MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
August 19, 2026; 5:45 P.M.

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

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

Guest: None

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

2. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Board of Health meeting was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

3. Director's Report:

a. Environmental Health

John reported the Environmental Health staff are currently working at the IL State Fair doing inspections. So far, they have completed 245 inspections at the food stands, there are about 185 vendors this year. No major issues to report at this time. As far as restaurants in the county, 709 Class I inspections have been completed this year, 203 Class II inspections, 54 Class III inspections, 310 spot checks, 29 educational visits, 51 Food Borne Illness checks, 152 non-Food Borne Illness checks and 2 temporary shut downs. There have been no report of any disease of ticks or mosquitoes this year. There have been 135 Solid Waste complaints, 55 new septic permits have been issued, 5 new water wells permitted, 3 geo thermal well permits issued.

b. Personal Health

WIC – 5,165 visits to date with 960 Farmers Market coupons given out. Our breastfeeding Peer Counselor made 445 contacts to clients since January 1st. In our clinic there are have 172 capillary lead levels done, 1,275 immunizations for kids 12 and under, 612 immunizations for those 13 years of age and older, with 113 people coming in for travel vaccines. There have been 135 adult physicals and 175 child physicals completed so far this year. We did collaborate with SIU for a back- to-school event this year, where SIU did the physicals and SCDPH did the immunizations. There were 363 STI exams completed and 1,300 TB skin tests administered to date.

In the Early Intervention program 672 clients have been served. The doula program has had 175 referrals, they currently have 36 clients active. Our

Health Families Illinois program, which is an intensive home visiting program, has 31 families active. Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program had 57 active patients from April 1st to June 30th.

c. Animal Control

Currently the Animal Protective League is working out of our Animal Control building, since their building was demolished in a tornado. They also have a trailer in the back as well. There were 2,798 calls that our Animal Control Officers responded to as of January 1, with 2218 calls being in the City of Springfield. Hoping the fence will be going up soon in the back of the building so that the dogs can release energy, this will also give staff a chance to be able to clean the kennels faster and more efficient. City of Springfield has agreed to pay their $615,000 bill for Animal Control services which will make them current on their payments. Working closely with the States Attorney's Office for criminal cases of animal abuse and neglect.

d. Building Renovations

Bids for Phase I are due August 25th, with the bid reading at that time. The project will be in two phases.

e. Community Garden

So far, close to 1,000 pounds of produce from the Community Garden have been given out to the community. Currently there are 25 gardeners. There are a few more details to get done, looking forward to a great and productive year next year. U of I Extension Office has been a tremendous help to us. Some of what has been planted are tomatoes, gypsy peppers, cucumbers, zucchinis, cantaloupe, watermelon, jalapenos, cherry tomatoes and eggplants. John plans on hiring a Community Gardener next year to assist with all aspects of the garden, including educational events.

4. Public Comments

None

5. <u>New Business:</u>

a. John reported on the Massey Commission. On the Call to Action #23, John will be assisting in coming up with a community wide solution for mobile health care. There are several organizations that have mobile units, the goal is to come together to find ways to help the community in a more effective manner.
b. Next scheduled meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2026.

<u>Adjournment:</u>

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. was made by Dr. Vlahos, seconded by Dr. Shaffer passed unanimously.

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