



Kane County Board Approves Kathy Fosser as Health Department Interim Executive Director

December 8, 2020 – The Kane County Board has approved Kathy Fosser to be the transitional Interim Executive Director for the Health Department. This comes after the recent retirement of Executive Director Barbara Jeffers.

“As Interim Executive Director, I am proud that we have a highly skilled and competent team that continues to care for our Kane residents through tirelessly working to address this exhausting pandemic,” said Fosser. “We are small but mighty because we have built important community partnerships that work with us whether it’s antigen testing, contact tracing, case and complaint investigations, educating businesses, vaccine distribution planning, and so forth.”

Kathleen “Kathy” L. Fosser began her municipal public servant career in 1985. During her 22 years at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage, she was promoted in various roles while attending night school at College of DuPage (Associates of Arts, 1989), Aurora University (Bachelors of Arts, Business Admin. 1992), and Keller Graduate School of Management (MBA, 1995).

“I originally was hired as a full-time account clerk,” said Fosser. “My intention at the time was to work in a stable, full-time job while earning my degrees at night and perhaps move into a career in a big business or start my own. I never knew I’d grow to love working to make residents’ lives more enjoyable by providing education which can increase their health outcomes in life.”

In 2007, she joined Kane County working in Public Health for Barbara Jeffers, who at that time was the Director for Resources and Support. Fosser maintained her focus on labor relations, employee trainings/skill competencies, improving processes/efficiencies within the department, employee safety, and assisted with financial/accounting functions.

In 2011, she joined Kane County Department of Employment & Education (which has since been renamed Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment-Workforce Development Division) where she monitored, reviewed and audited sub-recipient providers receiving federal grant funds.

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In 2013, Fosser returned to Public Health in Senior Management under Barbara Jeffers' Executive Leadership. "It was during this time, I knew this was my calling and Barb truly made me fall in love with public health and working to improve population health in our community," said Fosser.

Fosser is a Kane County resident since 1998 and lives with her husband and children. She will be reporting to recently sworn County Board Chairperson Corinne M. Pierog who will oversee this position's transition and recruitment to be determined 2021.

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