



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, July 16, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan*, Gripe, Gumz, Kious*, Linder, Molina*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Dir. Planning & Information Management Alleman and staff Barrett, Peterson; ASA Ford; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including Affordable Housing and Continuum of Care Program Manager Nisreen Wakilah, and Rental Assistance Program Manager Richard Vanderforest.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident Lori Powell spoke on the link to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) that was added onto the Kane County Health Department's website. She appreciated this addition to the website as it informs county residents of adverse reactions to vaccines. She noted that informed consent of vaccines is still lacking, and requested the same link be added specifically to the immunizations page. Powell also indicated that the Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption form is currently linked on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) website, and recommended it be added to the Kane County's Health Department website. She concluded her comments by stating that all parents should have easy access to this document.

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 stated that the monthly reports are on file. He announced that the new gas line for the back-up generator was installed. He announced that a new dog water fountain area will be installed at the KCAC Geneva facility. The three remaining rabies vaccine and microchip clinics will be Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lastly, Youngsteadt introduced new KCAC Veterinarian Dr. Alan Hurtz to the committee. He and his Geneva staff look forward to working with him. Further discussion ensued.

B. Authorizing Kane County Animal Control Department to Utilize the Illinois State Treasurer's Office Electronic Payments Services Program

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

8. Executive Director**A. Housing Program Update**

Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Dir. Planning & Information Management Alleman introduced the new Affordable Housing and Continuum of Care Program Manager Nisreen Wakilah and Rental Assistance Program Manager Richard Vanderforest.

Community Reinvestment Program Manager Nisreen Wakilah presented information about the Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing Program for Kane County. She stated that the CoC Program is a federal program designed to promote community wide commitment of ending homelessness. In addition, this program will provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and state and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing trauma and dislocation to homeless individuals. Wakilah noted that the funds for this program are from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and are allocated to the county to administer and plan for the CoC. The CoC for Kane County has 20 organizations ranging from local government, veteran's organization, mental health, and homeless shelters. Wakilah explained that the CoC manages federal and state funding opportunities for incentives to address homelessness. All member agencies who meet the state and federal eligibility are welcome to apply. The CoC is also responsible for managing the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), organizing the coordination of stakeholders, identify local priorities and developing strategies to target them, and create a diverse and accessible portfolio of housing programs. There was a total of 1,717 adults and children who utilized the Emergency Shelter in Kane County in 2024.

Rental Assistance Program Manager Richard Vanderforest explained that Rapid Re-housing is a rental assistance program for households with medium acuity. These are households who need supportive services and financial assistance in order to achieve self-sufficiency. Households can receive rental assistance for up to 12 or 24 months depending on the funding source. Further discussion ensued.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

Committee Member Young suggested the Committee focus more on health issues such as heart disease, obesity, and child abuse. He believes this will educate community residents, and spread awareness more effectively.

11. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez

12. Executive Session

The Public Service Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss the Release of Closed Session Minutes on a motion made by Penesis, seconded by Young. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

13. Return to Open Session

The Public Service Committee returned to Open Session at 10:05 a.m. on a motion made by Penesis, seconded by Young. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	David Young

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Public Health Committee came to a consensus to vote on the Release of Closed Session Minutes on a motion made by Sanchez, seconded by Young. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

14. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez

This meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary