

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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3 *Tuesday, June 10, 2025*

4 **Call to Order**

5 The Champaign County Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the
6 Champaign-Urbana Public Health District at 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL. Dr. Krista Jones,
7 President, called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

8 **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, Dr. Brent Reifsteck, and
11 Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont. Dr. Neil Sharma was in attendance at 5:07 PM. Dr. Will Sander, Dr. Lyndon
12 Goodly, and Ms. Cathy Emanuel, Secretary/Treasurer, were absent.

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15 **Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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17 Ms. Vanichtheeranont requested to add a discussion of Article 5 pertaining to the Retail Food
18 Policy under Other Business. Dr. Reifsteck made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Peterson
19 seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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21 **Approval of Minutes**

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23 Mr. Thies made a motion to approve March 11, 2025, meeting minutes. Dr. Peterson seconded
24 the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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26 **Public Participation on Agenda Items Only**

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30 **Correspondence and Communications**

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32 Ms. Pryde introduced Mr. Mamadou Tounkara, MD, MSW, MPH, as the new Deputy
33 Administrator. He joined CUPHD on June 2, 2025.

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35 Ms. Pryde also noted that she would share any updates that she receives from NACCHO with the
36 Board. In addition, CUPHD is losing two grants which are Adolescent Health and Well Woman.

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38 **SmileHealthy**

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40 Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the SmileHealthy reports for February, March and April
41 2025. Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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47 The Board discussed the reports including the number of patients seen in the County versus
48 Champaign-Urbana. SmileHealthy is requesting \$25,000 from the County Board of Health's upcoming
49 budget to assist with dental provider recruitment costs. Prior allocations were made from the fund
50 balance, which was previously determined by the Board to remain at 25-35% of operating costs. Current
51 operating costs are \$2.2M with a projected fund balance of 23%. Dr. Peterson would like to have an
52 analysis of the total budget and revenues over the last 10 years at the August meeting.

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54 Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to approve the following: invoice # I00329 payable to
55 Champaign County Administrative Services for the Child Dental Access Program for February 2025 in the
56 amount of \$6,249.99; invoice #I00337 payable to Champaign County Administrative Services for the
57 Child Dental Access Program for March 2025 in the amount of \$6,249.99; and invoice #I00353 payable
58 to Champaign County Administrative Services for the Child Dental Access Program for April 2025 in the
59 amount of \$6,249.99. Dr. Reifsteck seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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61 **CUPHD**

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63 Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to approve payment of the CUPHD invoices for January,
64 February, March and April 2025 services. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion
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67 Ms. Whitney Greger, Director of Wellness and Health Promotion, provided an update on the
68 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in the Champaign County schools. They are currently working with
69 the Superintendent of Thomasboro to try and reestablish the program in that school district. They are
70 also trying to establish the program at Ludlow and Gifford. All three schools feed into the Rantoul School
71 District.

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73 The Reportable Disease and Performance Management reports are available on the CUPHD
74 website. Dr. Peterson made a motion for the reports to be placed on file. Ms. Vanichtheeranont
75 seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. Dr. Peterson would like to see all reports up-
76 to-date. Numbers for sexually transmitted infections are being reported at the end of the year.

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78 **Old Business**

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80 Dr. Jones gave an update on the long-term care bed shortage in Champaign County in Ms. Cathy
81 Emanuel's absence. Green house models are currently being looked at as an option. This model consists
82 of eight-person units with each unit sharing a kitchen and living space. Each unit would also have a CNA
83 or LPN assigned for assistance. There was no interest locally in opening a skilled bed facility; however,
84 other funding opportunities are being evaluated.

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86 **Other Business**

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88 Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont provided an update regarding the food ordinance discussed with the
89 County Committee of the Whole. It was requested that health inspection staff speak to the Board to
90 justify passing the ordinance as a whole. Ms. Vanichtheeranont asked that the focus be the cost savings

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94 through the program.

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96 Dr. Peterson made a motion to continue with the current officers of the Champaign County
97 Board of Health: Dr. Krista Jones, President; Mr. David Thies, Vice President; and Ms. Cathy Emanuel,
98 Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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100 Based on information shared by Travis Woodcock with Champaign County, the projected FY25
101 fund balance for the County Board of Health is 23.07% with \$2.2M budgeted expenditures. There are
102 concerns about not maintaining the full fund balance (25-35%) should there be an outbreak.

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104 Ms. Greger addressed the Board regarding the proposal to fund preventative services for
105 adolescents in Champaign County schools. The budget request is for \$30,000 and will support and
106 expand preventative health services to include teen pregnancy prevention education through the
107 *Making Proud Choices!* curriculum, healthcare navigation workshops for adolescents and caregivers, and
108 school referrals training for staff.

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110 Promise Healthcare submitted two budget proposal requests. A request for general support is in
111 the amount of \$50,000, which is currently a budgeted expense, and a second request for \$25,000, that is
112 for the dental practitioner recruitment which would be allocated from the fund balance. This funding
113 would support sign-on bonuses (two practitioners at \$6,250 each) and Indeed advertising (\$12,500).

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

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119 **Next Meeting**

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121 The next meeting of the Champaign County Board of Health will be on August 19, 2025, at
122 5:00 PM.

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124 **Adjournment**

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126 With no further business, Ms. Vanichtheeranont made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44
127 PM. Mr. Thies seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.