

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, October 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	ABSENT		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Tony Giles	Here		

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Andrade, Director, Mental Health Services, KC Health Department, Megan Andrews, Resource Conservationist, Kendall County Soil & Water District; and Dr. 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 four members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Giles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 16, 2019, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Board of Health** – Dr. Tokars reported that the Board of Health reviewed the Solid Waste Plan at their last meeting.
- **Health Department** – Jason Andrade informed the committee about four of their programs that are specialized for the accused, adjudicated and/or victims of violent crimes:
 1. **Domestic Violence Response Team** –a collaboration between the State’s Attorney’s Office, Probation and the KC Health Department to become a certified Partner Abuse Intervention Program Provider, and ensure a smooth transition for victims and offenders to provide services and treatments such as Substance Abuse counseling, Drug Abuse Counseling, Mental Health appointments, etc. By overcoming past barriers to this treatment, both the offender and victim are being served, and the sooner an abuser begins treatment, the safer their victim becomes. The goal was to have facilitators fully trained by the end of September, and then begin defining and collaborating on the referral process and service delivery between departments by the end of this fiscal year.

2. **Thinking for a Change Program** is a 26-week cognitive intervention group designed to teach social skills, problem solving skills and decision-making skills. Probation Officers and Health Department Counselors have been trained, and together will deliver the program to Probation Clients determined by the Probation Office or the Court to be good candidates for this evidence-based program, that has shown to be effective in reducing recidivism with moderate to high-risk clients.
3. **Community Intervention Team** is a collaboration with Oswego Law Enforcement and EMS to meet an individual right where they are, establishing relationships with victims and those dealing with severe mental health, building trust and educating them on resources and treatment available to them in Kendall County.
4. **Partner Abuse Intervention Program** is for people that have been found guilty and plead guilty to being a perpetrator of domestic violence, assisting them in taking responsibility for their actions, and examining their issues of power and control over others, and providing intervention, and instilling responsibility and accountability for their actions within them, and helping them work toward changed behavior.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – Megan Andrews reported that they’ve held their fish and tree sales, and have begun focusing on other projects for the fall and winter months.

Hannah Raver continues work in local grade school classrooms, and is focusing this month on pumpkins and the STEM Program.

- **Water Related Groups** – No report
- **708 Mental Health Board** – No report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- *Review of the Solid Waste Plan* – Chair Gilmour provided history on the Solid Waste Plan Committee meetings, discussions, and the new Solid Waste Plan for 2020-2025.

Member Gilmour reviewed the committee’s Objectives, which included Administrative, Recycling and Source Reduction, Compost, Waste-to-Energy/Alternative Technologies, Transfer Station, and Landfill.

Dr. Tokars reported that the Board of Health reviewed the Plan at their last meeting, and that the process will be to forward to the County Board, and then to the State of Illinois for final approval.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

DECEMBER 3, 2019 COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS – *Approval of the 2020-2025 Kendall County Solid Waste Plan*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Vickers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk