

**MINUTES**  
**Sangamon County Board of Health**  
**December 18, 2024; 5:45 P.M.**

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

**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 October 30, 2024 Board of Health meeting was made by Dr. Dhamrait, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.
3. **Director's Report:**
  - a. **Animal Control:**

John reported Animal Control & Adoption Center currently has 56 cats and 60 dogs. There is an on-going effort to get Animal Control cases through the legal system quicker.
  - b. **Environmental Health**

Allen Alexander, Director of Environmental Health, is retiring at the end of the year after 33 years with the department. Colleen Kelley will become the Director of Environmental Health starting January 1, 2025. She is currently one of the Assistant Director's. Allen has involved Colleen in much of the operations lately and will be a smooth transition. Both of the Popeye's locations have had issues resulting in large fines over the recent years. They are trying to turn things around. The Wabash store has all staff, Colleen is working with them to make sure they don't fall back into bad habits.
  - c. **Personal Health**

John stated he is looking at ideas where SCDPH can be more accessible to the community, also ways to do more outreach. He wants to make sure everyone knows where SCDPH is located at and what services they provide. Still looking for a Nurse Practitioner for the clinic.
  - d. **Violence Prevention Grant**

John announced DHS put out a Notice of Funding Opportunity for a Violence Prevention grant. John stated he did apply for the \$600,000 grant and should hear a decision on the grant by the end of the month. This grant deals mostly

with gun violence, and would employ 5-8 staff who would be working in the community with at risk population.

**e. Building Update**

John reported he is working with O'Shea Builders and Chuck Pell on finalizing the plans so renovations can start. He has already met with SIU and they have approved their changes.

**4. Public Comments**

None

**5. New Business:**

**a. Vote on Board of Health 2025 Meeting Dates:**

A motion to vote on the 2025 Board of Health meetings dates was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously. The dates are: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup> June 18<sup>th</sup> August 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

**b. Vote on Board of Health Officers:**

A motion to keep the officers the same as is was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

President – Dr. Miller

Vice-President – Deborah Grant

Secretary – Theresa Smith

Treasurer – Greg Stumpf

**c. Next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025**

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. was made by Theresa Smith, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.

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