

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held June 23, 2026, rescheduled from June 16, 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: Jennifer Demsar – President-Elect, Dr. Leo Dumstorff, Secretary, William Kreeb, Dr. Anne Nash, Spencer Sholl, and Cindy Thompson.

Members Excused: Matt Smallheer and Dr. Kelly Wood.

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

In President Wood's absence, President-Elect Demsar 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 May 19, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President-Elect Demsar reported that board members with expiring terms effective June 30, 2026 have agreed to serve another 3-year term and their names have been submitted to County Board for re-appointment at the June 29, 2026 meeting. Board members with expiring terms include Dr. Dumstorff, Mr. William Kreeb and Mr. Spencer Sholl.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is VERY LOW, with COVID-19 and RSV trending down with Flu being stable at this time. From IDPH dashboard 6/7-6/13 2026.
- b. Ebola – 1,068 cases and 268 deaths with no cases in the United States. This is the 2nd largest Ebola outbreak on record.

- c. P & F Item: Breakdown on promotional item expenses: 40th Anniversary shirts \$2,561.15; Lanyards \$270.00; ID holders \$460.00; Give-a-ways: Sunscreen/Band-Aid packets, chap stick and hand sanitizer & \$2,739.00.
- d. P & F Item: IGD MOU discussions related to match report and reimbursement for SCCHD staff time associated with match reporting are ongoing.
- e. Management met with the Public Health Foundation representative (6/12/26) and went through all the core competencies, which is how we evaluate the public health workforce. Management is scheduled to meet again on June 18th to go through an exercise to determine what our priorities are in terms of workforce development training. Basically, it's two-faceted. 1), how much do you think you know about this topic? and 2) do you want training on it? Some people may say, I don't know anything about this topic, and no, I don't want any training on it either. The management team ranked the importance of the competencies from 56 down to 13. PHF compiled the results of the priorities we chose, and we are sending surveys out to staff: one for general staff and one for management staff. The surveys will go out tomorrow (6/24) to staff. Staff have until the close of business on July 3rd to complete. PHF will compile the results and plan to have them to us for the All-Staff meeting on July 9th. Management will present the Employee Satisfaction Survey and the SWOT analysis at the All-Staff meeting.
- f. SQM and the Executive Director met with the IPLAN contractor this morning. She's with ICAHN, and they're taking part in \$40 million real transformation. They have a part in writing and distribution of money. Originally that money was supposed to be earmarked for public health. At the last minute, the money was pulled back and went to the hospitals. After the first of the year, we were notified that the money went to the hospitals, but added that public health had a seat at the table with no guarantee of any money for public health. The hospitals may pay public health workers to do some chronic disease management or something along those lines, but there are no requirements to do so by the hospitals. ICAHN is the contractor working specifically with chronic disease.
- g. I-PLAN, Strategic Plan and PHAB – We are close to having our I-Plan complete. Changes for the Strategic Plan were sent this morning (6/23/26). We are hoping to present both to the board at the July BOH meeting, August at the latest. Technically it is not due until October 28th, 2026, however, it is due to the State 60 days ahead of that, which is August 28th, 2026. Part of the strategic plan is how we are going to address the priorities moving forward. We've used the work plans for each of those work groups out of the Healthcare Commission that you're familiar with and the objectives are what we have on the dashboard that we have been working with over the years. The Strategic dashboard document will be updated starting in October 2026. There will be a wrap up of the current version of the dashboard before we move forward with the updated version. We are in a transition period between the last I-PLAN cycle and preparing to move into the new I-PLAN cycle. Our priorities have been basically the same throughout the years. The order and some of the language about chronic disease may change, but we are still looking at food insecurity, which is not new. The only thing we did not address in the new strategic plan is having personal stories of success, which was big right after COVID. At that time we had Healthier Together, which we do not have at this time. We decided not to move forward with that aspect.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Dumstorff began with the expense claims processed since the May 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 Mr. Sholl seconded a motion to approve the expense claims. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff gave an update of the revised expenditures for staff work gear and promotional items: SCCHD 40th Anniversary shirts for staff \$2,561.15; Lanyards (SCCHD identification) \$270.00; Staff ID holders (w/ SCCHD Logo) \$460.50; Promotional items for outreach \$2,739.50.

Dr. Dumstorff reported St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) & St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department (SCC IGD) are in the process of developing a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for SCCHD to provide match documentation to IGD for housing grants on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following staffing updates:

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

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 SQM has revised and updated the Residential Survey with input from the HCC and it will go out this summer to the residents of St. Clair county including families with school aged children in an attempt to gather input from this segment of the population. The next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported sponsorship packets for fundraising are complete and will be sent to board members. Physical copies are available upon request. The GloBingo is scheduled for Friday, July 17th. Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle, duck pond, and raffling off a wheelbarrow of booze. We will be asking for prize donations. The golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October

3rd at the Orchards Golf Course, the same day as the Pride event in downtown Belleville. Management staff will be split between these two events.

Illinois Public Health Association

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

Medical Society

Dr. Nash reported that there seems to be a regional shortage of radiologist in the Metro-East area. It is currently taking weeks to receive results from x-rays. Mammogram results have not been impacted as this time.

Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m., Ms. Thompson moved and Dr. Dumstorff to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary