



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, February 19, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

2025 Committee Goals

- Continue to administer rabies vaccinations and microchips to Kane County pets
 - Capitalize on a new health department facility
 - Increase direct programming to serve residents
 - Maximize use of technology
 - Demonstrate public health expertise
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1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan*, Gripe, Kious*, Molina*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Peterson, Onwuta, Alleman, Barrett, and Duran; ASA Ford; Fin. Health Dir. Snowden*; 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 Members Tarver, Sanchez, and Juby attending remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

5. Public Comment

Committee Member and Kane County resident David Young spoke on Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s nomination to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. He strongly encouraged everyone to read RFK, Jr.'s book titled "The Real Anthony Fauci." Young indicated that the Government Accountability Office issued a report in June of 2023 stating that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) contributed more than \$1.4M to Chinese research institutions between 2014 and 2019. Dr. Fauci was the director of the NIH at this time. Young expressed his suspicions on Dr. Fauci's involvement with these institutions during the Covid-19 pandemic. He referenced an additional book titled "Moving Beyond the Covid Lies." The author, Bryan Ardis, provides a link to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website of a presentation given on October 22, 2020. Young indicated that this presentation is important because the FDA was already warning people of the negative side effects of the vaccines two months before the Covid vaccines were given out.

Kane County resident Mary Powell spoke on the Vaccine Reporting System (VAERS). She stated that this reporting system showing adverse reactions to vaccines is finally on the Kane County's public health website. However, Powell stated that informed consent for vaccines is lacking. She requested a link for the Illinois Certificate Religious Exemption to be added on the immunizations page of the website.

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

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

7. Animal Control

A. Monthly Report

KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt stated that the monthly reports are on file. He spoke on the H5N1 Avian Influenza or Bird Flu precautions for pets. Younsteadt indicated that with the increasing number of H5N1 cases in animals nationwide, Kane County Animal Control is providing residents with precautions to protect their pets. Additional information has been compiled from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to provide easy access to reliable resources. Younsteadt recommended to keep pet cats indoors, keep dogs away from areas with migratory birds, avoid feeding pets raw milk and raw meat products, and watch out for new pet food recalls. Much discussion ensued.

8. Executive Director**A. Health Department Updates**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson indicated that there is a link about Avian Influenza precautions on the Health Department's website for anyone seeking additional information.

B. Behavioral Health 360 Overview

Dir. of Community Health, Peterson, stated that in December 2023, the Kane County Board allocated \$10M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal pandemic recovery funds to the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) to launch a multi-faceted endeavor to address gaps in the behavioral health system.

Behavioral Health Clinical Mgr., Duran, provided a tour of the Behavioral Health 360 website and an overview of the steps residents can take when creating an account online with the program. Behavioral Health 360 is a free, self-help, internet-based platform designed for Kane County residents to support mental well-being. The platform provides individuals and organizations with tools, resources, and strategies to manage health in an accessible way. Much discussion ensued.

C. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to Kane County 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:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, and David Young
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

D. Authorizing Agreement with Winnebago County for Medical Services

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo

AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, and David Young
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

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

Committee Member Young made a suggestion to have Animal Control and the Health Department provide additional data each month of how many individuals and pets were vaccinated, and how many were not.

13. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	David Young

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

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary