

**PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**McHenry County Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road, Conference Room A**  
**Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Anna May Miller; Sandra Salgado; Mary L. Donner; Daniel Ryan; James Heisler and Randy Donley. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Tony Cundiff, Sheriff's Department; Suzanne Ehardt, Planning & Development; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance; Jamie Rein, State's Attorney; Pioneer Center staff; and Mary McCann, County Board Member; .

Virginia Peschke, Chairman

Randy Donley  
James Heisler  
Daniel Ryan

Mary L. Donner  
Anna May Miller  
Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of March 23, 2007. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

*377 Board – Pioneer Center:* Lorraine Kopczynski, President of Pioneer Center and staff joined committee members to provide a presentation of the possible creation and needs for a 377 Board. The Pioneer Center staff provided information of the Developmental Disability Services: A system in crisis. Funding has not kept pace with needed services. Illinois ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation for funding for the Developmentally Disabled. With the creation of a 377 board additional funds would be available to provide additional services. A 377 board is a Developmental Disabilities Board, a three person board that is appointed by the County Board that would make service and funding decisions for agencies that serve those with developmental disabilities within the County. Administrative work would be shared with the 708 Board. It was noted the group is hopeful to have this referendum placed on the November 2008 ballot. Ms. Kopczynski noted they would like approval from the County Board to move forward with this request. Committee members thanked Ms. Kopczynski for the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Discussion of State's Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Response to noise complaints:* Captain Cundiff, Sheriff's Department and Jamie Rein, State's Attorney, joined committee members to provide an update to noise complaints received in the County. It was noted that beginning in September the State's Attorney's office joined the Sheriff's Department to train personnel regarding a disorderly conduct charge. Ms. Rein noted that since this training, complaints have gone down because of the winter hours. She requested that they be allowed to continue with this program going through the summer months, keep a record of response in the courts and report back to the committee after the summer. Ms. Rein noted they feel this is a good tool to address the noise issue and they need time to monitor whether these types of charges will hold up in court. Captain Cundiff noted they sometimes officers respond to complaints at the same address three and four times during a night and now this is a tool that may work but they need time for a couple of these cases to go through the court process to see if this will work. Committee members agreed to allow the summer as a test for these complaints.

*Resolution to Amend Resolution R-200702:* Mr. McNulty noted the titles got mixed up from resolutions previously approved and this resolution fixes the previous mistakes. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to recommend the County Board approve a resolution to amend Resolution R-200702-51-037. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional \$1,500 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget:* Mr. McNulty noted this is a small grant that will be used for printing and materials for the Teen Parenting Services program. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional \$1,500 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$47,441 Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Cities Readiness initiative and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget:* Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$47,441 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Cities Readiness initiative and an emergency appropriation to the

Health Department's FY 07 budget. The motion carried with all members present voting aye. Committee members requested a copy of the emergency phone tree for review. Mr. McNulty noted that forms have been submitted to the department of the essential services that would be needed to be completed in case of a disaster for those interested.

*HRC Bylaws:* Chairman Peschke noted there are some small changes needed to the HRC bylaws. These will be brought back to committee for approval. She noted the HRC is still trying to come up with a target area to focus on for the coming year. Suggestions have included funding for low income housing as well as fair housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*WIB:* The next meeting will be held next week. Chairman Peschke noted that she receives unemployment notices for the county as well as notices of where employees will be needed for anyone interested in these statistics.

*HRC:* See above.

*Housing Authority:* None

*Board of Health:* The next meeting will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for those interested in attending. Mr. McNulty noted a joint meeting with the Public Health & Human Services Committee is being scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> with a greeting period to being at 6:30p.m. Mr. McNulty also informed committee members that we are celebrating Public Health Month with news releases throughout the month.

*Animal Control:* Mr. McNulty informed committee members that he will be meeting with the Building Projects Committee at the new Animal Control facility with more details on costs and increased budgets to be presented. He stated this is an important meeting for those interested in attending.

*Mental Health Board:* The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday for those interested in attending.

*Noise Ordinance:* See above.

*VAC:* Mr. Iwanicki reported that the Veteran's Commission has requested that he apply for three grants. The first grant would be to receive funding for dental care for Veteran's, the second is for funding to replace the maxi-van and the third would be a request from Senior Services for an additional van for the veteran's. Mr. Iwanicki noted that he will be meeting with Tammy Duckworth in McHenry on the 19<sup>th</sup> who will be presenting free fishing and hunting licenses for disabled Veterans.

*Open Burning Forum:* The next open burning forum meeting has been scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. The group has requested that public hearings be held to notify the possible changes to the burning ordinance. There is a push for education regarding alternatives to burning. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future with the waste haulers in the county.

*Senior Services Grant Commission:* Results of the strategic planning sessions will be discussed on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution to amend Resolution R-200702-51-037

Resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional \$1,500 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget

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