

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
December 11, 2023; 5:45 P.M.

Present: Brian Miller, M.D., President
Deborah Grant, Vice-President
George Preckwinkle, Treasurer
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.
Senator Doris Turner
Korrine Vlahos, M.D.
John Ridley, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused: Theresa Smith, R.N.

Guest:

President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 Board of Health meeting was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Senator Tuner, passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

a. Kim Jackson, Director of Information Services, was to present to the Board on how Sangamon County Information Systems protects their infrastructure against viruses and ransom ware, but she is ill, rescheduled to next Board of Health meeting.

b. *Overview of department's activities:*

John reported the following:

Personal Health Department; 689 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given at SCDPH clinic since October 6th. The clinic has moved to walk-in COVID-19 vaccines from appointment only. John states RSV continues to be an issue.

Mainly we can't get the vaccine and secondly it is expensive, \$480 a dose. At this time we might be able to obtain the VFC vaccine, which is for children that are covered under Medicaid. John asked the Board, if we can get the VFC vaccine, but not the private pay/insurance vaccine, is it ok to give it to the VFC population. The Board said yes. Dr. Vlahos stated her office is also having issues obtaining the vaccine and are on a criteria basis only. George Preckwinkle inquired how the flu season was going this year. John replied nationally there isn't a high rate of influenza at this time. Sangamon County is at a high rate though, not sure of the reasoning. The numbers that are reported to CDC are a week behind so this could be an indicator of what is to come.

Animal Control; John reported that 10 dogs were taken from a backyard breeder today, due to the inability for the owners to take care of them. Looking at ways to curb the amount of "backyard breeders" in Sangamon County. John stated at this time the adoption rate is good.

Environmental Health – Nothing new at this time.

New Business:

a. Vote on 2023 Sangamon County Board of Health Officers:

A motion to keep all officers the same as they are currently was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Senator Turner, passed unanimously.

Officers are: Dr. Miller, President; Deborah Grant, Vice-President; George Preckwinkle, Treasurer; Theresa Smith, Secretary.

b. Vote on Sangamon County Department of Public Health 2024 Meeting

Dates:

A motion to approve the 2024 Board of Health meeting dates, see attached, was made by Deborah Grant, seconded by George Preckwinkle, passed unanimously.

Dates attached.

Next meeting scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Dr. Dhamrait, passed unanimously.

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