



# Kane County

## KC Public Health Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

STRATHMANN, Sanchez, Juby, Silva, Tarver, Williams, Young, ex-officio Pierog (County Chair) and ex-officio Tepe (County Vice Chair)

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**                      **9:00 AM**                      **County Board Room**

**1. Call To Order**

Committee Chair Strathmann called today's meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Board Member Cheryl Strathmann<br>Board Member Leslie Juby<br>Board Member Monica Silva<br>Board Member David Young<br>Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe |
| <b>REMOTE</b>  | Board Member Jarett Sanchez<br>Board Member Bill Tarver<br>Board Member Rick Williams   |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog   |

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Bates\*, Kenyon, Kious\*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Alleman, Barrett, Onwuta, Peterson, & Soriano; Snowden\*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock\* & Peters; Spec. ASA Shepro; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2024**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | David Young  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Monica Silva   |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Cheryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, and David Young |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog   |

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

Kane County Resident, Ed Marth, shared his concerns regarding the new health department facility. He offered an endorsement for the idea of using available funds to construct a new health department facility. Marth believes that building a new and modernized health facility would benefit the county greatly, and encouraged the Committee to proceed with the new health department proposal.

Kane County Resident, Lori Powell, shared her thoughts and concerns on the resolution authorizing the Infection Prevention and Control Grant. She asked the Committee to vote 'no' on this resolution. She advised the Committee to look further into the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) website, and decide if they see any real benefits to this \$80K grant. Powell believes that it is time for people to guide their own public health and not be controlled by outside agencies or the federal government.

**6. Finance/Budget****A. Monthly Finance Reports**

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

**7. Animal Control****A. Animal Control Reports**

Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt stated that the monthly reports were on file. He announced that the rabies vaccine fee needs to be increased to five dollars. He stated that there will be a new vaccine clinic opening on April 27, 2024. Youngsteadt reviewed the additional cost increases that the public will see. The neutered boarding fee will change from \$17.50 to \$25 a day, and the non-neutered boarding fee will change from \$35 to \$50. Lastly, the owner surrender cost will increase from \$20 to \$50. Youngsteadt explained that there will be an added stray animal fee, a subsequent offense fee, an after hours pick-up fee, and a low cost euthanasia service fee. He indicated that post-Covid, behavioral euthanasia has increased across the nation. He asked the Committee for their feedback and input on these fees, and if they are acceptable for the new services in Kane County. Much discussion ensued.

**B. Authorizing Update to Rabies Vaccine Fee**

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>   |
| <b>TO:</b>       | KC Finance and Budget Committee  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | David Young  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Leslie Juby  |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Corinne M. Pierog  |

**8. Executive Director**

**A. Health Department Updates**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson highlighted several upcoming events. The Kane County System of Care (KCSOC) will present their Self Love Isn't Selfish event on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, February 24, 2024, Isaacson will participate in a panel discussion with Congressman Foster and Jim Scarpace from the Gateway Foundation talking about opioids and other substance use in the community. The Empowering Tomorrow Cultivating Family Resilience event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at the Parent Power Center in Aurora. There will be a Substance Use and Trauma Webinar Series on February 28, March 13, and March 20, 2024. Lastly, the Aurora African American Health Coalition will have their 17th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Prisco Community Center in Aurora at 9 AM to 12 PM.

**B. Gun Violence Discussion**

Co-founder of "Be Smart Illinois," Steve McCue, presented the results of the 2023 Illinois Secure Storage survey that was conducted in October 2023. The results showed that households that lock up their firearms, have a significantly lower risk of suicide and accidents among children and teens. About 80% of firearms used in school shootings by teens come from their parents homes or homes of friends and relatives. McCue stated that there are half a million firearms stolen each year, mostly from vehicles. He stated that within the research, it was found that 26% of all gun owners do not have children or teens in their homes. He noted that this survey was self-funded and self-sponsored. The goal for "Be Smart Illinois" and Secure Storage effort is to increase awareness year over year. There are 42% of Illinois households that claim to own at least one firearm, and ownership is highest in Central and South regions of Illinois. The main reason why residents do not lock up their guns is for the simple fact that they want to have access to it quickly. Over a quarter of Illinois homes with firearms store at least one of them unlocked. Locked safes or cases are most widely used, while cable and trigger locks are used the least. KCHD Violence Rights Coordinator, Katelyn Soriano, presented an overview of the Violence Prevention Program. The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) website stated that firearm violence is a multifaceted challenge that requires a public health approach to stop the cycles of violence in disproportionately impacted communities. The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) was created as a result of the Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA). It is a comprehensive approach to violence prevention in response to the State of Illinois' heightened experience of loss, harm, and trauma by the hands of firearm violence. The Violence Prevention Coordination Council is the lead agency to work across each community to coordinate violence prevention resources. This council provides consistent feedback to IDHS on Aurora's best practices, challenges, and barriers. Through this grant, the Project Safe Aurora Violence Prevention Coalition was created. A total of 2,200 gun locks have been distributed since fall 2023, and have collaborated with over 20 distribution partners through Kane County. There will be a Community Violence Panel and Resources Fair on May 11, 2024. (Committee Member Sanchez left at 10:30 a.m.)

**C. Opioid Update**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson announced that there will be a free Naloxone Training for Opioid Overdose Prevention in Elgin on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Residents will learn the signs of an opioid overdose and how to respond with naloxone, the life-saving nasal spray that can reverse an opioid overdose.

- D. Authorizing Acceptance of the National Association of County & City Health Officials Infection Prevention & Control Learning Collaborative Project Grant (IPC-LCP)

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>                         |
| <b>TO:</b>       | KC Finance and Budget Committee                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bill Tarver  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Leslie Juby  |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Cherryl Strathmann, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, and Bill Tarver |
| <b>NAY:</b>      | David Young  |
| <b>REMOTE:</b>   | Jarett Sanchez, and Rick Williams                              |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Corinne M. Pierog  |

**E. Authorizing Opioid Response Community Implementation Projects**

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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| <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> | Bill Tarver   |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Cherryl Strathmann, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, and David Young |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Jarett Sanchez, and Rick Williams   |

**9. Old Business**

None.

**10. Reports Placed On File**

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

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

None.

**12. New Business**

None.

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

Kane County Resident and Committee Member, David Young, shared information from a published article. He stated that the article was the largest global study conducted on the effects of Covid-19 vaccines. The study found links to increased blood, heart, and neurological related conditions. The examined data from 99 million vaccinated individuals was performed by the Global Vaccine Data Network and published in a journal called "Vaccine" on February 12, 2024. It was found that Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines, those made by BioNTech, Moderna, and Pfizer, were linked to an increased risk of myocarditis and brain blood clots. Young indicated that researchers looked for thirteen medical conditions considered adverse events of special interests among 99 million vaccinated individuals in eight countries seeking to identify higher than expected cases following a Covid-19 vaccine. The scientists also discovered a link between mRNA vaccines and an increase risk of pericarditis, increased risks of the inflammation of the spinal cord, and brain after taking viral vector vaccines. This is the largest and most comprehensive study that allude to serious health risks associated with Covid-19 vaccines. Young suggested that the Committee showcase this information on the Kane County website. Lastly, he shared a report that stated reports of myocarditis following the vaccines were 233 times higher than the average of all vaccines combined for the past 30 years.

**14. Adjournment**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Monica Silva                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Young                   |

This meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary