

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, October 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:06p.m.

ROLL CALL

| Attendee | Status | Arrived | Left Meeting |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Judy Gilmour | Here | | |
| Elizabeth Flowers | ABSENT | | |
| Tony Giles | ABSENT | | |
| Matthew Prochaska | Here | | |
| John Purcell | Yes | | |

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water District Resource Conservationist, Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department Program Administrator, Hannah Raver, KC Soil & Water District Education Coordinator, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Kendall County Health Department Executive Director

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 a made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2018, second by Member Gilmour. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Dr. Tokars briefed the committee on her recent attendance at a Board training by the State of Illinois that focused on some of the standards that are being put forth, the role of the Board and that of the staff. Dr. Tokars will be sharing this information with the Board of Health at their next meeting.

The Board of Health will also discuss the issues that the Advisory Boards have been discussing.

- **Health Department** – Jason Andrade briefed the committee on the Health Department’s involvement with the Kendall County Drug Court as the treatment provider for individuals

to access treatment as opposed to incarceration for certain non-violent crimes, that have demonstrated a high need for substance abuse treatment. Mr. Andrade stated that a high percentage of the participants have been dealing with opioid dependence.

Mr. Andrade stated that the participants would have been sentenced to approximately 3-5 years of prison time, but had a greater chance of successful recovery and rehabilitation through the Drug Court. The program is normally 14 months long and can involve over 200 hours of therapy and individualized treatment.

Mr. Andrade briefed the committee on the treatment process, which includes working with the individuals with thorough respectful engagement of each individual, helping them to see treatment as something beneficial and helpful in their lives, by helping them to join, engage and then stay retained.

Treatment helps the participants to learn how to take care of one's mental health, learning to experience the emotions in a healthy way, to develop and utilize a sense of resilience to make it through difficult time without returning to the use of drugs, about learning to be effective children, parents and community members, about helping to learn how to utilize support for oneself that often times goes beyond treatment, and learning about how to seek and keep employment, and learning about relapse prevention.

Mr. Andrade said that treatment takes time, and treatment is focused on helping the individual to heal some wounds, reconnect with their community, and developing themselves through recovery.

The first class recently graduated, and Mr. Andrade invited the committee to attend the next graduation ceremony, which will be on Friday, November 2, 2018 with 4-5 graduates.

Dr. Tokars updated the committee on the Kendall County Electronic Recycling Plan, under the public act that establishing a 2019 Counties can establish sustainable e-waste recyclable drop-off locations. Manufacturing Recycling Managers – will be working with recyclers in the KC area. More interested in door-to-door contact, but updated them on drop-off locations as well. They will convey to IEPA that they will be supporting KC plan with a door-to-door and an established site with fair, market rates and pricing.

Judy Gilmour reported on her attendance at the Health Department Violence Prevention Workshop on October 12, 2018 held by the Kendall County Health Department, and provided a guideline for *Securing the Workplace*, which included:

1. Building or Office Check In/Sign In & Sign Out
2. One single entrance
3. Multiple egress (for fire and emergency exits)
4. Public access to specific areas or offices (includes former employees)
5. Camera access, and access to cameras (on everyone's computers)
6. Phone and window labeling, room numbers or names
7. Establish emergency protocols and training for safety (needs commitment from everyone)

- Fire Drills
- Tornado Drills (established safe areas for shelter)
- Shooter Drills
- Hot Buttons on Phones (goes directly to 911)
- Intercom Codes
- Doors & Windows (locks, wedges, bars punch pens)
- And teaching and utilizing the “Be a monkey, not an elephant” concept

Member Gilmour stated that this information and the safety needs of the County employees in County buildings needs to be discussed further at County Board meetings, and simple changes such as window labeling, hot buttons, and phone labeling, made as soon as possible.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews updated the committee on the recent tree and fish sales, and also provided information about Soil Health Management Systems that she continues to discuss with local farmers.

Hannah Raver Education Coordinator reported that things are going well, and that she already has three schools confirmed to attend the Natural Resources Tour in 2019. Ms. Raver stated that the classrooms will now begin learning about soil and planting when she visits.

- **Water Related Groups** – Matthew Asselmeier reported that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance met this month and continues discussions on sensible salting for business and organizations with large parking lots, and focusing on protecting our water ways with alternative salting solutions.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discussion and Approval of Resolution Reducing Behavioral Health Conditions in Jails* –Due to lack of quorum, this item was tabled to the November Committee meeting

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk