

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, January 11, 2021
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robyn Vickers at 8:34a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	ABSENT		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		

With four members present, a quorum was determined for the conducting of committee business.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ariel Beauchamp, KC Soil & Water Education Coordinator; Steve Curatti, Kendall County Health Department Assistant Executive Director; Scott Koeppel, KC Administrator, and Alyse Olson, KC Soil & Water District Conservationist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gengler. **With four members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Robyn Vickers reported that she has been in attendance at two special meetings of the Board of Health in the past week, the City of Yorkville and other partners collaborating on the coordination of the Corona-19 Virus vaccine distribution in Kendall County. Member Vickers stated she was impressed by the work that has already been coordinated and at how efficiently everyone is working together with the vaccination process, vaccine scheduling, budget changes, and the County.

- **Health Department** – Steve Curatti updated the committee on the coordinated vaccine efforts, and stated they are still in Phase IA and doing a last call through media to ensure that all individuals in this phase are reached and vaccinated before moving on to Phase 1B. The Health Department has done approximately 500 first-round vaccinations thus far, and will follow-up with second vaccinations 28-days following. The Health Department has received two batches of the Moderna vaccine, and anyone receiving current vaccines must have the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine for the 2nd round as well. With the first shot, there is a 52 percent efficacy rate, and with the 2nd shot, there will be a 94-95 percent body efficacy rate.

Since Kendall County doesn't have a hospital, the Health Department has been able to jump right into mass distribution to **Phase 1A** eligible individuals including Nurses & Nursing Assistants, Physicians (MD, NP, PA), Respiratory Technicians, Pharmacists, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), including Fire Departments staff acting as EMS & Air Medical Transport (Rotor & Fixed Wing), COVID Sample Lab workers, Organ Harvesters & Students on Clinical Rotations. Other workers in settings at elevated risk, such as Environmental Services Staff, Reception Staff, X-Ray Technician's, Phlebotomists, Infectious Waste Workers, Dietary staff, Laundry staff, Security staff, Crisis Intervention staff, Interpreters, Clergy/pastoral/chaplains. Other non-healthcare personnel such as Clinicians, such as Nurses & Nursing Assistants, Physicians (MD, NP, PA), Respiratory Technicians, Dentists & Hygienists, Pharmacists, Plasma and Blood Donation staff, Morticians, Public Nurses, Home Care Nurses, Optometrist, COVID Testing staff, Dermatologist, Dialysis staff, Urgent care workers, Corrections nurses/aids, Physical/occupation/speech therapists, Vaccine clinic workers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), including Fire Departments staff acting as EMS & Air Medical Transport (Rotor & Fixed Wing) are also able to receive the vaccination as it becomes available for Phase 1A distribution.

Phase 1B eligible/qualified recipients will include Individual Age 65+, First responder (Includes Fire, Law Enforcement, 911 Workers, Security Personnel, Officers), Food and Agriculture (Includes Processing Plants, Veterinary, Livestock Services, and Animal Care), Corrections Workers and Inmates (Includes Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, Workers Providing In-Person Support, and Inmates), Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Drivers, Train Conductors, Drivers, Para-transit Drivers, In-Person Support, Ride Sharing Services), Shelters/Adult Day Care (Includes Homeless Shelters, Women's Shelters, Adult Day/Drop-in Programs, Sheltered Workshops, and Psycho-Social Rehab), Education (Includes Teachers, Principals, Student Support, Student Aids, Day Care Workers), Manufacturing (Includes Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail and Wholesale or other Manufacturers), United States Postal Services Workers, Grocery Workers (including Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-up, and Customer Service).

Phase 1C will include persons aged 16-59 years old with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe Covid-19, including pregnancy, diabetes, pulmonary disease, heart conditions including hypertension, kidney disease, cancer, immunocompromised, obesity and sickle cell. Additional information on Covid-19, the vaccine and vaccination phase eligibility is available on the Kendall County Health Department website at: <http://www.kendallhealth.org/community-health/covid-19-vaccine/>

Starting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, the efforts will be shifted to just one mobile clinic location in Yorkville that will allow better flow, better through-put and collaborative efforts with the City of Yorkville, the Board of Health, the County Board and many others invested in the welfare of the County.

Mr. Curatti stated that Health Department personnel have been involved in the fight against the pandemic since March 2020, as well as continuing their daily work as follows:

- Environmental Health department personnel continue to conduct food, well and septic inspections
 - Community Health personnel are doing contact tracing for Covid-19, and continue with daily TB client observations, case management of lead-poisoning clients and in home lead-testing procedures
 - Mental Health department personnel are busy seeing new and existing clients affected by the pandemic, as well as seeing clients with other mental and behavioral health issues
 - Community Service staff is working with high risk pandemic isolated clients that need PPE supplies, as well as assisting with Covid testing and vaccination distribution throughout the County
- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Alyse Olson KCSWD Conservationist, introduced herself to the new County Board member, and shared insights into the work done by the District. Ms. Olson also reported that the KCSWD Annual meeting and Board elections for the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer position are tonight via Zoom at 6:00p.m. Contact the office for details.

Ariel Beauchamp, Education Coordinator explained her continued work on AG in the Classroom for 2nd grade classed throughout the County, and reported she is working on expansion plans to other grades interested. More details to come at future meetings.

- **Water Related Groups** – None
- **708 Mental Health Board** – No report

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 Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gengler. **With four members present in agreement by roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0, and the meeting ended at 9:33a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk