

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
April 21, 2022 5:45 P.M.

Present:

Brian Miller, M.D., President
Deborah Grant, Vice-President
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.
Korine Vlahos, M.D.
Bart Troy, M.D.
Senator Doris Turner
Theresa Smith
Gail O'Neill, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused: George Preckwinkle, Treasurer

Guest: Jane McBride
Laura Bartman
Roberta Gaines, Early Intervention Coordinator
Jennifer Gardner, Early Intervention Coordinator

Call to Order:

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

Roll call:

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 Board of Health meeting was made by Doris Turner seconded by Deborah Grant with a roll call of:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes	Senator Turner - Yes
Deborah Grant – Yes	Dr. Vlahos – Yes
Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes	Dr. Troy – Yes
Theresa Smith - Yes	

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

1. *Early Intervention Program Presentation – Roberta Gaines & Jennifer Gardner, Early Intervention Coordinators.*

Gail introduced Roberta and Jennifer, who are Early Intervention Coordinators. They passed out folders with information about the 0-3 program and explained that Early Intervention is a statewide program that provides support and services for families to help their children under age 3 meet developmental milestones. This is achieved by connecting parents with therapists and monitoring their progress.

2. COVID-19 Update – Gail O’Neill

Gail and Dr. Miller reported that positive COVID-19 numbers continue to stay low, as well as hospitalizations. Gail handed out a sheet that gave information regarding treatment of COVID-19. She reported that the COVID immunization clinic is staying busy due to people coming in for the boosters.

3. Staffing Update

Gail reported there currently are 19 open positions at SCDPH. Two supervisors were promoted to Director positions. Filling RN positions continues to be a struggle as the county is not able to give big sign-on bonuses like the hospitals do.

4. Animal Control

Gail let the board know that Animal Control is interviewing for Clerk Typist and Kennel Attendant positions next week. Hoping that there will be more staff in place in the next few weeks.

5. Food Advisory Panel Update

Gail mentioned that tomorrow they will be testing to see if places can apply for their license online. This is one of the others items that the members of the Food Advisory Panel wanted to see be accomplished.

Public Comment :

Jane McBride spoke to the board regarding issues at Animal Control.

New Business:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2022.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:40 p.m. was made by Doris Turner, seconded by Deborah Grant. Roll call:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes	Senator Turner - Yes
Deborah Grant – Yes	Dr. Vlahos – Yes
Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes	Dr. Troy – Yes
Theresa Smith - Yes	

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