

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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3 *Tuesday, August 19, 2025*

4 **Call to Order**

5 The Champaign County Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 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 5:05 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, Ms. Beth Vanichtheeranont, Dr. Neil  
11 Sharma, Dr. Will Sander, and Dr. Lyndon Goodly. Ms. Cathy Emanuel, Secretary/Treasurer, and Dr. Brent  
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15 **Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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

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20 **Approval of Minutes**

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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.

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30 **Public Participation on Agenda Items Only**

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34 **Correspondence and Communications**

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38 **Other Business**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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.