

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
February 24, 2022 5:45 P.M.

Present: **All Attended via ZOOM**
Brian Miller, M.D., President
Deborah Grant, Vice-President
George Preckwinkle, Treasurer
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.
Korine Vlahos, M.D.
Gail O’Neill, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused: Bart Troy, M.D.
Senator Doris Turner
Theresa Smith

Guest: Linda Medlock
Marie Zarak

Call to Order:

President Brian Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call:

George Preckwinkle – Present	Dr. Bart Troy – Excused
Dr. Brian Miller – Present	Deborah Grant – Present
Theresa Smith – Excused	Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Present
Senator Doris Turner – Excused	Dr. Korine Vlahos – Present

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting was made by George Preckwinkle seconded by Dr. Vlahos with a roll call of:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes	George Preckwinkle - Yes
Deborah Grant – Yes	Dr. Vlahos – Yes
Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes	

Election of Officers:

Dr. Dhamrait voted to keep the officers the same as they currently are, which is Dr. Miller as President, Deborah Grant as Vice-President, Theresa Smith as Secretary and George Preckwinkle as Treasurer, seconded by Dr. Vlahos with a roll call of:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes	George Preckwinkle - Yes
Deborah Grant – Yes	Dr. Vlahos – Yes
Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes	

Director’s Report - Gail O’Neill, B.S., Director

1. COVID-19 Update – Gail O’Neill

Gail reported that there was a big spike in positive cases due to Omicron since the last Board of Health meeting in November. Hospitalizations were way up again, but things are starting to slow down now. Vaccinations in November were around 200 a day and now it is averaging about 10 a day. 63.21% of Sangamon County eligible residents are now fully vaccinated. The Governor has lifted the mask mandate starting Monday.

2. Food Advisory Panel

Gail stated the panel has been meeting regularly. One of the needs of the establishments was the ability to pay their fees online. That ability is now available on the website. The health inspectors can now automatically email the inspection report to the owner, and whomever else they request it be sent to, so they will know instantly if there were any issues at the inspection if they weren't at the site when the inspections was being done.

3. Staffing Issues

Gail mentioned the positions that are open and will be posted tomorrow.

4. Animal Control

The Illinois State Police Report has come in and it is posted on the county's website. The report stated there are no criminal findings. Sangamon County has employed an attorney to go over policies and procedures at Animal Control to assist with policy development.

Public Comment –

Linda spoke on her concerns of Animal Control Center.

New Business:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:35 p.m. was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Deborah Grant. Roll call:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes

George Preckwinkle - Yes

Deborah Grant – Yes

Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Graham; Executive Assistant to the Director