



# Kane County

## KC American Rescue Plan Committee

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

### Meeting Minutes

SANCHEZ, Kenyon, Bates, Gumz, Lenert, Molina, Strathmann, Surges & Tepe

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

#### 1. Call To Order

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

Also Present: Madam Chair Pierog; County Board members Roth, Berman, Kious, Allan\*; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; KC Health Department Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Snowden\*, Peterson, Meyer; State's Atty. Office staff Shepro\* and Ford\*; ARP Program Manager Fahnestock; ITD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Peters

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Vern Tepe
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Cheryl Strathmann
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Clifford Surges

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

Molina and Strathmann requested remote attendance. Chair Sanchez asked if any were opposed to Molina and Strathmann attending remotely as voting members. No objections were voiced by the Committee.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2023 and October 25, 2023

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

**5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

Eileen McNamee, Executive Director of PADS of Elgin, addressed the Committee. McNamee discussed the families they have in shelter. PADS of Elgin are having an issue getting families with children housed. She asked the Committee if they have any contacts for a three or four bedroom apartment that is up for rent to let her know. PADS of Elgin are now at 99% capacity as last year and we are only in month five. The need is great and it keeps growing, especially with families. McNamee discussed the shelter diversion and rapid rehousing initiatives. She asked the Committee for a small give of \$25,000 to help motivate the landlords to provide a lease to families who have children so that we could double up the security deposit to get these families housed this Christmas. She thanked everyone from the County for their support.

**6. Discussion Items:****A. ARP Committee Report**

Chair Sanchez stated that the ARP Committee report is in the packet and available for Committee review.

**B. Other Committee Matters**

None.

**7. New Business****A. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund St. Charles Branch Court Security Cameras for the Kane County Information Technologies Department**

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Kenyon
<b>AYE:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Clifford Surges

**B. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Addressing Behavioral Health Needs of Kane County Residents for the Kane County Health Department**

Michael Isaacson, Executive Director of the Kane County Health Department, introduced Kim Peterson, Director of Community Health, and Michelle Meyer who will be helping with substance use for this project and other various areas. Isaacson discussed the increasing need for mental health services. This is an effort that will build Kane County's capacity around behavioral health working with schools, hospitals, and community health partners. This program will centralize these efforts through the Kane County Health Department so that we can get better information, better data on what is happening, and measure our success. Some of this funding will be addressing immediate needs within the County. This funding will also be used towards the future to help Kane County's capacity for mental health and behavioral health services. The priorities are workforce to help eliminate waiting lists, supporting needs, establishing best practices, and gathering data to measure success. Gumz technology that aids access to telehealth for mental health is greatly beneficial. Gumz expressed her support of utilizing technology in this program. Madam Chair suggested hiring additional support for Medicaid billing and making sure the money is reimbursed promptly. Isaacson stated that they work with an external service that helps with the Medicaid billing at the Health Department .

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mavis Bates
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Kenyon
<b>AYE:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
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**8. Old Business**

Chair Sanchez noted that there will be future discussion on what to do with the remaining ARP funds either next month or the following month.

**9. Executive Session (if needed)**

None.

**10. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

None.

**11. Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Jennifer Smith  
ARP Program Coordinator

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Kenyon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz