

**MINUTES**  
**Sangamon County Board of Health**  
**June 16, 2022 5:45 P.M.**

**Present:**

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

**Guest:** Linda Medlock

**Call to Order:**

President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Roll call:

Dr. Miller – Present	Senator Turner - Absent
Deborah Grant – Present	Dr. Troy - Absent
George Preckwinkle – Present	Dr. Dhamrait - Present
Theresa Smith – Absent	Dr. Vlahos - Present

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Deborah Grant, with a roll call of:

Dr. Miller – Yes	Dr. Vlahos – Yes
George Preckwinkle: Yes	Deborah Grant – Yes
Dr. Dhamrait – Yes	

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

1. COVID-19 Update – Gail O'Neill

Gail reported the COVID-19 positive numbers are a little less than they have been in the past, with 123 positives and 19 hospitalized today. Due to home testing, a lot of positives are not being reported. Waiting on approval from CDC and IDPH to start giving COVID-19 shots to children 6 months of age to 6 years of age.

2. Staffing Update

Gail notified the board there are currently 16 open positions at Public Health. They are from different departments. Hardest positions to fill right now are nursing positions, which is happening all over the country. The county is working on a search for the Assistant Administrator position opening. They hired a company to look country wide for a replacement. Todd Smith, who was the head of the Public Health Committee, has left his position on the county board and the new head of the Public Health Committee is James Schackmann.

3. Mobile Clinic

Gail announced a large van was ordered at the beginning of COVID in order to do mobile vaccination clinics and other Public Health services. Currently looking into places that can do renovations to the inside to be able to provide those services.

4. In Person Services

Gail stated SCDPH is preparing for WIC in-person services starting the first week of July.

5. Formula Shortage

Gail mentioned there is a horrible formula shortage right now. Dr. Vlahos mentioned that at her practice they have been giving formula that they have received from vendors out to their patients, as they can, due to the shortage. Gail reported the state is allowing WIC clients to be able to purchase off contract formula, which has been helpful. Dr. Miller stated that he, Andy VanMeter and Brian McFadden spoke to see if it was possible to have a clearing house to see if there was a way to find out who has formula and stay on top of that information for the public.

6. Animal Control Update

Gail commented that it has been 19 days since there has been a change of management at Animal Control. Jeanne Keenan is the current Interim Director of Operations. They are working on new policies and procedures. They are currently fully staffed, minus once Animal Control Clerk. There are now 5 Kennel Attendants, where there used to be 3 and a contracted full-time cleaning crew and an Animal Care Manager, who has 20 years experience at a vet office. Currently there are 47 dogs and 44 cats and kittens. Only 1 dog, that was dangerous and 1 cat, that was ill, have been euthanized in the past 3 weeks. The Volunteer Program has been temporary paused and should be up in early July. Gail stated that she can send out reports to the Board of Health regarding Animal Control Center. More cameras will be installed at the Animal Control Center as well.

**Public Comment :**

**New Business:**

1. Next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Deborah Grant. Roll call:

Dr. Brian Miller – Yes

George Preckwinkle - Yes

Deborah Grant – Yes

Dr. Vlahos – Yes

Dr. Raj Dhamrait – Yes

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