

MINUTES
Sangamon County Board of Health
June 26, 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
Toni Perry, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services

Guest: None

1. President Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Board of Health meeting was made by Dr. Vlahos, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.

3. Director's Report:

a. Animal Control

John reported a Task Force for Animal Control issues was recently created. They have had one meeting so far. Currently the following are on the Task Force, John Ridley, Jeanne Keenan, John Milhiser, and Jane McBride, looking to add more members. The goal is to minimize or eliminate inappropriate backyard breeding operations. John stated he would like to get a tip line started for the public to report illegal animal breeding in their neighborhoods. This will help with lowering the number of animals at Animal Control. There is also a plan to assist people to be able to keep their animals by providing some food for their pets, as well as low cost vaccines. John mentioned the second of three consultants went to Animal Control to view its operations last week. John had contacted three veterinarians from the Midwest to do a walk-thru of Animal Control, including talking to staff, so he can get constructive feedback on what is being done right and what needs to be worked on. After all three have given their feedback John will write up a report and turn it in to Chairman Van Meter and Brian McFadden, and will also make it available to Board of Health and others, if requested. Also, looking at a building an extension at Animal Control for storage and also fencing so the dogs can socialize and burn off energy.

b. Environmental Health Strategy

John said he has started some reorganization in the Environmental Health Department, making sure the knowledge held by some of the current leaders in the department gets down to newer leadership. This will eventually lead to a savings in the department. The Food Advisory Committee has met twice this year. The members have been assisting in redesigning the database for the Food Program. In the next few weeks owners should be able to renew and pay for

licenses online. A new program that has been started this year is tick collection in Sangamon and Menard counties to check for different diseases that can be transmitted to humans. No positive West Nile has been reported in Sangamon County as of today.

c. Personal Health

John reported the following: Currently have a Nurse Practitioner on board. She is getting oriented and will be following the Infectious Disease and Family Practice at SIU. Early Intervention Department's current caseload is 70-90 families per Family Support Worker, recommended caseload is 50 families per Family Support Worker. There are a few openings in that department that are being interviewed for at this time. The Health Families Doula Program had their Open House and it was very well attended. Making connections in the hospitals and with Obstetricians in the area. Emergency Preparedness has been doing great work by networking with the town and villages in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

John also mentioned that he had discussions with leaders in the community regarding the Violence Prevention and there are other organizations also getting together regarding this topic. He will suggest to Brian and Andy to pause and get one unified project together instead of 5 different groups doing the same thing.

d. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form – Presented by Toni Perry

- e. Toni explained that as part of the 2016 State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), the State is requiring all grantees to turn in a Conflict of Interest Form. Anyone who holds an elected or appointed position in Illinois or holds a seat in the General Assembly must be reported on the Conflict of Interest form. Toni will write up a policy for the Board of Health to review and sign, then review yearly.

4. Public Comments

None

5. New Business:

- a. Dr. Murphy to speak about a proposed clinic in Sherman – wasn't able to make it to the meeting.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. was made by Dr. Vlahos, seconded by Deborah Grant, passed unanimously.

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