

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Call to Order

The Champaign County Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District at 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL. Dr. Krista Jones, President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Roll Call

9 Upon roll call, the following Board members were found to be present: Dr. Krista Jones,
10 President, Mr. David Thies, Vice President, Dr. John Peterson, Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont, Dr. Neil
11 Sharma, Dr. Will Sander, and Dr. Lyndon Goodly. Ms. Cathy Emanuel, Secretary/Treasurer, and Dr. Brent
12 Reifsteck, were absent.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

17 Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Sander seconded the motion.
18 With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

22 Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve June 10, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Thies seconded
23 the motion. Dr. Peterson noted that he would like the previous minutes to reflect that there would be
24 an attempt made to update the online health reports. Dr. Mamadou Tounkara provided an update
25 stating that the data has been updated on the website; however, there are confidentiality issues with
26 reporting STD and HIV numbers. CUPHD's website is in line with IDPH's reporting standards. STD
27 numbers are up to date through December 2024 with new statics for 2025 updating at the end of this
28 year. Dr. Sander abstained. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

32 None.

Correspondence and Communications

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Other Business

40 Mr. Travis Woodcock, with Champaign County, was unable to attend the meeting; however,
41 Dr. Jones was able to provide an update regarding the fund balance in his absence. The fund balance
42 would be 30% if the Board stays with the budget as proposed, including \$30,000 for sexual health
43 education and \$50,000 for dental services in the County. It does not include the \$25,000 request for

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47 dental recruitment assistance from SmileHealthy. A discussion was held regarding the Board's revenues,
48 expenses, and fund balance. The Board previously agreed to keep the fund balance at 25-35% of
49 expenditures. Mr. Woodcock will be asked to attend the next meeting to further explain the budget and
50 fund balance.

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52 Each of the following proposed budget items were presented to the Board for approval:

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54 a. Budget request for funding of preventive services for adolescents in Champaign County
55 Schools in the amount of \$30,000 – no objections.
56 b. Budget request for general dental support for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, in the
57 amount of \$50,000 – no objections.
58 c. Budget request for dental practitioner recruiting focus for January 1, 2026 – December 31,
59 2026, in the amount of \$25,000 – six objections and one abstention by Dr. Goodly.
60 Additional information is needed from SmileHealthy on how the funds are being utilized.

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62 The proposed County Board of Health Budget for FY26 was presented for approval. Ms. Amanda
63 Knight provided a summary which included that taxes had a 2.9% increase, there was a 4% wage
64 increase per the bargaining unit contract, the Local Health Protection grant decreased by \$12,000, and
65 the Emergency Preparedness grant decreased by \$17,000.

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67 Ms. Pryde provided some additional notes including two grants have been lost but CUPHD is not
68 planning for any staff changes, barring extenuating circumstances. October 1st is the Federal budget
69 which is an area of concern. CUPHD is actively looking for other grants, but the fund balance can be used
70 for staff expenses through July 2026. In addition, CUPHD has moved staff to other grants, is exploring an
71 early retirement option for qualified staff, and is reviewing other contingency plans.

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73 Mr. Thies made a motion to approve the FY26 County Board of Health budget, without the
74 additional \$25,000 for SmileHealthy's recruitment request. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. With all in
75 favor, the motion carried.

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77 Dr. Jones requested to move the November meeting due to a scheduling conflict. The meeting
78 will be rescheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:45 PM.

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80 Ms. Pryde announced that Dr. Jones was recently awarded the Ruth B. Freeman Award from the
81 Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association.

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83 Dr. Peterson will attend the upcoming Champaign County Board's budget hearing, Monday,
84 August 25th, on behalf of the County Board of Health.

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86 **SmileHealthy**

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88 Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont made a motion to approve the SmileHealthy reports for May and
89 June 2025. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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94 Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the following: invoice # I00364 payable to Champaign
95 County Administrative Services for the Child Dental Access Program for May 2025 in the amount of
96 \$6,249.99; and invoice #I00366 payable to Champaign County Administrative Services for the Child
97 Dental Access Program for June 2025 in the amount of \$6,249.99. Ms. Vanichtheeranont seconded the
98 motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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100 **CUPHD**

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102 Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to approve payment of the CUPHD invoices for May and
103 June 2025 services. Mr. Thies seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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105 Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the Champaign County contract: between the
106 Champaign County Public Health Department and IDPH for the Comprehensive Health Protection
107 Grant – FY 2026 in the amount of \$195,214.50 for the time period of June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.
108 Mr. Thies seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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110 Ms. Whitney Greger, Director of Wellness and Health Promotion, provided an update on the
111 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in the Champaign County schools. She shared that they will be
112 starting the program with the Thomasboro 8th grade students in late August.

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114 The Reportable Disease and Performance Management reports are available on the CUPHD
115 website. Mr. Thies made a motion for the reports to be placed on file. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion.
116 Dr. Mamadou Tounkara noted that the performance management metrics include goals for each
117 department. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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119 **Old Business**

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121 There were no new updates regarding long-term care beds in Champaign County.

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123 **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

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127 **Next Meeting**

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129 The next meeting of the Champaign County Board of Health will be on December 2, 2025, at
130 4:45 PM.

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132 **Adjournment**

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134 With no further business, Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
135 6:30 PM. Dr. Sander seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.