

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
June 18, 2025; 5:45 P.M.

Present: Brian Miller, M.D., President
Deborah Grant, Vice-President
Senator Doris Turner
Raj Dhamrait, D.D.S.
Korrine Vlahos, M.D.
John Ridley, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham, Executive Assistant to the Director
Toni Perry, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services

Excused: Greg Stumpf, County Representative
Theresa Smith, R.N.

Guest: none

1. President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Board of Health meeting was made by Dr. Vlahos, seconded by Dr. Dhamrait, passed unanimously.
3. **Director's Report:**
 - a. **Animal Control**

John reported that currently there are 135 cats and 95 dogs at the shelter. Animal Control Officers were at a house today to confiscate 10 dogs from a home that was filled with urine and feces. There were 3 people also living in the house. While this is a little unusual, it is not uncommon for the Animal Control Officers to face instances similar to this. The Animal Control Officers deal with a lot, and we are fortunate to have the great crew we currently have. Senator Turner asked where we are with the City of Springfield contract for Animal Control services, John replied they paid last year's invoice, but they have not paid for this year.
 - b. **Environmental Health**

John mentioned Environmental Health is gearing up for the county and state fair, as well as the festivals the smaller towns have, and the Farmer's Market that is held downtown and at the fairgrounds.
 - c. **Personal Health**

Christina Skaar is the new PA in clinic. She has a lot of experience and is motivated to bring new ideas to the clinic. John stated staff is working hard with the school district to remind parents to bring their kids in now for vaccinations and physicals, rather than wait until the last minute and chancing on the kids getting expelled from school. Effective July 1st, SCDPH will no longer be participating in the Family Case Management Program. It was determined that it was too difficult to find RNs that wanted

to do this type of work, and a lot of it is repetitive with other programs in the county. No staff will be laid off, as the two nurses that are working in Family Case Management, will now work in the WIC program. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program is back on track after hitting some rough spots with staffing issues.

d. Renovations

John has been meeting with the architects on the remodel. Currently the plan is to move the Veterans Association, Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance and Illinois Department of Employment Security to this building, by adding on. No start date has been set yet.

4. Public Comments

None

5. New Business:

- a. John has been asked by the county to regulate and monitor the massage parlors in Sangamon County. Currently, there are four of them that are outside of Springfield limits. John has taken out applications for them to fill out and return in order to be licensed.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2025

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. was made by Debra Grant, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

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