KENDALL COUNTY
Health & Environment Committee
County Office Building, County Board Room 209-210

Monday, May 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick (9:05a.m.), Judy Gilmour, Matthew Prochaska and John Purcell

Committee Members Absent: Dan Koukol

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water Conservation District, Steve Curatti, Department of Health & Human Services, Richard Larson, Department of Health & Human Services, Community Health Section, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Department of Health & Human Services, Angela Zubko, Planning, Building and Zoning, and John A. Shaw, County Board Chair (9:40a.m.)

STATUS REPORTS

Department of Health and Human Services – Richard Larson, In-person Counselor, Community Health Division, Department of Health & Human Services, briefed the committee that HHS was given an Affordable Care Act In-Person Counselor Grant to allow them to outreach to and communicate with residents of the community regarding the Affordable Care Act requirements for health insurance through Marketplace or Medicaid.

Mr. Larson held nine informational/educational sessions at local libraries between October 1 and 31, 2013, and held eight enrollment sessions from January 20 through March 29, 2014 for local residents. Mr. Larson said there have been 1,266 contacts since November 2013, with a large number waiting until the last two weeks before the deadline to enroll in either program. Mr. Larson said HHS assisted with 285 completed Marketplace or Medicaid applications. Mr. Larson reported there were 287,000 or 57% of Medicaid enrollments in Illinois, and 217,942 or 43% of Illinois Marketplace enrollments. Mr. Larson explained the qualification differences between Medicaid and Private Marketplace.
Steve Curatti said that through Richard Larson’s work with the grant, HHS was able to reach many residents with other types of support also available through the various HHS programs.

**Farmland Protection** – No report

**Soil & Water** – Megan Andrews provided Water Conservation fact sheets including Rain Barrel and Rain Garden options. Ms. Andrews said that rain barrels are available throughout the County at local businesses, the Conservation Foundation and the KC Soil & Water Conservation District office. Ms. Andrews also provided a list of native plant resource links.

Ms. Andrews reported the following:

KCSW will once again offer a Used Oil Pick-up on Saturday, June 14 at FS GrainCo, in Yorkville from 8-11 a.m. They will also be able to take used anti-freeze as well.

Jenny Wold is in the middle of the Natural Resource Tours and recently had school groups from Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, Parkview Christian Academy, and Cross Lutheran School participated at Hoover Forest Preserve. Some of the stations available to students are: Mosquito and Tick 101, Recycling, Ground Water model and Green Infrastructure Practices, and Soils. Ms. Andrews invited the committee out to observe the stations on any Tuesday or Thursday morning beginning at 9:00a.m.

Other opportunities they are working on for this summer include the Farm Bureau Young Leaders group, a night at Culvers with a touch-a-tractor opportunity, and a Farm Camp.

**Solid Waste Plan Committee** – Member Gilmour reported they met on May 7, 2014 with 14 committee members present. The discussion was franchising, transfer stations and landfill recommendations for the new plan. Ms. Gilmour said there is an anticipated application for a Transfer station in Plano. She said the Marlin Hartman provided information on a recent study in 2012 by U of I engineers on landfill liners, called Reliability of Landfill Liner Systems. Ms. Gilmour said that in the past, as methane gas would build up inside the landfill, the gas would be burnt off. Now, due to new technology, they are able to extract the gas and use it for other purposes. They are also able to get temperature readings inside the landfill, and have discovered that because of the intense heat, the life of the liners fail at temperatures higher than 140 degrees within 50 years, and at 186 degrees the liners fail even sooner. Mr. Hartman said that this information is not being discussed openly. The committee had a lengthy discussion on the issue.

Ms. Gilmour said they also discussed franchising of waste haulers, and the possibility of franchising in the County. Currently there are 6 or 7 companies that are contracted throughout the County. Discussion will continue.
Ms. Gilmour said the committee voted to include the following in the Solid Waste Plan:

- To allow the development of private sector Transfer Stations
- That all Transfer Stations must enter into a Host Community Benefit Agreement with the county if the county is the siting authority
- Each Host Agreement may give consideration to facilities that include materials recovery
- No new or expanded landfills within the county

Ms. Gilmour reported that the next meeting will be July 2, 2014

**Water Related Groups** – Angela Zubko reminded everyone about the presentation on the Water Related Study on May 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Oswego Village Board Room.

Ms. Zubko and Don Clayton from the KC Mapping/GIS have been working with the Illinois State Geologic Group and have received the 3D mapping and modeling of the groundwater planning, and are hope to present it to other GIS departments.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – John Shaw, 8270 E. Highpoint Road, Yorkville, informed the committee about the possibility of a medical marijuana cultivation center application in unincorporated Kendall County on at a landfill site on Whitewillow Road.

**ACTIONS ITEMS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None Needed

**ADJOURNMENT**- Member Cullick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Prochaska seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary