

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
June 15, 2023; 5:45 P.M.

Present:

Brian Miller, M.D., President
Deborah Grant, Vice-President
George Preckwinkle, Treasurer
Korine Vlahos, M.D.
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.- by phone
Gail O'Neill, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director

Excused:

Senator Doris Turner
Theresa Smith, R.N., Secretary

Guest:

Allen Alexander, Director of Environmental Health
Colleen Kelley, Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Evan Foster, Environmental Health Inspector

President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A motion to allow Dr. Dhamrait to attend the meeting via phone, due to a medical issue, was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board of Health meeting was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.

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

a. Discussion of Food Service Establishments

A discussion was held regarding the status of McDonald's at 901 East North Grand in Springfield. They were allowed to open back up for business, after being closed on May 30th, due to multiple violations, discussions with owners, and others involved with this particular McDonald's, see attached. Allen and Colleen asked guidance from the Board on what steps should be taken on a facility that receives a suspension of their license more than once. The Board, Allen, Colleen and Gail discussed the possibility of revoking a food license permanently, if there is more than one suspension in a year. Gail will get guidance from State's Attorney Dan Wright on this matter before any vote is taken on this policy.

b. Animal Control & Adoption Center Free Microchip Event:

Gail announced Animal Control & Adoption Center received a grant to be able to provide free microchipping to 250 dogs or cats. There is a tentative plan to hold the free event on July 8th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

c. Back to School Events:

Gail informed the Board SCDPH will be holding several Back to School Events, in conjunction with SIU and Springfield Clinic. The events will be at SCDPH, with dates of:

Week of July 10th – Walk-in immunizations

Wednesday, August 9th – Walk-in physicals and immunizations

Saturday, August 12th - Walk-in physicals and immunizations

Saturday, September 9th – Walk-in physicals and immunizations

d. Outreach Events Attended by Staff:

Gail stated staff is attending several community events in order to let the public know of the services that are offered. In the past 2 months, staff has reached out to over 3,000 at 30 events, with many more outreach opportunities to come.

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Next meeting was slated to be August 17, 2023, but there is a conflict with a few of the Board Members schedules for that day. Dr. Miller will reach out to Carol to set a new date for the meeting. Carol will notify all members of the new date.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:55 p.m. was made by George Preckwinkle, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.

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