



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, January 17, 2024 **9:00 AM** **County Board Room**

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Strathmann called today's meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Monica Silva Board Member Bill Tarver
REM NO VOTE	Board Member Rick Williams

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates*, Daugherty*, Gumz, Kious*, Linder*, Roth; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt; Spec. ASA Shepro*; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Alleman, Barrett, Onwuta, Peterson, Hamilton*, Snowden*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	David Young

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Jean Meyer, spoke on her opposition to the resolutions authorizing an increase for a new grant-funded home visiting nurse, and the budget adjustment authorization assigning \$5M for the new Public Health Facility. She indicated that the more services given, the more the population takes, giving them less freedom to work hard and be prosperous. Meyer also stressed to the Committee the importance of keeping taxes low so that young people can work hard, and make our Country great. She asked the Committee to vote no on these resolutions.

6. Finance/Budget

A. Monthly Finance Reports

No report was made.

B. Monthly Finance Reports

No report was made.

7. Animal Control

A. Animal Control Reports

Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt stated that all reports were on file.

B. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Animal Control Generator Installation Project

Youngsteadt explained that this resolution will ensure they have power during all seasons, as well as the ability to clean, medicate, and take care of the animals.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

8. Executive Director**A. Kane County Children's Mental Health System of Care Parent Council Members**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson announced the members of the Kane County Children's Mental Health System of Care Parent Council. Children's Health Manager, Kate McCormick, stated that their parent and caregiver leaders are apart of a group called Parent Council. Their goals are to life parent's voices through education, outreach, and advocacy. The council include parents and caregivers advocating for the health and wellbeing of young children. McCormick introduced Sara Gonzalez, the lead organizer for Community Organizing and Family Issues. McCormick pointed out that lifting parent and caregiver's voices is vital. Parents bring accountability, urgency, and real world experiences utilizing mental health services for their children. The Parent Council is made up of 20 parent leaders, primarily from Elgin and Aurora. In December, the Parent Council received the "Partner of the Year" award from the Companeros en Salud/Partners, for their work supporting both behavioral health providers and for providing therapy support groups to the community.

B. Health Department Updates

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson provided the Health Department updates. He indicated that there are a fair amount of hospitalizations with respiratory viruses, such as Covid, flu, and RSV. He encouraged everyone to be up to date on their vaccines, and if you are sick to stay home. Over the next several months, Isaacson will be meeting with board members, individually, to get their input on health-related needs within their districts. Isaacson shared an overview of the health departments history and their overall goals. He indicated that as the county moves forward with planning a new health department building, there would be value in having it located in a more centralized area. It is essential to provide more services to the community. He noted that the health department is primarily grant funded. Each grant has a specific timeline and deliverable and operates on a balanced budget. Isaacson shared a graph illustrating all of the health department's divisions, departments, and their current funding structures. A newly formed division, Planning and Information Management, was created within the last year as part of an effort to increase their ability to provide real-time data to community partners. Isaacson reviewed the cycles of various diseases and the different ways they can be transferred, such as susceptible hosts, pathogens, reservoirs, portals of entry, mode of transmission, and portal of exit. Isaacson reviewed the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). He stated that young people can be exposed to certain things, which can increase the risks for a negative outcome and life-long affects. The number one area to focus on is early childhood and supporting families. With a new health facility, it will provide the space to bring residents in, increase services for communicable diseases, both for education and outreach, and provide more space for staffing. It will also create a community hub for connection, education, and training for residents and partner organizations. Additionally, the new facility will increase support services to help residents avoid, respond to, and recover from negative situations. He explained that a community health assessment drives efforts to identify priorities and funding streams for improved services, such as behavioral health, community education, and senior services. They are working on grant writing and legislation opportunities to increase public health funding state-wide. Isaacson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

C. Authorizing Agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to Allow Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Woman Program and Family Planning Program

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

AYE: Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, Bill Tarver, and David Young

D. Authorizing Increase in Headcount for New Grant-Funded Home Visiting Nurse
KC Executive Committee

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

- E. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment Assigning \$5 Million from Health Department Fund #350 Fund Balance to be Used in Capital Line Item for New Public Health Facility

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

9. Old Business

None

10. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez

11. Executive Session

The Public Health Committee moved into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes. A motion was made by Sanchez, seconded by Juby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, and David Young
ABSENT:	Bill Tarver

- A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

12. Return to Open Session

The Public Health Committee returned to Open Session at 10:54 a.m. on a motion made by Young, seconded by Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, and David Young
ABSENT:	Bill Tarver

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	David Young
AYE:	Cherryl Strathmann, Jarett Sanchez, Leslie Juby, Monica Silva, and David Young
ABSENT:	Bill Tarver

13. New Business

None.

14. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Committee Member Young shared an article from January 10, 2024 found in the Western Journal. It stated that Dr. Anthony Fauci was interviewed by the House Elect Sub-Committee on the Corona Virus Pandemic. It stated that a news release revealed that Fauci claimed that the six-feet apart social distancing recommendation promoted by federal health officials was not based on data. Fauci characterized the development of the guidance recommendation by stating "it sort of just appeared." Young stated that he found a document stating that the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) was promoting social distancing, and that we need to hear about this truth so we don't repeat the same mistakes. He encouraged the Committee to read a book called "The Real Anthony Fauci; by RFK Jr. He asked the Kane County Health Department to eliminate any literature that promotes social distancing.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby

This meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary