



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, November 19, 2025 **9:00 AM** **County Board Room**

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates, Gripe, Kious*, Linder, Molina*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Alleman; Barrett, Duran, Onwuta, Peterson; Spec. ASA & Local Historian Shepro; ITD staff Kash; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident, Denise Theobald, addressed Committee Member Young's comments regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She expressed her disagreements with his statement that ICE was just doing their job. She stated that ICE is not lawfully doing its job, nor its constitutional duties by denying due process, racial profiling, and detaining residents with undo force, and without judicial warrants. Theobald added that Kane County has no obligation to allow use of its property or facilities to federal agencies. She stated that only 6.2 percent of those detained had a criminal past, and that immigration violations are civil matters; not criminal offenses. Lastly, she stated that the Constitution protects all persons, and that the Fifth Amendment guarantees that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, and property without due process.

6. Finance/Budget

A. Monthly Report

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

7. Animal Control

A. Monthly Report

Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Admin. Youngsteadt stated that the monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

B. Acceptance and Use of Trust Donation Made to Animal Control

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

8. Executive Director**A. KCHD Updates**

Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Exec. Dir. Isaacson stated that funding and policy changes continue to be monitored. He will provide more information and updates at next month's meeting. He announced that last week staff was relocated to the new health facility in Elgin. Renovations at the facility are not completed but are ongoing. He announced that the December Public Health meeting will potentially be held at the Elgin facility. Isaacson stated that negative psychological impacts on residents regarding immigration raids continue to increase.

B. Behavioral Health Update

Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Community Health Dir. Peterson provided an update on the Self-Help Behavioral Health 360 Program. She reminded the Committee that Behavioral Health 360 is a free and confidential website to help individuals manage their wellbeing with behavioral health topics, self-assessments, evidence-based guidelines and tools, wellness tips and articles, and Kane County resources. She noted that the most visited topics in Kane County are anxiety, depression, and suicide and prevention. Since the program launched in February 2025, the user engagement has increased with community outreach and website demos. For those seeking more supportive help, Peterson explained that individuals can contact the Information and Referral Specialist, Toni Garcia. She stated that Garcia will connect residents to community agencies, and provide guidance and support to navigate available resources. Garcia conducts an assessment with residents when they contact her, and will assist with accessing programs to improve quality of life. Peterson highlighted the Mind Matters Monthly Training Series which is a series of virtual trainings on trending topics in behavioral health. Everyone from community health professionals, social workers, teachers, and caregivers, and anyone interested are invited to join for expert-led discussions. Peterson stated that the KCHD plans to expand trainings throughout 2026 and 2027, partnering with community agencies to help reduce stigma, strengthen mental health awareness, and increase access to support when individuals experience a mental health crisis. Peterson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

9. Old Business

None.

10. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. New Business

None.

A. 2026 Committee Goals

Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Exec. Dir. Isaacson reviewed the current Public Health Committee goals and the draft goals for 2026. The Committee agreed to submit the new committee goals for 2026.

13. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo

This meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary