



COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
County Office Building
County Board Room 210

Monday, May 21, 2018 - 3:00p.m.
MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call: Judy Gilmour (Chair), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice Chair), Tony Giles, Matthew Prochaska, John Purcell**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2018**
- 5. Status Reports**
 - Board of Health
 - Health Department
 - Soil & Water
 - Water Related Groups
 - Other Reports
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Chairman's Report**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Questions from the Media**
- 11. Action Items for the County Board**
- 12. Executive Session**
- 13. Adjournment**

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Monday, April 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:07p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: John Purcell – yes, Judy Gilmour – here, Member Prochaska - here

Member Giles arrived at 3:14p.m.

Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water District, Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Kendall County Health Department

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2018, second by Member Purcell. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews distributed a packet of information including the U.S. Drought Monitor, information regarding native plant resources for the County, and the Plano Middle School Native Plant Sale information.

Ms. Andrews also provided an update on their upcoming activities including the Natural Resources Tour with eight to nine stations, on May 2nd and May 10th at the Hoover Forest Preserve between 10a.m. and 1p.m.

The transect survey by all Illinois Soil and Water Districts will also be conducted in the Month of May.

- **Board of Health** – Member Giles reported at their last meeting there was discussion about having Chairman Gryder meet with the Board of Health regarding increased collaboration between the Board of Health and the County Board. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2018.

➤ **Health Department**

Discussion of Synthetic Cannabinoids – Dr. Tokars reported there have been 126 cases, and 3 deaths related to use of synthetic cannabinoids. The group most often affected is young adults, 25-34 years of age. Ten side-effects associated with use of these cannabinoids are psychosis, suicidal thoughts, violent behavior, hallucinations, rapid heart rate, paranoia, nausea, vomiting, severe bleeding, and death. Dr. Tokars stated that Minnesota and Texas have had the most calls to Poison Control Centers regarding synthetic cannabinoids and reactions to use of those substances, and that the number in Illinois, Missouri and surrounding areas has increased. The Health Department will continue to warn and educate the community on the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids, and increase the information to schools, police departments, hospitals, and other partners via social media (Facebook and Twitter), and other methods of communication.

Discussion of Tick Surveillance Program – Steve Curatti, Health Department Program Administrator provided information on the Tick Surveillance Program, primarily targeting deer ticks that carry Lyme Disease. Mr. Curatti also said that surveillance that is performed and information also comes from local physicians, veterinarians and civilians through a tool on the Health Department website. Mr. Curatti said ticks are mostly found around the walking trails of tall grassy areas, and can be carried by mice, birds and deer.

Mr. Curatti reported that in 2017, they conducted 10 tick drags at 5 separate sites, and collected 41 deer tick and 12 dog tick, and of the 41 deer tick, 37 were sent to the University of Massachusetts. Of the 37 deer tick sent, 43 percent came back testing positive for the bacteria for Lyme Disease. There were 17 cases of Lyme Disease in Kendall County in 2017, and 98 cases of Lyme Disease in dogs.

The Health Department will continue to educate and inform the community on the surveillance program, the statistics, and the dangers of Lyme Disease.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. With no objections, **the meeting was adjourned at 3:51p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk

Kendall County Health Department Scholarship Program

The Community Action Services Scholarship Program has been awarding scholarships each year to low-income and disadvantaged students of high academic achievement potential since 1983, all students must be enrolling in an accredited institute of higher education in the state of Illinois.

These scholarships provide financial assistance to eligible individuals for education or occupational training at an accredited Illinois educational institution. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria when applying for the scholarship:

- Applicant must be income eligible

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$18,090
2	\$24,360
3	\$30,630
4	\$36,900
5	\$43,170

For each additional household member, add \$6,270.00

- Applicant must be a resident of Kendall County or Grundy County
- Funds must be used to secure either formal or vocational training at an education institution accredited in the State of Illinois
- Applicant must be pursuing either short-term training (2 years or less) in occupational training, or post-secondary education
- Applicant must have demonstrated positive community/school involvement.
- Scholarship funds may be used for books, tuition, fees, etc

Applications were evaluated on the basis of financial eligibility, scholarship potential, commitment to civic affairs, diversity of career goals, and personal interviews. The awards range from \$500 to \$1,500.00. The scholarship recipients will be attending the following institutions of higher learning:

- Aurora University for Communications and Non-Profit Leadership Studies
- Aurora University for Elementary Education and Spanish
- Waubensee Community College for Biology
- Bradley University for History Education
- Illinois Institute of Technology for Mechanical Engineering
- North Central College for Biology and Environmental Studies
- Waubensee Community College for Graphic Design
- Joliet Junior College for Nursing



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Departments, Illinois Department of Public Health Rabies Laboratories, Illinois Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Communicable Disease Control Section

DATE: May 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Reminder about Animal Rabies Testing for 2018

There are four laboratories in Illinois that perform animal rabies testing. Three Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) laboratories (Carbondale, Springfield and Chicago). A fourth laboratory doing animal rabies testing is the fee based University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine laboratory (UI CVM) in Champaign, Illinois.

The IDPH laboratory can accept the following specimens for testing:

- High-risk species (neurologic or extremely aggressive animal, bat, raccoon, skunk, fox and coyote) that exposed someone through a bite or saliva entering a mucus membrane or cut
- Bat found in room with a person who was sleeping
- Bat that had physical contact with a person where a bite can't be ruled out.
- Bat in area with pet, small child, person with dementia or impaired individual
- Bat in house where anxiety in the family is high and there is concern about whether they will seek rabies PEP
- Dog, cat or ferret that dies or develops rabies symptoms during the 10 day confinement period after a bite
- Unprovoked (unexpected) bite from a dog, cat or ferret, after approval from local health department.
 - Examples of unprovoked (unexpected) bites include:
 - Bite from a dog, cat or ferret to a person sitting on a park bench.
 - Bite from a dog to a person walking along a road, not near the dog's home.
 - Examples of bites from dogs, cats and ferrets that might be expected (provoked) given the circumstances include:
 - Bites from dogs, cats and ferrets to veterinary staff, grooming staff or others that are attempting to help an animal that is scared or painful.
 - Bites from a dog guarding its property.

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- Bites from a dog to someone who is jogging, biking or skateboarding by the dog.
 - Bites from a dog, cat or ferret who is eating and a person attempting to take food away from the animal.
 - Bites from a dog, cat or ferret when a person is separating fighting animals.
- After approval from the local or state health department, other unusual circumstances, such as a dog, cat or ferret that bites a person and needs to be euthanized prior to the 10-day confinement due to a humane issue surrounding a medical condition, can be submitted. There may be other unique situations, including other biting species not mentioned in this memo that may allow for testing at the IDPH laboratory after approval by the local or state health department. Please check the appropriate category on the animal rabies laboratory submission form under "lab submission", "other: approved by local or state health department. LHDs can call the IDPH CD program to consult on any unusual situations.

The following specimens should NOT go to the IDPH laboratory unless there is prior approval from a LHD or IDPH due to an unusual circumstance:

- Low-risk species such as rodents and rabbits
- Low-risk species such as healthy dogs, cats or ferrets biting in an expected/provoked manner. These animals should be confined/observed for 10 days. Once the animal survives the 10-day confinement period, there is no need for animal rabies testing.
- Veterinarians and animal control officers can consult with their local health department staff to determine if there is a need for testing of the animals listed above, in this section.
- Cattle, deer and sheep (these must always go to UI CVM; no exceptions)

Other types of specimens need to go to the UI CVM diagnostic laboratory for a fee-based service payable by the submitter. Please call the UI CVM for testing costs. Please share this memorandum with your animal control partners and veterinarians. Thank you for your cooperation in allowing our IDPH laboratory to maintain their fast turnaround time by focusing on animal rabies testing for priority specimens.