

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Lyn Orphal; Blake Hobson; Don Larson; Anna May Miller and Sandra Salgado. Also present: Sherry Gallis, Esther Perez and Pat McNulty, Health Department; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Don Larson	Vacant
Anna May Miller	Lyn Orphal
Sandra Salgado	Blake Hobson

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of October 13, 2006. Mr. Hobson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

Chairman Peschke noted that we would be having a presentation by the Health Department on their WIC program, but, requested Committee members move forward with the interviews for the Senior Service Grant Commission so these individuals would not have to sit through the whole committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Interviews for appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission: Committee members interviewed Mr. Thomas Beveridge, Catherine Nash and Jack White for consideration of appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission. Mr. Labaj noted there are currently 6 openings on the commission. Three must be for representation by a not for profit agency and the other three positions must be citizens at large. Mr. Labaj noted that he would be notifying the townships, McHenry County Council of Governments, McHenry County Highway Association and Township Supervisor Association regarding the need to reappoint a person for membership to the commission. Commission members requested Mr. Labaj re-advertise for the open positions on the commission. Mr. Markison has applied for reappointment, but, was unable to attend today's meeting.

Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund allocations for program year 2007: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund allocations for program year 2007. Mr. Hobson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orphal to amend the Resolution to include the grant funding for Family Alliance in the amount of \$198,310 and to recommend the County Board approve the Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund allocations for program years 2007 as amended. The motion carried with a majority of committee members voting aye on a roll call vote (Hobson, Larson, Miller, Orphal) and two abstains (Salgado and Peschke) Committee members noted that the grant commission has been lucky to have the available funds to fund all of the grant requests.

WIC Program presentation: Sherry Gallis and Ester Perez joined committee members for a presentation regarding the Department of Health WIC (Women's Infants and Children) program. WIC is a large program, funded by the Federal Government, that targets low income, pregnant females and children up to the age of 5. Ms. Gallis highlighted areas of the WIC program. It was noted that WIC funds 45% of all infants born in the United States. Committee members thanked Ms. Gallis and Ms. Perez for their presentation. Mr. McNulty noted that this information would be posted on the Health Department webpage.

Ms. Salgado left committee at 10:00a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Iwanicki, from the Veteran's Assistance Commission, joined committee members to inform them that a couple of organizations have been picketing nursing homes and informing residents that their group, for a fee, can help individuals file for claims that go to the Veteran's Assistance Commission. Mr. Iwanicki noted this is a service their office offers for free.

Mr. Iwanicki also informed committee members that a member of his staff, who has been in school to obtain her accreditation with the VAC, has given her resignation. The family will be moving out of the area. He noted that he has contacted the Regional office about a replacement. He noted that he would like to have a fully accredited person so no additional training would be needed. He noted that a Resolution would be forwarded from his department when he finds someone to fill this position. Additional funding may be needed to staff this position since the person would already be accredited. Chairman Peschke noted that because of the holidays next month there will only be one Public Health & Human Services Committee meeting on November 17th. Mr. Iwanicki informed committee members that VAC would be eligible for possible reimbursement for providing financial assistance to individuals waiting for approval on some social security disability claims. Committee members thanked Mr. Iwanicki for his information.

Approved 11.16.06

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: Chairman Peschke informed committee members that they discussed expanding funding for Workforce Network.

HRC: Next meeting is in November.

Housing Authority: Charlene Krause has given her resignation from the Housing Authority. A replacement will be needed.

Board of Health: Chairman Peschke informed committee members that a replacement will be needed for the Board of Health Hearing Committee. She noted this group has very infrequent meetings. She noted that she would prefer that a member from this committee be placed on the hearing committee. She noted there is also a vacancy in the Animal Control Advisory Committee. Mr. Hobson noted that he would be interested in fulfilling the term of the hearing committee while he is still a member of the County Board. Ms. Miller noted she would be interested in filling the position for the Advisory Committee.

Animal Control: Committee members were informed that 6 construction companies have been scheduled for interviews on the 24th from 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. to complete the work on the new Animal Control Facility.

Mental Health Board: Mr. Larson informed committee members that the executive secretary has resigned so they are looking for a person to fill this position. Mr. Larson had a suggestion regarding how to get the word out regarding the works of the Senior Services Grant Commission. He noted that the Mental Health Board holds a yearly forum at MCC, where press is invited regarding their yearly programs. He noted this is a good forum to announce program availability. He noted that he has applied for one of the openings on the Mental Health Board. Committee members were informed they would be interviewing for the openings on November 17th.

Noise Ordinance: Training of the officers has been completed by the State's Attorney's office. They noted they would continue to monitor this issue.

Open Burning Forum: They are continuing to look for alternatives and cost proposals for the next two months.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Committee members noted that maybe one of the forums for the public could be held at area services agencies. They stated this may be a good idea and would suggest it to the commission.

Mr. McNulty reminded committee members that the Animal Control Administrator term expires on December 1st. Dr. Mehanovic has agreed to stay on with the same terms. He works approximately 15 – 20 hours per week. Mr. McNulty noted that he would like to have the contract reviewed this summer. Ms. Miller made a motion to reappoint Dr. Mehanovic as the Animal Control Administrator as per his contract. Mr. Hobson noted he would be unable to vote on this motion as he would like time to review his contract and obtain information regarding the requirements of his duties etc. Mr. Larson seconded the motion to reappoint Dr. Mehanovic. Mr. McNulty noted that part of the specific duties of the Administrator is to administer vicious and dangerous dog designations. Committee members questioned whether his practice is used for needed services. Mr. McNulty noted that yes, his practice is used, but, he is not making the decisions of when and where to send an animal that requires outside treatment. He noted his office is generally used because of the close location of his practice. After discussion, the motion carried with four ayes (Larson, Miller, Orphal, Peschke) and one nay (Hobson)

Chairman Peschke informed committee members that Mr. McNulty would like the support of the committee to change two of his supplemental requests from a #2 to a #1. She noted that they are requesting approval for the increase for micro chip program in the amount of \$5,750 and volunteer program in the amount of \$7,500. The consensus of the committee was to request Chairman Peschke make a motion at the CALF to amend the Health Department FY budget to include these amounts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hobson to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 11:00a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Larson, Miller, Orphal, Hobson, Peschke)

Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to return to regular session at 11:19a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Larson, Miller, Orphal, Hobson, Peschke)

Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the appointment of Blake Hobson to the Animal Control Appeals Board for the month of November 2006. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund allocations for program year 2007 (as amended)

Recommend reappointment of Dr. Mehanovic as Animal Control Administrator

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