



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Human Services Committee

Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

June 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Beedon called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Beedon.

Present: Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, Joi Torello, Paul Zeller, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandebossche and Steve Simasko

Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Vandebossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to add Resolution 26-17 to the agenda for final action. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Moved by Commissioner Vandebossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agenda as revised. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

3. Citizens to be Heard

Susan Atwater, Port Huron - re: Animal Control Ordinance

Eileen Tesch, Algonac - re: CSCB

Mary Lou Creamer, Port Huron - re: Dr. Nevin

Dawn Davey, Algonac - re: CSCB

Chavenia Hernandez, Columbus - re: Animal Control

A. Written Comments

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

A. BWROC Presentation

Pat Patterson, Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center, gave a presentation regarding an Opioid Settlement Proposal. The proposal and business plan will be placed on the July agenda.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

A. Resolution 26-17 Errata Resolution Regarding Proposed Renewal of St. Clair County Ambulance Services Millage - FINAL ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandebossche, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to adopt Resolution 26-17 Errata Resolution regarding the proposed renewal of the St. Clair County Ambulance Services Millage. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

8. Other Human Services Matters

None

9. Information Only

None

10. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Commissioner Vandebossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to receive and file packets and all information presented. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

11. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 06:53 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Lisa,

Please read this letter into the record at the Board of Commissioners' June 4 Human Services Committee Meeting:

On the Facebook page of Blue Water Common Ground Coalition, Libby Prill posted a 7-page letter with 17 footnotes written by Dr. Nevin to CMH director Deb Johnson.

Why are county taxpayers paying Dr. Nevin to write 7-page letters criticizing our Community Mental Health director and the Community Services Collaborative Body? Why is this the business of the County Medical Director?

Has he nothing better to do? Such as maybe protecting the public's health?

It seems to me that all he does is write long memorandums and letters pushing his personal political agenda. What else is he doing?

It is my understanding that a new contract is being proposed for Dr. Nevin. I do not think that a new contract for him should even be considered until the grievances against him by nurses, staff members, and members of the public are addressed by the Board of Commissioners.

Fred Fuller

Yale, Michigan

Administrator Hull advised me that comments from the public, like this one, cannot be read by Commissioners at the Board meetings, but instead can be attached to the minutes. I understand the reasoning for that. I request that this reply to Commissioner Simasko also be attached to the minutes. Thank you.

Steve,

Thank you for your email reply. Yes, Dr. Nevin's reply to Deb Johnson was professional. He is always professional, often to the extent that many people cannot understand what he's saying.

As you say in your email, "...as a physician he performs medically related clinical duties that naturally fall within the doctor patient relationship. In addition to clinical duties a medical director under the public health code also sets standards of care and our medical director is also legally responsible for developing and carrying out medical policies, procedures, and standing orders he issues. (per Administrative rule R 325.13001(d) which states in part "A medical director shall be responsible for developing and implementing medical policies, procedures, and standing orders and for advising the administrative health officer on matters related to medical specialty judgments." Under the law he is responsible for evaluating, developing, recommending and implementing those things he feels touch and concern public health within the county."

But in response to that, I have these questions and comments:

1. What medically-related clinical duties that naturally fall within the doctor-patient relationship is DR. Nevin actually performing? I am only aware of his requirement to meet with people who want vaccinations so he can try to talk them out of it.
2. Administrative rule R 325.13001(d) does not say a medical director "... is responsible for evaluating, developing, recommending and implementing those things he feels touch and concern public health within the county."
3. The rule does say in R 325.13001(b): *"Health officer" means the administrative officer of a city, county, district, or associated health department who is appointed by the local governing entity or, in the case of a district health department, by the district board of health and who is responsible for the planning, implementation,*

and evaluation of a public health program designed to prevent disease and disability and to promote health. A health officer shall be a medical health officer or administrative health officer. If the health officer is not a physician, a medical director shall also be employed who is responsible to the health officer for medical decisions.

4. I underlined the words, "for medical decisions" for emphasis.
5. As I understand it, the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process would fall under the Health Officer's duties "for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a public health program designed to prevent disease and disability and to promote health." Yes, Dr. Nevin should have input regarding medical decisions and medical policy, but that's all.
6. Furthermore, it is highly disingenuous for Dr. Nevin to hide behind the recommendations of the Advisory Board of Health when it is clear to me that the ABH has been stacked by the BOC with six out of seven unquestioning supporters of Dr. Nevin. It appears that he tells them what he wants them to do and they do it. Then he has the hypocritical temerity in his letter to criticize the Community Services Collaborating Body (CSCB) for lacking "county-wide jurisdictional representation."
7. It also seems to me that Dr. Nevin wants the Health Department to produce the CHNA and the CHIP, so that he can control and manipulate them. I believe he wants his personal political beliefs, in the mold of RFK Jr., to dominate the documents for the next five years. In fact, he states in paragraph 1 of his May 13 Memorandum that he recommends "...that the responsibility for these documents instead be assumed by the Department under the direction of the Medical Director."
8. It should be obvious to anyone that it is much better to have an outside, unbiased firm, specialized in this work, assess the work of an agency, rather than the agency assess itself. That's why we have outside firms conduct audits.
9. Most of what Dr. Nevin discusses in his 7-page letter to Deb Johnson is not about medical decisions or medical policy. It is mainly a criticism of the organization and functioning of the CSCB and of the CMH for facilitating the CSCB for the past several decades.
10. I could cite many instances in Dr. Nevin's letter where he goes far afield from his medical duties, but unlike him, I'll keep this relatively short. His letter is full of

weasel-wording, pettiness, and hypocrisy, if anyone takes the time to read it. My main point to the BOC is: Why are we paying Dr. Nevin to write a 10-page memorandum with 27 footnotes, and then follow up with a 7-page letter with 17 footnotes, criticizing the CHNA and CHIP processes and the CSCB and CMA, most of which are far afield from his duties as Medical Director? It's obvious he's spent many, many hours researching and writing these communications.

11. A couple of quotes from Dr. Nevin's letter illustrate what I'm talking about:

- "The CSCB structure has also engaged in advocacy related activity. CSCB Steering Committee

minutes document legislative advocacy activity, including an advocacy link added to the CSCB

website, a CMH-hosted Legislative Town Hall, and example advocacy letters prepared for distribution to CSCB Full Body members."

- "The CMH-administered CSCB structure's resource allocation role has also extended well beyond

informal networking. Available records show that CSCB has provided input or recommendations

regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) priorities, opioid settlement priorities, Emergency

Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations, and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)-era relief funding.

ESG funding is a federal homelessness assistance funding stream administered through the

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and local planning body

recommendations can materially affect which organizations receive funds for emergency shelter, outreach, rapid rehousing, and related services."

I underlined "input and recommendations," It seems entirely appropriate for the CSCB to have input. These aren't dictates. I assume he hopes you will skip over those and similar words in reading his lengthy essays.

Respectfully,

Fred Fuller

Yale, Michigan

Dear County Commissioners,

Please submit my letter into the meeting minutes for the BOC meeting on 06/04/26.

My name is Jennifer Michaluk and I am a life long county resident. I am writing to ask about a follow-up matter pertaining to the St. Clair County Health Department.

When will the BOC address the documented issues and concerning complaints pertaining to the Medical Director, Dr. Nevin?

As you know the recent article in Bridge Michigan reported that the findings concluded from a St Clair County HR investigation showed that Dr. Nevin's conduct was unsustainable long term due to several severe allegations, which were detailed in a December 2024 memo from the County's Hotline Review Committee to the BOC. Some things that were mentioned were a hostile work environment, toxic atmosphere, condescending and belittling towards women, undermining public health standards, complaints from clients, and his disregard of the state, to name a few.

It appears, with the BOC serving as his "boss" that the next steps are in your hands. When will you be addressing this serious matter? In a position such as his, a person who should be of sound mind, holding the highest of ethics/standards, serving the community in a unbiased manner and representing the county with the utmost professionalism; he has been doing the exact opposite. Most individuals who are in a position such as his, doing what he has done and I'm sure continuing to do, would be reprimanded and let go.

What is also unsettling is that the BOC is possibly looking at giving him more hours (via a new contract) and/or possibly combining the positions again (setting the stage from him to take over). That would be a huge mistake especially in light of what has been documented about him. Not too mention a poor look in our county.

I also wanted to close with when he says he speaks for the majority of the community, he does not represent or speak for me. I do not agree with what he has been doing and I know many other residents do not either.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you.

Jennifer Michaluk