dawn Fulk, Ken Heuvelman, Kevin Watkins, Marie Muller, Lisa Beedon and Steve Gura.
- III. MEMBERS ABSENT- Stephen Smith
- IV. STAFF PRESENT – Liz King, Greg Brown, Dr. Remington Nevin, Steve Demick, Brandon Fey, and Justin Westmiller (SCC OHLSEM).
- V. CITIZENS –
  - a. Carol Miller of Port Huron Township addressed the Board. Ms. Miller was concerned about the County’s lack of transparency. She also spent some time looking at the St. Clair County Health Department website and suggested that the health department place a section on the site concerning the move.
  - b. Vanessa Davis address the Board. Ms. Davis has concerns with the transfer station located near her home. She discussed the Environmental Justice Study. She feels that the issue has gone under the table in the past. Ms. Davis is hoping to form a partnership with the Board of Health (Note: arrived late and allowed to speak at the end of the meeting).
- VI. MINUTES – The Board received the June 2024 meeting minutes. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Gura to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
- VII. BUDGET TO ACTUAL & AP TRANSACTION REGISTER - The Board received and reviewed the June 2024 AP Transaction Register totaling \$102,265.06 the June Budget to Actual Report. Motion by Fulk, seconded by Gura to accept the June 2024 AP Transaction Register and Budget to Actual Report sent to the controller.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
- IX. CORRESPONDENCE – None.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CASE STUDY – St. Clair Township
    1. Dr. Nevin stated that the study is insufficient and a wasted opportunity. It has no objective data and is sparse on specifics. There is no health study, and no sampling data to corroborate alleged regulatory violations. It is primarily an opinion and editorial in nature. More facts are needed.
    2. Justin Westmiller – The potential for a leak at this site is minimal. If there is a spill in the community, his office will get involved.

3. Dr. Nevin - This type of activity does not generally pose a health risk, but he is not surprised that residents close by may occasionally smell an odor.
4. Justin Westmiller – Described Petro-chemical storage, pipelines, and transfer stations in the county. St. Clair County is not a regulatory agency, we can only respond/react to an event. We have no jurisdiction or authority.
5. Steve Demick, Environmental Health Director, stated that in 2016 the EPA was on site testing and found no harmful levels. Liz King added that next steps may be to continue surveillance and gather more information with active and passive methods the HD utilizes & the Board as needed.

b. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, PROMOTION, & EVALUATION - Brandon Fey

1. Discussed the creation of an electronic customer satisfaction survey with Qualtrics. Signs are posted with a QR Code to be scanned. Paper comment cards are still available. Over the last 6 months we have received 750 responses vs. approximately 300 in the last decade. Out of a rating scale of 5, we are currently 4.81. We are receiving good feedback and it is good for staff to hear how they are doing. A poor experience is immediately routed to a supervisor and the client is contacted if contact information is provided.
2. SCC Link – Qualtrics is also used for this survey service for substance abuse treatment and recovery resources. In all we have received 1,000 responses including some referrals through Qualtrics from SCC Link. Qualtrics have been very successful.

c. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – Liz King

1. Building Update – The start of construction is on hold until an asbestos inspection is performed. There will be a construction meeting next week. Greg has done a walk-thru with IT contractors.
2. Water Main Break - Staff response was quick to restaurants effected by the water main break last week as well as sharing information from the city of Port Huron.
3. U.S. Farathane fire – Contact from Justin Westmiller happened quickly updating on air and water quality, EPA was onsite for air quality monitoring. Everything stayed within normal limits.
4. Conducting interviews for the vacant Public Health Supervisor and Financial Manager positions. Brandon received 21 applicants for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position. Diane Lois who was the only person to hold the position for the last 21 years will be retiring at the end of August.
5. Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) must be completed 6 months prior to school starting for new kindergarten students. Assessment must be performed by a trained dental hygienist. SCCHD will contract with Smiles on Wheels (mobile dental provider) for these assessments in the county once board approved, did pass committee and awaiting full board on July 25, 2024.
6. Ken H. asked how the gift cards incentives are working in the harm reduction program. Liz noted that she will verify and follow up.

XI. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS –

1. Kevin W. stated that the Blue Water Immunization Coalition is gearing up for fall immunization clinics. Harvey Reinvestment Center was a site in the past. Requested 1 – 2 HD staff to have vaccine on site.

XII. NEXT MEETING - The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Muller, seconded by Fulk to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Prepared and submitted by:**

  
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Steve Gura, Secretary

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