

League of Women Voters

**Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report**

MEETING: Public Health_____

DATE: ___2/27/07_____ REPORTING: Kimberley Haag

ATTENDING: Jones, de la Isla, Leonberger, Tredup, Wojnicki, Wyatt (late)

ABSENT: R. McConnaughay_____

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDING: YES X NO _____

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES _____ NO _____

The only thing covered in the Kane County Chronicle and Daily Herald was that the Health Dept. will be getting assistance from a salmonella expert from the Illinois Dept. of Public Health to determine the cause of the recent outbreak of salmonella.

SUMMARY OF MEETING: According to those reporting, the dept. is slightly ahead of their budget, except for access to care, which was a federal grant and has now been taken out of the federal budget. Public health finance is reported to be in good shape. Mary Lou England announced that the County Board has officially approved for deputy director Paul Kuehnert to be made executive director upon the retirement of Mary Lou England on June 1. The county is in the new animal control facility and is now accepting dogs. Mr. Jones asked for an accounting at the next meeting of the numbers of dogs and cats picked up, both registered with the county for vaccines and not, and how it compares to other areas. New Board member orientation will take place on March 7. Discussion of Kane Kares, regarding early intervention programs (0-3 and 0-5 ages groups).

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S): Mr. Kuehnert asked that a training program for the thirty senior and middle managers of the health dept. be able to receive leadership training from the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago. This will cost \$800 per person, will be done on site and will be a wholistic approach to leadership. The IPLAN has been approved by the state. The 5-year priorities are access to specialty care (including mental health services as a subgroup), infant mortality, and cardiovascular disease. The health dept. continues to hold public comment hearings from people who live in unincorporated Kane County in regards to a smoking ban. There was discussion about STD surveillance and the rise and fall and rise of STD rates in the county. There was also discussion about the possibility of vaccination of girls for HPV. There was some discussion of the salmonella outbreak in Kane County.

COMMENTS/NOTES:

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Two resolutions passed for purchase of office furniture for consolidation of Health Dept. Elgin Facilities at 107-113 S. Grove, Suite 205 and 209. One resolution passes to renew professional service contract between Kane County Health Dept. and Rush Copley Medical Center as well as between Kane County Health Dept. and Greater Elgin Family Care Center.

NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2007 _____