

MINUTES OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held May 19, 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 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 two visitors in attendance at the meeting: Reese Wood and Alex Wood. There were no visitors in attendance 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, Ordinance NO 25-6-1322 Tax Levy, Delegation EPA information, ES Results and 2026 SWOT Preliminary Results.

Ms. Demsar moved, and Dr. Dumstorff seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Health held on April 21, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wood opened with addressing the board members whose terms were expiring June 20, 2026: Spencer Sholl, Leo Dumstorff and William Kreeb. President Wood asked each of the board members if they would continue to serve, and all agreed to continue to serve another 3-year term on the Board of Health. Their names will be submitted to the County Board for approval.

President Wood deferred to Executive Director Blandford for the results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey and SWOT Analysis. Executive Director Blandford reported that as part of the strategic plan, which is submitted with the I-Plan every five (5) years, the health department conducts an employee satisfaction survey and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses,

Opportunities and Threats) analysis. Board members and Healthcare Commission were given the opportunity to participate in the SWOT analysis as well. A summary of the Employee Survey was shared with management staff, which resulted in the framework of an improvement plan. The summary was shared with the board.

Executive Director Blandford informed the board that the quarterly reporting dashboard was being updated and we would start using it in the fall of 2026. Additionally as part of PHAB, Executive Director Blandford reviewed the mission, vision and value statements of the health department and asked board members to share any updates or changes to the language currently used. No changes or edits were made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Blandford reported the following:

- a. Respiratory illness for St. Clair County is LOW, with COVID-19 trending up and Flu & RSV trending down. From IDPH dashboard 5/3-5/9/26.
- b. Ebola – 500 cases with 130+ deaths with no cases in the United States; Hantavirus risk is low in the United States.
- c. Vaccine loss valued at \$7,878 due to inclement weather and backup generator failure on 4/27/26. We are waiting on county insurance response.
- d. P & F Item: 2026-2030 EPA Delegate Agreement – County Administration requested the EPA Delegate Agreement be presented to the Board of Health even though it is approved by the county board, for informational purposes.
- e. P & F Item: Levy Abatement: Projects future funding with the final amount to be determined.
- f. Update on the status of the Housing Grants – The health department received revised Intergovernmental Grants Division (IGD) housing grant updates late Friday (5/15/26) afternoon. Upon review, all three (3) are static in payment. IGD is requiring full payment of the utility amount to be paid directly to the client, and not directly to the utility company. Executive Director Blandford is recommending that SCCHD not move forward with these three (3) grants. NOTE: The board supports Executive Director's stance on SCCHD's payment policy to pay the utility company directly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Personnel Committee Report

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

Dr. Dumstorff reported the St. Clair County Board has levied and amended Ordinance No 25-1313 to abate the tax levy for 2025 Taxes payable in 2026 as follows for County

Health: County Health Original Levy \$1,544,490; Abatement: \$788,727; Final Levy: \$755,763. The Board of Health must submit the annual public health Tax Levy request to be included in the County Board Levy Ordinance. The Executive Director recommends that the Board approve a request for the public health tax at the rate of .0133 per \$100 assessed valuation. Based upon the anticipated assessed valuation of the County, this rate will generate approximately \$1,544,490 in the 2026 County fiscal year if the County Board does not abate the tax. The Executive Director has reviewed the documentation and recommends Board approval. Ms. Demsar moved, and Mr. Sholl seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-1322 Tax Levy Abatement. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff continued with the 5-year budget for the delegation agreement has been modified to reflect an annual budget of \$335,378.64, with seventy percent (\$235,000.00) being provided by the EPA and thirty percent (100,378.64) by County landfill tipping fees for years 2027-2031. The annual budget is static across each of the five years. The Executive Director has reviewed the documentation and recommends board approval. Ms. Nash moved, and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to approve the EPA Delegate agreement. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following staffing updates:

Health Department staffing updates:

- Mr. Gage Baudino will no longer be employed with the health department effective May 15, 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

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 HCC met virtually on May 5th and reviewed some of the survey information that was provided at the BOH meeting. HCC plans to update the statistics and reissue the residential survey over the summer so that we can get in on the back-to-school activities.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director Blandford reported the golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at the Orchards Golf Course, as well as the Pride event on the same day.

The Fource Group is updating the brochure and the website with the golf tournament information. 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 for prizes.

Illinois Public Health Association

The Executive Director stated IPHA will meet in June and continues to focus on state transformation and restructuring at the IDPH level. IDPH is asking for more local health representation on different committees. Tanner Kingery, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention, stepped up to serve in the technology area.

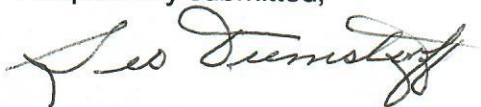
Executive Session

At 7:41 p.m., Ms. Demsar moved, and Mr. Sholl seconded a motion to move the meeting into executive session. The motion passed.

Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m., Mr. Dumstorff moved and Ms. Demsar seconded a motion to close the executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Leo Dumstorff
Board Secretary