

**MINUTES**  
**Sangamon County Board of Health**  
**February 19, 2025; 5:45 P.M.**

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

**Excused:** Senator Doris Turner  
Theresa Smith, R.N.

**Guest:** none

1. President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Board of Health meeting was made by Dr. Vlahos, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.
3. **Director's Report:**
  - a. **Animal Control**

John stated he sent out the Animal Control Agreement to the City of Springfield today. The City of Springfield is 95% of the business that Animal Control does. John has sat down with their finance department regarding the agreement to explain the costs. Hoping to have the agreement signed and back soon. Also, John reported Animal Control is working closely with the State's Attorney's Office in getting people that are not taking care of their animals prosecuted in a timely manner.
  - b. **Environmental Health**

Allen Alexander retired at the end of the year. Colleen Kelley is now the Director. John stated there is a great group of inspectors and supervisors in that department, all is going really well with them.
  - c. **Personal Health**

John reported there are staffing issues in the WIC department, trying to work through it. Currently looking for a few Dietitians, and pushing the online education option to clients, so they are served quicker. There is still a Nurse Practitioner opening as well.
4. **Public Comments**

None

**5. New Business:**

- a. John reported SCDPH was not chosen for the Gun Violence Grant.
- b. John was asked to start a Community Garden to the north of the building by Andy VanMeter. John has contacted the U of I Extension Office and Community Garden groups in Springfield for guidance.
- c. Next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. was made by Debra Grant, seconded by Dr. Vlahos, passed unanimously.

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