

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007

Vice Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Sandra Salgado, Vice-Chairman; Anna May Miller; Mary L. Donner; and James Heisler. Daniel Ryan arrived at 8:20a.m. Virginia Peschke and Randy Donley were absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Karen Ciesielczyk and Sherrie Gallis, Health Department; and Sally Fyfe Stachniak, Mental Health.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Randy Donley	Mary L. Donner
James Heisler	Anna May Miller
Daniel Ryan	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of April 13, 2007. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, 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

Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program – Health Department: Karen Ciesielczyk and Sherrie Gallis, from the McHenry County Health Department joined committee members to present a very interesting program being offered to the County. This new program will expand the grant program that is geared toward reducing the mortality rates from cervical and breast cancer in McHenry County. Many McHenry County women have historically not utilized early detection and screening methods for breast cancer and have experienced higher mortality rates than are the State averages. The McHenry County Board of Health has been offered the opportunity to apply for annual funding of approximately \$180,000 from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to help offset the cost of conducting an Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) for McHenry County low income women. The county cost to conduct this program will exceed the revenues received from the IDPH by approximately \$50,000 for FY07 and \$158,000 for FY08. A commitment from the County Board to provide county general fund dollars is necessary to meet the IBCCP grant requirements to increase the awareness of all women of the necessity of breast and cervical cancer screenings. Ms. Ciesielczyk noted the importance of all women to obtain these yearly screenings. Committee members thanked the Health Department for their presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Mr. Ryan arrived at 8:20a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing the combining of two part time positions to create one full time position in the Health Department's employee roster: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the combining of two part time positions to create one full time position in the Health Department's employee roster. Mr. McNulty noted that the Health Department has experienced a recent vacancy in the part time health educator position in Animal Control and the skills knowledge, responsibilities and classification of the health educator are similar to those of the volunteer coordinator position. By combining these two positions it would save the department in recruiting and training costs. The volunteer coordinator is capable and willing to take on a full time position that would include the responsibilities of the health education/volunteer coordinator position. This would be budget neutral for FY07. This would increase the personnel costs for FY08. After review, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Heisler, Miller, Ryan, Salgado)

Resolution to authorize the Health Department to apply for funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and to provide local resources for an Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program: Mr. McNulty presented a new Resolution for review replacing the resolution as presented with the committee packet. Committee members reviewed a Resolution to authorize the Health Department to apply for funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and to provide local resources for an Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Mr. McNulty stated that they would need County resources in order to offer this program in the county. Costs for the County would be \$50,000 for FY07 and \$168,000 for FY08 and \$146,000 for FY09. He noted these funds would come from the General Fund. The additional funds would pay for required personnel to run the program. He stated that the County costs are based upon the costs

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to run the program minus the grant amounts received. He stated that the department cannot run the program on the amount received from the grant alone. Mr. McNulty stated that cancer incident rates for those counties currently receiving these grants are lower. After review, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Heisler, Miller, Ryan, Salgado)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in funding for a Medical Reserve Corps Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY07 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in funding for a Medical Reserve Corps Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY07 budget. Mr. McNulty noted we had previously received \$50,000 in grant funding that has now been reduced to \$10,000. He stated he does not now if this program will continue beyond this year. After review, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Heisler, Miller, Ryan, Salgado)

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Salgado informed committee members that she has been requested by Ms. Wheeler to find a member of the Public Health Committee who may be interested in being appointed as a member of the Subdivision Task Force to address the Subdivision Ordinance. This will be a temporary appointment until a Subdivision Ordinance is adopted. Mr. Ryan noted his interest in being appointed to the Subdivision Task Force.

Mr. Labaj informed committee members that he will be working on an initiative to assess the housing needs of the special needs groups in the County. This is a collaborative effort with the Mental Health Board to look at the housing needs for this group. They are working with Purchasing to obtain an RFQ. The study would cost between \$15,000 to \$25,000, depending on the expertise of the company chosen to complete the study. A half of the RFQ will be paid for by the Mental Health Board. Additional funding may be needed from the general fund to complete this study.

Mr. Labaj noted that it is now Gypsy Moth season. This is the third year of a three year contract to aerial spray for the moths. No support will be received from the State this year. 500 acres are scheduled to be sprayed, which is ½ the area sprayed in previous years, with the majority of the areas being from the conservation district and Crystal Lake. Mr. Labaj noted that since such a small area will be sprayed, the county would have to analyze whether to continue the spraying program in future years. \$10,000 has been budgeted for this fiscal year. He noted the biggest question would be whether the program is doing any good. It was suggested that the County get the municipalities and townships involved in the continuation of this program. The County has now been quarantined for Gypsy Moths. It was also suggested that we get Eagle Scouts involved in the placement of traps. Mr. Labaj noted that as of right now the infestation has been contained. He stated the question is, if we give up the spraying, will the moths come back with a vengeance.

Mr. Labaj informed committee members that he has been appointed as the County liaison for the Human Services sub-committee to CMAP. He noted they will be study the coordination of Human Services in the 6 region area. He noted this involves a massive undertaking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: None

HRC: None

Housing Authority: The Housing Authority received \$46,000 of funding from the Emergency Food and Services Board. They distributed the funds to various groups in the County.

Board of Health: The Board of Health approved the concept of cat registrations on a sliding scale. There will be a phase in period where cat owners could receive ½ price tags. The Board of Health feels this is an important issue. Low cost clinics will be offered to the public as well.

Animal Control: Mr. McNulty noted they are working with the architect to work out details of the contract for Animal Control. Prime Hoffman is leaving Illinois raising concerns about the completion of the contract.

Mental Health Board: Last Monday there was a study session before the regular board meeting. Mr. Heisler noted that when they have a study session they question whether a program is doing any good and whether there should be a continuation of the program. He noted there is a sense of cooperation among the groups.

Noise Ordinance: None

VAC: None

Open Burning Forum: The next meeting is scheduled for today for those interested in attending.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Results of the strategic planning sessions will be discussed on May 11th. Some of the surveys have not been turned in and need to be turned in so the strategic plan can be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing the combining of two part time positions to create one full time position in the Health Department's employee roster

Resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply for funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and to provide locate resources for an Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

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