

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #8

Maintain a competent public health workforce

Boosting the quality of life

Emma Cook and Kasia Eide, right, hold up the "Tree of Good Vibes," during a staff meeting April 6. The tree will be used to illustrate positive mental health as part of the newly inaugurated **Health Related Quality of Life (HRQOL)** initiative. Mental Health, Physical Activity, Weight Loss and Nutrition are the areas of concentration in this initiative. The effort is being conducted with the KC Human Resources Department, and if successful could be used in other departments.



At left: Following the HRQOL kick-off during the April 6 National Public Health Week staff meeting, Executive Director Barbara Jeffers led employees on a symbolic walk around the office building as a way to highlight the importance of physical activity.



HRQOL Areas of concentration:

Physical Activity
Weight Loss

Nutrition
Mental Health

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans

6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Essential Service #4

[Develop public health policies and plans](#)



Community Health Assessment stakeholders meet

The Kane County Health Department and its partners are coming to the end of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process. It is now that time to begin reviewing the data and start identifying health priorities to focus on for our improvement plan. Stakeholders gathered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Friday, April 10 to begin the planning.

Essential Service #2

[Protect people from health problems and health risks.](#)



The Kane County Health Department Public Health Emergency Response Program will be conducting its first Public Health Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) Workshop, Friday, April 24, at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.



Workshop to address hazard vulnerabilities

The KCHD Public Health Hazard Vulnerability (HVA) workshop will evaluate and identify the potential hazards, vulnerabilities and risks in the community that relate to public health in Kane County. By engaging and working with emergency management, fire, police, healthcare organizations, mental/behavioral health, and faith-based partners, we can provide assistance and guidance to ensure community engagement in public health preparedness efforts.