

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Monday, June 20, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 9:12a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (excused), Dan Koukol

Others Present: Diane Alford, KC Health Department, Community Action Director, Steve Curatti, KC Health Department Program Administrator, Dr. Amaal Tokars, KC Health Department Executive Director, and Jeff Wilkins

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 16, 2016, second by Member Purcell. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**STATUS REPORTS**

- **Health Department** – Diane Alford, Director of Community Action shared the history of Community Action and the war on poverty in the United States and Illinois, and the early years of the Economic Opportunity Act, which includes Job Corps, Head Start, Family Planning, Community health Centers, and Legal Services, all of which are still around today.

Ms. Alford also reported on the history of Community Action Agencies whose purpose was to make the entire community more responsive to the needs and interests of the poor by mobilizing resources. Ms. Alford described Community Service Block Grants and explained the purpose, goals and values of the Economic Opportunity Agency. Ms. Alford stated that 90 percent of Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds, which includes information and referral, scholarships, drive to success and employment support, were to be used at the local level Community Action Agencies.

Ms. Alford said the mission of the Kendall-Grundy Community Action is to encourage self-sufficiency, while reorganizing the need of personalized, direct services for residents faced with poverty or crisis. Services available o residents include Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), designed to help low-income households pay for winter and summer energy services and the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program

(IHWAP), designed to help low-income households save fuel and money while increasing the comfort of their homes.

Dr. Tokars reported that the Kendall County Community Action office is one of the smallest in the country, but has been recognized as an office that runs very efficiently, although modestly funded.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – No report
- **Water Related Groups** – Jeff Wilkins informed the committee of a recent article about Mayor Tom Weisner regarding a regional approach with water issues and the toll it's taken on resources, and aging infrastructure. Oswego, Yorkville and Montgomery are currently studying the feasibility of building a regional water treatment plant and using the Fox River as a possible water source, and looking at long-term sustainable water resources or residents. Mr. Wilkins said that NWPA is the main resource for Kendall County.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Judy Gilmour reported that she, Scott Gryder, Jeff Wilkins, Amaal Tokars, Steve Currati, and Brian Holdiman and Aaron Rybski met recently regarding the food, septic water sanitation ordinances. Dr. Tokars said the group met to ensure that the draft ordinances have been updated with the new laws, and that after final review by this group, it will go to the State's Attorney's office for review, then to the Planning, Building and Zoning committee for review, on to the State Department of Public Health for review before coming back to the County Board for approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*NACO Prescription Program* – Jeff Wilkins explained that the County has been part of the NACO Prescription Discount Program in the county, that the cancellation of the county's participation would be in October, and the possible waiver for the county to continue with the program. Mr. Wilkins stated that the Health and Dental programs are not offered free to citizens. There is no cost to the County for any of the programs. Jeff Wilkins will forward the waiver to the State's Attorney's office for review. Mr. Wilkins and Dr. Tokars will conduct a

Member Purcell made a motion to forward the waiver to the County Board for approval, second by Member Prochaska. **With all members in agreement, the motion carried.**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ACTION ITEMS** – *Approval of the NACO Prescription Program Waiver*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None Needed

**ADJOURNMENT**- Member Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:14a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary