

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held July 14, 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, and Cindy Thompson.

Members Excused: Matt Smallheer.

Others Present: Myla Blandford, Executive Director, Kristy Mullins, Director of Environmental Health, 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.

Ms. Kreeb moved, and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Health held on June 23, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wood reported that board members whose terms were expiring June 30, 2026, were re-appointed to the Board of Health by the St. Clair County Board at the meeting held on June 29, 2026. The board members receiving reappointment are Dr. Dumstorff, Mr. William Kreeb and Mr. Spencer Sholl.

President Wood deferred to Executive Director Blandford for the presentation and review of the updated IPLAN and the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. After review, Mr. Kreeb moved, and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to approve the updated IPLAN and the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan prior to any final edits. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Blandford continued with the Core Competency Assessment. A representative from the Public Health Foundation team met with the management staff and

went through a process to pare down the 56 core competencies to around 13. After which, a survey was sent to management staff and to non-management staff members for input. We had a 90 percent completion rate for the survey.

Overall, the general consensus from non-managerial staff wanted more training opportunities related to 1) Improve policies, programs, services and organizational performance; 2) Apply principles of ethics, diversity, equity, inclusion and justice; 3) Communicate with internal and external audiences; 4) Recognize the diversity of individuals and populations.

Observations from the management staff responses were: 1) Improve policies, programs, services and organizational performance and 2) Fiscal related trainings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is VERY LOW (IDPH 06/28-07/04); IL Admissions COVID: Trending down (admissions): Flu is trending up, RSV is trending down
- b. Ebola – 1,963 cases and 719 deaths with no cases in the United States.
- c. IGD MOU: SCCHD agreed to provide MATCH for grant close out. There are currently no further MOU discussions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Dumstorff began with the expense claims processed since the June 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 concluded with the following staffing updates:

The Health Department had the following staffing changes:

- Ms. Jeanette Muskopf's is no longer employed with the health department.
- Ms. Ranada Peoples will no longer be employed with the health department effective Friday, July 17, 2026.
- Ms. Debra Steinhauer will no longer be employed with the health department effective Thursday, July 30, 2026.
- Ms. Loreen Crockett will no longer be employed with the health department effective Friday, August 28, 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) full-time Client Services Representative (CSR)
- One (1) part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
- One (1) full-time Clinical Services LPN

DIVISION UPDATES:

The Executive Director highlighted the Administration Division activities, with the Accounting Manager reviewing the financial highlights. The Directors of the Environmental Health Division, 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. The SQM plans to have the residential survey results compiled for discussion at the September meeting.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported the next Scrivner meeting is September 8th. The golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. GloBingo is this Friday, July 17th. We are working on the final details for that event.

Illinois Public Health Association

The Executive Director reported IPHA's liaison for their legislative representation for the administrators, is no longer with them and it is not clear what will become of this position.

Medical Society

Dr. Wood reported that she has seen a number of clients presenting symptoms related to Cyclospora, but no positive cases have emerged. Dr. Nash reported in addition to Cyclospora, they are getting a number of inquiries about tick bites and Alpha-gal syndrome.

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m., Ms. Thompson moved and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary