

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held March 10, 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 Demсар – President-Elect, Dr. Leo Dumstorff, Secretary, William Kreeb, Dr. Anne Nash, Matt Smallheer and Cindy Thompson.

Members Excused: Spencer Sholl.

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, Vaccination Campaign ads from The Fource Group.

Mr. Kreeb moved, and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Health held on February 17, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wood reminded Board members that information on Statements of Economic Interest will be sent out shortly. The deadline to submit individual statements is May 1, 2026.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is LOW, with COVID-19, Flu and RSV trending down. From IDPH dashboard 02/22-02/28).
- b. Measles – US reported 2,283 Measles cases in 2025 and is currently reporting 1,281 cases in 2026 to date. Illinois had fourteen (14) cases in 2025 and currently has two (2) cases for 2026. No exposure locations are in St. Clair County. Area hospitals

and local health departments convened on 2/19/26 to discuss point of contacts (POC), planning and resources. The coalition uses D4H as their platform and have built a resource listing for all of the healthcare facilities to access. There have been reports of chickenpox popping up in little clusters, but nothing overall to report.

- c. Fource Marketing Group – Last month we talked about having a contract with Fource to do a \$17,000 respiratory education vaccine campaign. We have the creatives available to show you. Fource did do an interview with Dr. Badahman to create a video we can use for respiratory illness season, but they are still editing that. We did a \$7,400 Sharps campaign in January. I did want to make note, while we talked about these campaigns, we have a 3-year contract with The Fource Group that was previously approved by the Board that allows us to use their services when we have grant funds available for marketing campaigns. We have another campaign coming up for the IBCC Program that will be \$5,400 that will be on the April agenda for approval. If there are no objections, we do want to move forward now with the \$5,400 campaign. Raquel will talk a little more about all the details of the campaign including the mailing of flyers and Metro link signage both on the platforms and the trains. Does anybody have any objections to us moving forward with the IBCCP campaign, with final details to be brought to the April meeting for approval? Hearing no objections, we will continue to work on the IBCCP campaign, and will request final board approval at the April meeting.
- d. 2026-2031 EPA delegate agreement – That is a 5-year agreement for the health department to continue to do the landfill inspections was presented to and approved at the County Board meeting in February. We have the signed document. In the past, we covered 57% in county landfill and tipping fees covered 43% of the funds needed to support the program. This next five-year period, EPA is covering 80%, and they want 20% to come from landfill tipping. We are waiting for final feedback to assure program funding before the agreement is finalized.
- e. Program termination – Next Step-Up housing grant through the Intergovernmental Grants Division (IGD). Funds for January 1, 2026 forward approved to cover expenses, but the program will not back pay for the time prior to January 1, 2026. If we terminate, we must terminate all three programs, we just cannot terminate just one program. Moving forward, we may need to reconsider participation at grant renewal time.
- f. Dental Survey – We received 125-150 responses and we know that insurance is an issue for dental care. Ninety percent to almost 100% of those surveyed are on Medicare or Medicaid and do not know who takes their insurance or how to find a dentist to collaborate with them. We met with SIHF last week to discuss options for dental services. We are working on a referral system and platform. We did discuss potentially SIHF setting up a temporary dental service in one of our suites in the exam area. They can come by and take a look at that. We talked about some kind of referral or transportation system between our location and their Belleville location, which is just across the street.
- g. Clinic Update – The med room flooring and painting is complete. We are now waiting on the electrician. Painting on the third floor and basement will start next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Dumstorff began with the expense claims processed since the February 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. Ms. Demsar moved, and Ms. Thompson seconded a motion to approve the expense claims. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff reported that due to the March 2026 Board of Health meeting one week earlier than usual, the Accounting Manager is requesting the Board approve processing expense claims not to exceed \$400,000. The detail of all expenses paid after the March 10th meeting will be submitted for review and reapproval during the April 21st, 2026 meeting. The Executive Director has reviewed the expense request and documentation and recommends board approval.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following staffing updates:

Health Department staffing updates:

- Ms. Addison Denton is no longer employed with the St. Clair County Health Department effective March 3, 2026.

The Health Department is currently seeking to fill:

- One (1) full-time Nurse Practitioner – Services Provider
- One (1) full-time Lead Accounting Coordinator Position
- One (1) Nurse Manager Position
- One (1) full-time WIC/CPA Professional

DIVISION UPDATES:

The Executive Director highlighted the Administration Division activities for February, followed by the Accounting Manager who 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 HCC met the morning of March 10th and went over the dental survey results, PHAB information and CQI projects. By our next meeting May 12th, we plan to have our data dump review completed and the residential survey ready to go and be released over the summer in the hopes of reaching a broader demographic of respondents.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported that the Scrivner Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 11th, 2026. We are looking to do a Glow Bingo Friday, July 17th. The golf tournament is scheduled for October 3rd. We are also kicking around ideas for sponsorships and silent auction ideas. Scholarship applications are out and due April 1, 2026. Scholarships will be awarded at the May 12th Scrivner board meeting.

Illinois Public Health Association

The Executive Director reported that there is a new Food Truck Freedom Act proposal that is being sent up for consideration. The proposal focuses on food trucks obtaining one permit that is valid throughout the entire state. IPHA continues to focus on transformation and restructuring at the IDPH level.

Community Organizations

Mr. Kreeb reported Pat Hogrebe, Executive Director of St. Vincent DePaul has retired after 20 years of service. She will be missed. Troy Hearings is taking her place.

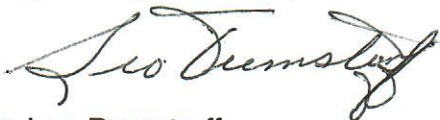
Executive Session

At 7:18 pm, Dr. Dumstorff moved and Mr. Kreeb seconded a motion to move to Executive Session. The motion passed.

Adjournment

At 7:34 pm, Ms. Demsar moved and Ms. Thompson seconded a motion to close the Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary