

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held February 17, 2026, starting at 6:30 pm, in the third-floor conference room of the St. Clair County Health Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 150, Belleville, Illinois and zoom teleconference for visitors who wish to attend virtually.

Members Present: Dr. Kelly Wood, - President, Jennifer Demsar – President-Elect, Dr. Leo Dumstorff, Secretary, William Kreeb, Dr. Anne Nash, and Spencer Sholl.

Members Excused: Matt Smallheer, Cindy Thompson.

Others Present: Myla Blandford, Executive Director, Kristy Mullins, Director of Environmental Programs, Raquel Williams, Director of Clinical Services & Systems Programs, Wendy Bradley, Director of HIV Care & Prevention, Tanner Kingery, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention, Janet Cronin, Accounting Manager and Brenda Fedak, Organizational Communications Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All were asked to stand and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

President Wood called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and opened the meeting to public comment as required under the Open Meetings Act. There were no other visitors in person or online.

All board members present received via email, or United States Postal service, a Board packet containing: the agenda, minutes to the previous Board meetings, Division Directors' Reports, the Finance/Personnel Committee Report, statistical report, various financial reports including the payment register, balance sheet, budget to actual reports on detailed income, 2025 Budget Adjustments, SCCHD Risk Assessment and Control Activities.

Mr. Kreeb moved, and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Health held on January 20, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wood deferred to Executive Director Blandford to present the 2025 Annual Report. After review, Mr. Kreeb moved, and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to accept the 2025 Annual Report as presented. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is LOW, with COVID-19 and Flu Trending and RSV trending up (.03%). From IDPH dashboard 02/01-02/07).

- b. Measles – US reported 2,255 Measles cases in 2025 and is currently reporting 910 cases in 2026 to date. Illinois had 14 cases in 2025 and currently has one (1) case for 2026.
- c. 2026-2031 EPA delegate agreement – Budget percent update is now 80% EPA /20 % Local; it was previously 53%/47% previously; This was sent over to the county today for inclusion on the County Board Agenda for February 23, 2026. Solid waste & Recycling plan Update.
- d. Program termination – Next Step-Up housing grant through the Intergovernmental Grants Division (IGD). We are meeting tomorrow. Funds for January 1, 2026 forward approved to cover expenses. Must terminate all three programs if terminate one.
- e. Fource – Respiratory marketing campaign \$17,000; Also working on a Sharps campaign.
- f. Clinic – painting this past weekend; new flooring for the Med Room on Friday (2/27).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Dumstorff began with the expense claims processed since the January 2026 Board of Health meeting reflects the usual and customary transactions by the Department. The Executive Director has reviewed the expense documentation and recommends Board approval of the expense claims. Mr. Kreeb moved, and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to approve the expense claims. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff stated the Executive Director and Accounting Manager have completed the annual review of the Department's Risk Assessment. This Risk Assessment identifies fiscal and program risks and the controls in place to prevent loss and is part of a countywide review process conducted in accordance with governmental audit standards. Ms. Demsar moved, and Mr. Sholl seconded a motion to approve the Risk Assessment as outlined. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following staffing updates:

Health Department staffing updates:

- Ms. Jelanee Thompson is no longer employed with the St. Clair County Health Department effective January 16, 2026.
- Ms. Allison Winters accepted a full-time Public Health Nurse position effective March 2, 2026.

The Health Department is currently seeking to fill:

- One (1) full-time Services Provider – Clinical Services & Systems Division

DIVISION UPDATES:

The Executive Director highlighted the Administration Division activities for January. And the Accounting Manager reviewed the financial highlights. The Directors of the Environmental Programs Division, Clinical Services & Systems (CSS) – Programs, HIV Care & Prevention Division and the Infectious Disease Prevention Division reported on the highlights of their respective divisions.

Health Care Commission

Executive Director Blandford reported the next meeting of the HCC is Tuesday, March 10th, 2026. The dental survey that is coming out through Healthcare Commission and being distributed through the clinic. We've had some pretty good feedback. The Farmer's Market program is under review for 2026.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported the February Scrivner Board meeting was rescheduled for March 11, 2026. For the golf tournament, October 10th is the same date as the Belleville Annual Chili Cook-off. The only dates The Orchards can accommodate us for a golf tournament is October 3rd or 10th. Work and research continues on a Glow Bingo fundraiser. Scholarship applications will be updated shortly and made available for submission by April 1, 2026.

Illinois Public Health Association

The Executive Director reported that IPHA continues to focus on transformation and restructuring at the IDPH level.

Nursing/Clinical Services

It was noted that STI's were high in Randolph County.

Executive Session

At 7:28 pm, Ms. Demsar moved and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to move to Executive Session. The motion passed.

Adjournment

At 7:45 pm, Ms. Demsar moved and Mr. Sholl seconded a motion to close the Executive Session and adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary