



# 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)

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**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**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 Jarett Sanchez Board Member Leslie Juby Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Bill Tarver
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Ted Penesis Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
<b>REM NO VOTE</b>	Board Member David Young

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan\*, Molina\*; KCAC Admin. Younsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Barrett, Peterson; 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 Member Tarver attending remotely. There were no objections.

**4. Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jarett Sanchez

**5. Public Comment**

Kane County resident Lori Powell spoke on her request for equal access to the Religious Exemption form on the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) website. She noted that in the beginning of 2025, the KCHD added a link to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) after months of public requests. This was an important step towards transparency helping residents access information about potential adverse reactions to vaccines. However, Powell stated that general informed consent is still incomplete without equal access to all legally, recognized options. This is Powell's third, formal request to the KCHD to include the immunizations link on the Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption form.

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

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**7. Animal Control****A. Monthly Report**

Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Admin. Youngsteadt announced that the monthly reports are on file. He reminded the Committee that Saturday, August 23, 2025 is the first low-cost rabies and microchip clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be two more clinics held one on Wednesday, September 17, and the other on Saturday, October 18.

**B. KCAC FY2026 Budget Presentation**

Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Admin. Youngsteadt provided a organizational chart indicating all fifteen budgeted positions of the KCAC. He stated that tag fees are conducted from January 1 to December 31. He explained that tag fees do not coincide with the Kane County fiscal year. Additionally, there is no ordinance or law for how fast certificates or money is received from the veterinarians. On average, Youngsteadt noted that it takes 2-3 years before revenue shows. The KCAC is funded by the purchase of rabies tags. KCAC does not receive general revenue dollars to pay employees. There is a potential \$72K increase in revenue. All services that have a fee are registration for tags, and fees to animal owners. KCAC's revenue is 96% generated from tag fees. The remaining 2% to 4% comes from miscellaneous services such as adoptions, rescues, and return to owner services. All commodities for animal care supplies and utilities are expected to increase. Animal Control continues to focus on the timely collection of fees that ensure financial sustainability. They continue to have one of the lowest tag fees in the collar counties. Further discussion took place.

**8. Executive Director****A. Authorizing Opioid Response Community Implementation Projects**

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

**B. Authorizing Amendment to the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, Enhancing Children's Mental Health through Family-run Organizations Grant**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jarett Sanchez
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Bill Tarver, and Bill Roth
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alex Arroyo, Ted Penesis, and Corinne M. Pierog

**C. KCHD FY2026 Budget Presentation (not attached)**

Kane County Health Department Exec. Dir. Isaacson presented the FY26 Budget Presentation. He explained what the ten essential public health services are and how they work. These ten essential services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. Isaacson noted that the KCHD is not funded by the General Fund. There is a special public health levy in the amount of \$2M that the Health Department receives funding from. He provided an organizational chart of all the Health Department divisions and departments. The Health Department is broken up into several funds including the Opioid Settlement Fund, County Health, Kane Kares, American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Behavioral Health Project, Homeless Management Information System, Continuum of Care, and the Home Investment Partnership Program. Isaacson reviewed the KCHD Budget Revenue by category. Grants make up 34.2% of KCHD revenue. Isaacson expects to see an increase in licenses and permits. He noted that the Health Department is seeking expansion and improvements for providing program services by procuring a new electronic health records system, and upgrading the environmental health software. Applications are currently under review. He reviewed the KCHD budget expenses, which is largely personnel costs. This includes 53% payroll, 31% contractual services, 5.6% commodities, and 7.2% capital expenses. Lastly, Isaacson noted that last year the KCHD budgeted for 125 employees. Due to the federal changes and cuts, the Health Department has reduced the total headcount significantly for 2025. Further discussion took place.

**9. Old Business**

None.

**12. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jarett Sanchez

**10. New Business**

None.

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

None.

**13. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby

This meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary