



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, March 20, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Monica Silva Board Member Rick Williams Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Bill Tarver
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Bates, Daugherty*, Gumz, Kious, Lewis*, Molina*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Alleman, Barrett, Onwuta, Peterson & Koral; Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Rick Williams

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Kane County resident, Brian Anderson, spoke on the importance of fiscal responsibility of the Kane County Board. He also encouraged the Committee to have the Kane County Health Department website be specifically about health and wellness.

Kane County resident, Michelle Bettag, spoke on the fiscal responsibility of Kane County. She stated that the economy is struggling, and is hoping to hear that a new health facility will help fight for the needs of Kane County, but for a lot less. She addressed her concerns about the non-citizens of Kane County, and hopes that the board members stay focused on Kane County citizens, and not on people who do not live in Kane County.

Kane County resident, Lori Powell, encouraged the Committee to vote "no" for the new health department facility. She believes that staying within budget for the Kane County taxpayers is important. Powell stated that it does not make sense to build an expensive building that will only increase debt.

Kane County resident, Mark Schrage, stated that if the Kane County Health Department truly wants to have an impact on the health of its citizens, they should allocate the current surplus of \$24M American Rescue Plan Association (ARPA) funds to cooperate with the City of Elgin, and/or other municipalities that have identified lead levels. Schrage stressed to the Committee that lead causes insanity, violence, and birth defects.

Kane County resident, Kim Sieber, spoke on her opposition of the new health department facility, and encouraged the Committee to be fiscally responsible.

Kane County resident and Committee Member, David Young, shared information from a published article from March 10, 2024 on the measles outbreak. A second case of measles was reported at a migrant shelter in Chicago. An illegal child was in the Chicago Pilsen neighborhood with the measles disease, and exposed possibly 1,876 people in that area. Young alluded to the fact that migrants are coming to our border with potential diseases. This is something very serious that we are going to have to deal with. He stated that the Illinois Department of Health made a statement saying that research and testing will be conducted on sheltered individuals, and vaccinate them. Young also addressed an article from the Epoch Times on March 17, 2024, stating that there were 148 redacted pages about the Covid vaccine myocarditis cases released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Lastly, Young mentioned that according to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), there have been over 28K myocarditis cases reported.

7. Finance/Budget**A. Monthly Report**

Chairman Strathmann stated the monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

8. Animal Control**A. Monthly Report**

KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt stated that the monthly report was on file. He provided a 2024 Low Cost Drive-thru Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic flyer. He noted that Kane County residents are required by law to purchase a registration tag. A one-year rabies vaccine with a tag for neutered animals is \$30, and for non-neutered is \$55. A rabies tag for seniors and out-of-County residents are charged \$15, and the cost of a microchip is \$15. Youngsteadt announced several upcoming vaccine clinic dates have been released for residents. The first clinic date will be Saturday, April 27, 2024. (Madam Chair in person arrived at 9:24 a.m.) Youngsteadt addressed comments and concerns about the euthanasia program. He clarified that euthanasia is an "end of life" service for animals that are classified as severely diseased and/or have severe behavior. This is not for puppies or kittens. The KCAC is attempting to make this program available to residents. Youngsteadt stated that this is not a mandated service. It is a service offered to people who can't afford the rising costs of animal care, and want to do what is right by their pet.

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

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	David Young
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, and David Young

9. Executive Director**A. Health Department Updates: Opioid Overdose Reduction Media Campaign**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson addressed the outbreak of measles in Chicago. He stated that 20% of children exposed to measles have to be hospitalized, and a few die. Luckily, measles is very preventable. He indicated that the vaccine is the best way to prevent measles. Children need two doses of the vaccine for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, starting at twelve months old or six months old if traveling internationally. Teens and adults need one or two doses and should get vaccinated, as soon as possible.

KCHD Div. Dir. of Health Protection Onwuta recommended, if someone has symptoms of measles, to call your local health care provider first, before going to the emergency room to avoid exposing others and spreading the disease.

Isaacson introduced KCHD Dir. of Community Health Kim Peterson and Health Promotion Manager Tina Koral. They presented the Opioid Overdose Reduction Media Campaign. Peterson stated that the goal of this campaign is to provide individuals with substance abuse disorders the resources on how to obtain information and support about opioid overdose prevention.

Koral stated that the goals of the "Your Story Matters" campaign are to respond to the identification of behavioral health as a priority health need in the 2021 Kane County Health Assessment. The key messages of the campaign include prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and reduction of stigma by education. Koral presented three videos of people sharing their opioid stories.

Isaacson thanked Don and Roberta Kalish and Lyndsey Hartman, Manager of Association for Individual Development (AID) for sharing their personal stories.

Isaacson introduced Dr. Stephen Holtsford who spoke on his current practices in addiction medicine and substance use disorder. He explained that he is trying to increase the care of patients struggling with substance use disorder within his emergency departments, not only in Kane County but throughout the state. Isaacson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

B. Authorizing Health Department Purchase of Mosquito Larvicide

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Monica Silva

AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, and David Young
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C. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to Kane County Public Health Department and Each of their Transaction Limits

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, and David Young

10. Old Business

None.

11. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Monica Silva
SECONDER:	David Young

12. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

13. New Business

Committee Co-Chairman Sanchez shared that the Dundee Township Mental Health Board has completed their Needs Assessment. The results can be found online at dundeetownship.org. He stated that this is a big milestone and a step forward for the organization.

14. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Bill Tarver

This meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary