



# Kane County

## KC Public Health Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

STRATHMANN, Sanchez, Arroyo, Juby, Penesis, Tarver, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

#### 2025 Committee Goals

- Continue to administer rabies vaccinations and microchips to Kane County pets
- Capitalize on a new health department facility
- Increase direct programming to serve residents
- Maximize use of technology
- Demonstrate public health expertise

#### 1. Call To Order

Chairman Strathmann called today's meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Bill Tarver
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates\*, Gumz\*, Gripe, Kious\*, Molina\*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Alleman, Onwuta, & Peterson; Fin. Dir. & Health Facilities Snowden\*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Strathmann announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Tarver attending remotely. There were no objections.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young

## 5. Public Comment

Committee Member and Kane County resident Young stated that today, January 22, is the National Protection of Unborn Children Day. He asked the Committee to take a ten second moment of silence. He spoke on the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS). He stated that new data was added to the website, on the immunizations page explaining what VAERS is, and how people can report something. He shared his appreciation for this being added on the website. Young addressed the ten to fifteen pages explaining the adverse effects of vaccines, including the Covid-19 vaccine. He mentioned he had difficulty finding these pages on the website, and suggested that this information be more easily accessible to the public. Young reminded the Committee that the VAERS reporting system is managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Lastly, he stated from the beginning of the Covid-19 vaccines, there have been over 38K deaths, over 219K hospitalizations, over 29K reports of Myocarditis and Pericarditis, over 17K reports of bell's palsy, over 5K miscarriages, over 22K heart attacks, and approximately 73K people have been permanently disabled. He strongly recommends these statistics be put on the VAERS website.

Kane County resident Meyer referenced an article from a pro-vaccination standpoint titled "Louisiana Forbids Public Health Workers from Promoting Covid-19, Flu, and Mpox Vaccines." The article states that in November 2024, a group of high-level managers at the Louisiana Department of Health were told that department leadership had a new policy, and that advertising and promoting the Covid, Influenza, or Mpox vaccines must stop. Meyer noted that governments are recognizing the fact that there are dangers of vaccines.

## 6. Finance/Budget

### A. Monthly Report

The monthly finance reports are on file. No additional report was made.

## 7. Animal Control

### A. Monthly Report

KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt stated that all of the reports are on file. He announced that the back-up generator was installed this week.

### B. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to Kane County Animal Control and Each of Their Transaction Limits

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Young

<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, and David Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, and Corinne M. Pierog

## 8. Executive Director

### A. Health Department Updates

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson introduced his staff to the new Board Members. He explained the ten essential Public Health Services. These services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. He provided an organizational chart showing all of the department's within their divisions, including division of planning and information management, community health, disease prevention, and health protection. Isaacson noted that the Health Department manages its funding through three primary funds, including the Opioid Settlement Fund, the General County Health Fund, the Kane Kares Fund, and the American Rescue Plan Fund for Behavioral Health Project (ARPA). The County Health Fund is about \$9.5M for the 2025 budget, and the Kane Kares Fund is \$685K. These are the main funding operational sources for the health department. Isaacson noted that the Health Department gets \$0 funding from the general fund. A special tax levy for \$2M helps support the department. Over 40% of revenue is derived from grants, and when project funding ends, expenses are cut. The budget reflects a projected 7.8% increase in grant funding. Discussion ensued.

Isaacson provided information on all drug and Opioid overdose emergency department encounters from over the last six years. There has been a decrease in drug overdoses, and there continues to be reductions in overdose emergency encounters, but the numbers are still high. The Health Department staff continue to educate residents on administering Naloxone, and spread awareness on substance abuse within the communities. Isaacson provided a data chart showing the proportions of all drug and opioid emergency encounters by gender. The opioid emergency encounters for males have a higher percentage than females. From 2021, there was a reduction in fatalities for Kane County residents, but the numbers are still high. Much discussion ensued.

### A. Authorizing Opioid Response Community Implementation Project

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ted Penesis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Tarver
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, and David Young

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, and Corinne M. Pierog
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**9. Old Business**

None.

**10. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alex Arroyo

**11. Executive Session**

The Public Health Committee entered into Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Young, seconded by Juby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, and David Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, and Corinne M. Pierog
<b>AWAY:</b>	Bill Tarver

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

**12. Return to Open Session**

The Public Health Committee returned to Open Session at 10:21 a.m. on a motion made by Young, seconded by Penesis. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ted Penesis

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Committee came to a consensus to vote on the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Juby, seconded by Young. Motion carried by roll call vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby

<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Young
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, and David Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, and Corinne M. Pierog
<b>AWAY:</b>	Bill Tarver

### 13. Adjournment

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alex Arroyo

This meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary