

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, June 17, 2019
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 8:30a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers		8:35a.m.	
Tony Giles	Here		

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department, Michelle Hawley, Assistant Director of Mental Health, Kendall County Health Department, Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Kendall County Health Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Giles made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Giles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 15, 2019, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Member Giles reported that the Health Department’s current priority is the creation of the Dental Office, the proper bids for work on the facility, and the need to proceed as soon as possible to meet the needs of the citizens. The Board of Health is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.
- **Health Department** – Michelle Hawley, Assistant Director of the Behavioral Health Division explained two new programs, the first being “Thinking for a Change” (T4C) in which they are collaborating with Court Services. Hawley stated that staff from the Health Department and Court Services have already attended facilitator training. T4C is an Integrative Cognitive Behavioral program that was started in the 90’s by the National Institute of Corrections, and is based on the principle that our thinking controls our actions. The population they will be working with is high-risk offenders. T4C is based on three components: Cognitive Self-Change, Social Skills and Problem-Solving Skills. While the

individuals are in the 25- session program, they will focus on these three areas, in small groups with Court Services and Health Department staff facilitating each group.

The second program is “Partner Abuse intervention Program (PAIP)”, which is a program designed to assist clients in stopping their abuse of their partner, whether it’s physically, sexually, emotionally, or economically. This is 26-week psycho-social approached DHS approved program for men and women that attempts to get to the root of the abuse, and assist them in working toward long-term change. This program is often a mandatory program required by the court. The program will be offered for men and women that abuse their partners. Staff will continue training in September, and ensure that every group will have a male and a female facilitator.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Member Vickers read the report sent electronically by Megan Andrews:

The District staff is working on final preparations for the Farm Camp scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Kellogg Farms in Yorkville.

They held the Natural Resources Tour on May 8th (reduced to one day due to inclement weather), Education Coordinator Hannah Raver finished with Ag in the classrooms in May, and preparations for the new school year are already under way. Hannah will be assisting with The Conservation Foundation’s Farm Camp at the end of June. Hannah is also preparing for The Summer Ag Institute, a continuing education opportunity for teachers that brings together four counties for local farm and crop learning activities.

Megan is working with their federal partners on Farm Bill programming as well as working with cover crop resources/program opportunities that might be helpful with the preventative planting this season. Staff will soon begin preparations for the Kendall County Fair in early August.

They held the annual Used Oil Drop Off on Saturday, June 15, where they collected used oil, antifreeze and oil filters.

- **Water Related Groups** – No report
- **708 Mental Health Board** – Robyn Vickers reported on the recent meeting and review of grant applications. Member Vickers stated there was one new applicant this year, Screening, Assessment and Support Services (SASS), a crisis program that provides a 90-day intensive based service and care program for children, adolescents and their families in crisis. Vickers said that this is a multi-service agency that serves clients in Kane and Kendall Counties and the surrounding area, and that their federal funding abruptly ended last year.

Vickers also reported that The Oswego Senior Center is seeking additional funding for their new program “Lighthouse Adult Day Stay (Respite)”, a social model program for participants who are experiencing mild to moderate memory loss, but who can interact with out physical assistance. Participants can gain social interaction, explore continued interest and improve their quality of life.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Amaal Tokars updated the group on the Solid Waste Plan Committee on May 28, 2019. They reviewed the compost objectives and focused on the issue of recycling, what has changed, what’s new, the statistics of recycling materials, plastic use, recycling by China, and new recycling methods. The committee voted on the following objections

1. Educate and promote recycling and source reduction within Kendall County, County departments, and government and public entities
2. Interact with local schools, clubs, senior groups and community groups in Kendall County on ways to promote and practice recycling and source reduction (using less plastic and producing less)
3. Using social and mainstream media including the Kendall County Green Pages to incorporate information on source reduction and recycling and other actions to aid proper waste management
4. Identify and communicate methods by which to practice safe and proper disposal of residential household hazard waste, pharmaceutical waste, Sharps and E-waste
5. Encourage Waste Haulers to provide greater clarity to evolving recycling processes to their customers
6. Recognize businesses within Kendall County who practice innovative waste reduction and recycling
7. Interact with municipalities, villages and townships within Kendall County on financial benefits and best practices in managing municipal solid waste and data sharing

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS – Nothing

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Flowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary