KENDALL COUNTY
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, May 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
County Office Building
County Board Rooms 209-210

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approve Minutes from April 15, 2013 Meeting

3. Status Reports
   - Farmland Protection
   - Soil & Water – Megan Andrews
   - Department of Health & Human Services
   - Water Related Groups
   - Other Reports

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Public Comment

7. Action Items

8. Executive Session

9. Adjourn

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
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, Matt Prochaska and John Purcell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Dan Koukol made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2013. Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

*Farmland Protection* – No report

*Soil & Water* - Ms. Andrews gave an overview of their current work priorities and upcoming events.

Field Visits: Ms. Andrews said due to the inclement weather that field visits, construction work and field evaluations have been delayed until late May or early June.

Ms. Andrews said Ms. Wold, the KC Soil & Water Educational Coordinator will finish classroom visits by the end of May, 2013.


Ms. Andrews reported KC Soil & Water will be compiling data for the Illinois Department of Agriculture Transect Survey in the next month or so, and will conduct “window” inventories of over 300 pre-determined sites in the County this year, to view crops planted last year, what is currently planted, and whether there is any erosion in the field, then log
and submit those findings to Springfield who will use the data to track tillage trends. This will probably occur in late May or early June.

Megan Andrews provided a handout on upcoming events including the Natural Resources Tour 2013, which will be held on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2013. The Tour has now developed into a four day event where local fourth and fifth grade students visit eight stations at Hoover Forest Preserve including recycling, insects, prairies, wetlands, trees, bird migration, soil science, Native American village and composting. Groups come from local grade schools, home-schools and Christian school students in Kendall County.

Dan Koukol, Soil and Water Committee liaison, reported that the committee met last week, and reviewed the oil pick-up program and discussed ways to save money on this program. Mr. Koukol said that most of the funds collected from this program return to the education program.

**Health and Human Services** – Dr. Tokars and Steve Curatti, Health and Human Services Program Administrator briefed the committee on the new project “We Choose Health”. Dr. Tokars reported this as part of their strategic plan, and objective in the Health and Human Services department to develop programs that support wellness at work. Dr. Tokars said they plan to collaborate with local partners in industry and business on working toward things that are good for their environment and their specific work areas.

Steve Curatti said HHS has a wonderful opportunity through the We Choose Health grant from the State of Illinois: Mr. Curatti said this will be a multi-year project, and they have developed goals and objectives that will allow them to integrate this project into what HHS is already doing in the County and community. Mr. Curatti explained the two initiatives that will be the focus of their work on the project: **We Choose Healthy Living/Worksite Wellness and We Choose Smoke-free Living/Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing**. Mr. Curatti said that HHS will implement its own Worker Wellness program, and then take their experiences and their outcomes measured along the way, and convert that into encouragement and inspiration and promote worker wellness in small local businesses, offering resources, ideas, and existing sources currently available.

Mr. Curatti said the Worker Wellness Task Force meets regularly in development of a program that will involve staff from all levels of participation throughout the organization. They have a great coalition they are currently working with, advisory boards, a work group born from the advisory boards, and Lunch and Learns that are already taking place within the project. Mr. Curatti is excited about the possibilities available through the project in the next four years.
Water Related Groups - No report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT- Matt Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary
MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Kendall County Health Department is to provide population based programs and services to promote physical, mental and environmental health, protect the community's health, prevent disease and promote family self-sufficiency.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Community Health Services
- Childhood, Adult & Travel Immunizations
- Emergency Planning & Preparedness
- Environmental Health Services
- Smoking Cessation
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment

Call (630) 553-9100 for information on these or any other services at Kendall County Health Department

Kendall-Grundy Community Action locations:

811 W. John Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
(630) 553-9100, Ext. 8051
(630) 553-9605 Fax

1802 N. Division St., Rm. 602
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 941-3262
(815) 942-3925 Fax

Kendall Grundy Community Action (KGCA) provides a variety of services to residents of both Kendall and Grundy Counties. KGCA is funded by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services. Programs are both funded with Federal and State dollars.

KGCA provides home energy assistance, weatherization services and community services block grant provides funding for poverty programs.

KGCA is a unit of the Kendall County Health Department which provides a wide variety of professional public health, mental health and community services to residents of Kendall County. Teamwork is a critical component for delivering holistic services to the residents of Kendall and Grundy Counties. This is achieved through both staff and program coordination and also includes collaboration with other agencies.

KGCA constantly strives to meet the changing demands and needs of the growing community.

**Community Services Block Grant & Poverty Programs**

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) provides assistance in education, transportation, referral services, small business loans and outreach to the community.

- **Information, Referral, Outreach**
KGCA provides access to needed resources through comprehensive outreach, information and referral services.

- **Education Scholarships**
The KGCA scholarship program awards scholarships annually to clients to aid them in obtaining formal education or occupational training from an accredited Illinois institution.

- **Drive to Success Program**
Drive to Success is designed to help low income residents obtain reliable transportation for employment purposes. KGCA will provide assistance for vehicle repairs.

- **Emergency Service**
KGCA Emergency Service Program provides intake and referrals to low income persons in crisis situations to have their emergency needs ameliorated.

- **CSBG Loan Program**
KGCA makes available to small business low-interest loans in return for hiring CSBG eligible individuals.

- **Homeless Prevention Program**
This program provides rental and security deposit assistance to qualified low income households.

**Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)**

IHWAP is designed to help low income residents save fuel and money while increasing the energy efficiency of their homes. Although most dwellings waste energy, different types of houses and apartments have different energy problems. Depending on the circumstances and condition of the dwelling, some of the following weatherization work may be done:

- Sealing cracks with weather stripping and caulk
- Insulating attics and walls
- Repairing windows and doors

Weatherization services include having experienced heating contractors examine the heating system. This contractor will make sure the heating system is safe and in good working order. Work on the furnace may include one or more of the following:

- Retrofit
- Repair
- Clean and tune
- In some cases replacement of the unit

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

KGCA offers the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program provides assistance for your gas and electric bills. Households must have an income equal to or less than 150% of the poverty level as defined in the 2013 poverty guidelines.