CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, and John Purcell
(10:11a.m.)
Committee Members Absent: Matt Prochaska

Others present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil and Water Conservation District, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director of the Department of Health & Human Services, Jason Andrade, Department of Health & Human Services, Mental Health Director, Steve Curatti, Department of Health & Human Services, Program Administrator, Michelle Hawley, Department of Health & Human Services, Mental Health Assistant Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
John Purcell made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2013. Dan Koukol seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved with the correction on page 3 to change the word Bands to Bans.

STATUS REPORTS

Farmland Protection - None

Soil & Water - Megan Andrews updated the group on upcoming sales in the County – fish, trees, rain barrels and composters, and updates on the Illinois Drought situation. Ms. Andrews reported they had a Pond Seminar co-hosted with Grundy County and led by Rob Miller, the District Fisheries Biologist from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources last week.

Ms. Andrews reported that Jenny Wold, the Educational Coordinator is busy conducting various classroom presentations, and has an education workshop next week with several teachers throughout the county participating.

Ms. Andrews said they are hosting an Envir-a-thon Competition in which local high school, science teams and FFA teams compete in different categories: soils, aquatics, wildlife, etc, April
4, 2013 in LaSalle County at the Seneca FFA location. The top winners will then go to the State
Competition in Springfield held in May.

As far as the technical side, Andrews is working on the Illinois Urban Manual, a best
management practice technical reference guide geared toward soil erosion and sentiment
practices in Illinois. KC Soil & Water is drafting the field manual component for that manual.

Ms. Andrews reported they are busy with survey design, program work and grass water
ways inspections and the Rain Garden project with the City of Yorkville.

Ms. Andrews updated the group on the Illinois Drought situation and said that according to
the drought map, the majority of Kendall County is no longer in a drought. She said only the far
northwest corner is considered in an abnormally dry situation, which is very positive going into
the spring planting season.

Ms. Andrews gave a quick overview of Rain Gardens and provided an informational packet
to committee members, and explained the recent Rain Garden project they installed at the KC
Soil & Water Conservation location.

**Health and Human Services** – Dr. Tokars introduced Jason Andrade, Mental Health
Director, Michelle Hawley, Mental Health Assistant Director and Steve Curatti, Health and
Human Services Program Administrator.

Jason Andrade provided background and information to the committee on the collaboration of
programs to assist in identifying community problems and promoting mental health programs in
the County available through the Mental Health unit of the Department of Health and Human
Services. Mr. Andrade stated that community collaboration allows the HHS to recognize the
needs of the community, to reduce duplication of services in the County, to build relationships of
trust, stewardship of resources, to recognize the warning signs, provide early intervention and the
development of protective factors to help the population to become more independent and
responsible. Mr. Andrade reported they work with law enforcement, schools and local churches.

Mr. Andrade informed the group about the five-year early intervention project with the Plano
High School through the study lab responding to the trends of high risk behaviors, and the needs
of the students, providing education around the areas of academic responsibility, domestic
responsibility in the home, healthy social connectedness, mental health resilience and the ability
to refrain from delinquent behavior. Andrade said this is the second year of the program and that
there are 15-18 students in the study lab on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Andrade provided information about the Project Alert and Red Flag school programs
available dealing with depression and substance abuse. The Mental Health unit will be
conducting several school events, an Autism Awareness program for Spanish-speaking parents,
Bullying Education and Prevention presentations, a presentation for School Nurses on Anxiety
Awareness and Symptom awareness, Tobacco Education and Prevention, and early intervention and promotion of well-being.

Mr. Andrade said they continue to work with local churches about awareness, recognition, available treatments, programs and services available in Kendall County. Mr. Andrade recently made a presentation to the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Mary’s church and to the Stephens Ministry group at Cross Lutheran Church.

Mr. Andrade said the Mental Health department has also worked with the Kendall County PADS Shelter, Kendall County Sheriff’s Office, and Kendall County Probation Office on raising awareness and prevention.

Steve Curatti informed the committee that there are four advisory boards in the Department of Health & Human Services: Environmental Health, Community Health, Mental Health and Community Action.

Water Related Groups - No report

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – Judy Gilmour asked if the committee would be in agreement to moving this committee meeting to the first Monday of the month to combine meeting days for Board members. Discussion on member availability, meeting times and days to meet. There was no consensus to change the meeting time or day to meet, therefore, the committee will review the topic again at a future meeting if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT - Dan Koukol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

The next meeting will be on April 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary