

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held August 18, 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, Spencer Sholl, Matt Smallheer and Cindy Thompson.

Others Present: Myla Blandford, Executive Director, 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 visitors in attendance or online.

All board members present received via email 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.

Dr. Dumstorff moved, and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Health held on July 14, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wood stated it was time for Executive Director Blandford's evaluation, which will be sent out by email after the meeting with a deadline of Monday, August 31st. Ms. Demsar, Ms. Thompson and Dr. Dumstorff agreed to serve as the committee to review the board's responses and present a report at the September meeting.

President Wood deferred to the Executive Director to report on the 40th Anniversary Proclamation, which will go before the county board on September 28, 2026. After review, a few edits were suggested including adding Kevin Hutchison as the first Executive Director and including the founding board members.

President Wood reported the IPLAN submission, which was approved at the August 2026 meeting, requires a formal letter with the board with the president's signature. As a formality, the board approved the president signing a formal letter to submit with the IPLAN.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is VERY LOW (IDPH 08/02-08/08); Illinois Hospital Admissions COVID-19 –Trending up; Flu – trending up, RSV – trending down ; IDPH Cyclospora is at 1,437 confirmed & probable cases with the United States at 9,481 cases.
- b. Ebola – 4,945 cases and 2,325 deaths with no cases in the United States.
- c. IGD MOU: A Match was provided for grant close out, and we will complete the MATCH again in September; The HIV Care & Prevention Director met with IGD staff to review documents.
- d. Operation Food Search – There is a potential collaborative pilot with HCC agencies to fund a Metro Market Food truck to service parts of St. Clair County. St. Clair County Health Department will allocate the \$5,000 investment from the previous food voucher program to the Operation Food Search – Metro Market food truck option.
- e. Upcoming Annual training will be the week of September 28, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

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

Dr. Dumstorff continued, the Executive Director recommends approval of up to \$5,000.00 to support bringing Operation Food Search to St. Clair County, Illinois. This venture would be a pilot collaboration project between select Health Care Commission agencies, as approved by each agency. Mr. Kreeb moved, and Dr. Nash seconded a motion to allocate up to \$5,000.00 in support of bringing Operation Food Search to St. Clair County, Illinois. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following staffing updates:

The Health Department had the following staffing changes:

- Ms. Penny Kessler, Fiscal & Quality Management Coordinator within the HIV Care & Prevention Division is no longer employed with the health department effective July 29, 2026.
- Lucas Bradley accepted a full-time Client Services Representative (CSR) position effective August 3, 2026.

The Health Department is currently seeking to fill:

- One (1) full-time OR One (1) part-time Nurse Practitioner – Services Provider
- One (1) full-time Public Health Nurse
- One (1) part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
- One (1) full-time Clinical Services LPN
- One (1) full-time Medical Services Representative
- One (1) full-time HIV Quality Management Coordinator

DIVISION UPDATES:

The Executive Director highlighted the Administration Division activities, along with the highlights of the Environmental Division. The Accounting Manager reviewed the financial highlights. The Directors of Clinical Services & Systems (CSS) – Programs Division, 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 HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 in hybrid format. The SQM will review the residential survey results along with some data dive information. Operation Food Search information will be presented to seek collaboration from other agencies.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported the GloBingo netted \$3,182.86 profit from the event held on July 17th, 2026 and thanked everyone for coming out to support the event. The golf tournament is Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 and currently there are two teams signed up with two hole sponsorships confirmed. The Executive Director asked board members to consider donating a basket for the silent auction portion of the event. It was noted that the PRIDE event is also Saturday, October 3rd and the directors of HIV and CSS will be heading the staffing for this event.

Illinois Public Health Association

The Executive Director reported she would be attending the IPHA meeting in Springfield on Thursday, August 20th. Dr. Vohra is planning to be there to answer questions and concerns about the transformation and the methodology the State has gone to since their restructuring.

Medical Society

Dr. Nash referenced the state's new requirement on lead testing all children at age one but stated when they do the testing at SIHF, they have had issues receiving the results back. The Director of CSS stated that the SCCHD does the testing and processes the results in-house.

Professional Nursing

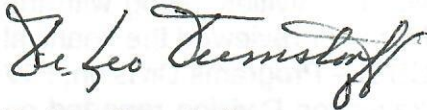
Ms. Thompson reported that the American Association of College Nursing is reporting

that 10's of thousands of nursing student applicants are being turned away due to a shortage of nurses to teach the nurse candidates.

Adjournment

At 7:51 p.m., Ms. Demsar moved and Ms. Thompson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary