

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, January 11, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; James Heisler; Sandra Salgado; Anna May Miller; Mary McCann and Mary L. Donner. Dan Ryan was absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Fran Stanwood and Kailly Kaufmann, Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; and the press.

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

MINUTES

Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of December 14, 2007, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing an agreement for the provision of Animal Control Administrator Services: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an agreement for the provision of Animal Control Administrator Services. Mr. McNulty informed committee members that this is an extension of the Animal Control Administrators contract through December 31, 2008. Dr. Mehanovic will help with the transition into the new facility. Dr. Mehanovic feels that the County should hire a full time Veterinarian (Vet) to fill the position of the Animal Control Administrator. He will meet with the County Administrator and Health Administrator in June or July to discuss this proposition. Committee members questioned what salary would have to be offered to attract a Vet to fill this position. Committee members also questioned if the County could "sell" some services, to offset the cost of this position. Committee members were informed that this position is paid out of the Health Department budget. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$80,542 grant amendment from the Illinois Department of Public Health for an emergency response preparedness program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$80,542 grant amendment from the Illinois Department of Public Health for an emergency response preparedness program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Departments FY08 budget. Mr. McNulty noted that this is a grant amendment because they received more funds than was budgeted. He noted the department will be setting up clinics off site to improve its capacity to respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies that may impact the public. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$70,890 in new grant funding from the McHenry County Mental Health Board and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$70,890 in new grant funding from the McHenry County Mental Health Board and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget. Committee members were informed that the additional grant funding will be used to hire a nurse to help in the Sustaining Care Program. Ms. McCann 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 voice vote. (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: The board will meet next Wednesday (01/16/08). Mr. Austin informed committee members that the Workforce Network was very helpful with a job fair that was held at Valley Hi. He noted that there were approximately 30 people that attended the fair.

HRC: Chairman Peschke informed committee members that the HRC has received an application for a new appointment but, because of scheduling conflict has been unable to attend a meeting. The HRC is discussing the possibility of holding another workshop at MCC regarding the discriminatory practices in the County.

Housing Authority: Ms. Donner reported that the dental program has been a success and the voucher system is working well and they are thrill with its success. She reported that there is a 3 year waiting list for Section 8 housing. Committee

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members questioned if the majority of these individuals are county residents. Ms. Donner stated she would check on this with the Housing Authority. Ms. Donner stated that the Housing Authority has clothing available for free for those in need. Chairman Peschke suggested that they check with the Salvation Army regarding a large donation they have of new clothing that they received that they were trying to donate out to various groups in need.

Board of Health: Mr. McNulty noted that the Board of Health would be talking about the McCullom Lake issues. He noted they would continue to monitor this issue and they constantly try to update their data. Nothing new has been received recently on this issue. He noted that any individual information being received is being sent to the attorney involved in the lawsuit. He noted that the data that the Department of Health has does not show anything unusual. He noted that any groundwater contamination is handled by the EPA. He stated it is frustrating to the department because the people are only talking to the attorneys. The department does not create the data but any new data could be helpful to the department. Unfortunately, they are not receiving any cooperation because of the lawsuit.

Animal Control: The project is moving along and is on schedule. The move-in date is expected to be the second week in February. An open house will be scheduled the first part of April in conjunction with an adoption event. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program will be housed in the new facility as well. Committee members questioned if a sign could be placed at the new facility announcing the future home of Animal Control. Mr. McNulty noted he would check into this. Permanent signs should be placed in the near future. Mr. McNulty stated that they would like to have an electronic sign to advertise upcoming promotions. Committee members questioned how the smoking enforcement is going since the No Smoking Act went into affect. Mr. McNulty noted that the Act is very specific and the Sheriff's Department and Health Department are who are designated to receive the complaints. Complaints can be received on the State's webpage as well. He noted only 6 complaints have been received to date. Right now the department is working to spread the word regarding the no smoking ban. The smoking signs posted around the County buildings were created by the Public Safety Committee. There are sample signs available on the Health Departments web page if anyone should need them.

Mental Health Board: The next meeting is Monday, January 28th. Some of the required documents for some of their programs have changed so they are notifying all of their providers to make sure they are aware of all the new requirements. If the wrong documents are sent in, benefits could be denied.

Noise Ordinance: None

VAC: None

Senior Services Grant Commission: A new meeting schedule for the year has been emailed to commission members. Mr. Labaj noted that because some of FY06 grant program funding requests came in late they used some FY07 grant funds. When we tried to pay bills the account balance was short. A resolution is being taken to the next County Board meeting transferring some funds to cover this shortage from the account balance. This issue will not happen again as all billings must be received within 60 days of the end of the year. Mr. Labaj also stated that the contracts have been revised so that the grantee's can receive funding on a monthly basis instead of quarterly. The committee will be reviewing the transportation program that was approved. A memo of understanding has been sent to the Transportation Department for review.

Committee members were informed that staff met this week to discuss how to move forward with the alternatives for the burning of landscape waste. They will be development materials with hopes to have them ready for the Spring season. Mailers will be sent to the haulers listing the requirements to pick up leaves and landscape waste. Committee members questioned if a contract could be given to one hauler to cover specific areas in the County. Committee members were informed that the county could franchise this type of pick up and this could save gas as well. They were informed that the burning committee is looking for options for decreased costs to the residents of the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing an agreement for the provision of Animal Control Administrator Services

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Resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$70,890 in new grant funding from the McHenry County Mental Health Board and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget

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