

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Jim Heisler; Mary Donner and Dan Ryan. Mary McCann arrived at 8:22a.m. Sandra Salgado and Anna May Miller were absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Cindy Kozlowski, Financial Analyst; Pat McNulty and Patti Nomm, Health Department; Sandy Lewis and Jane Wacker, Mental Health, Don Larson, President – Mental Health Board; Gene Goeglein and Joe Williams, Regional Superintendent of Schools; interested public; and the press.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman

Mary L. Donner	James Heisler
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Daniel Ryan	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of August 22, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Mary McCann arrived at 8:22a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Julie Seeloff joined committee members to inform them of the Tri-County Pregnancy and Parenting Services available in the County. She noted they have two offices, one in Grayslake and one in Crystal Lake that offers services. Ms. Seeloff noted that Tri-County has been in existence for over 21 years and has had a presence in the County since 1995. The mission of the group is to provide alternatives to abortion through Christian peer counseling, education and support services to persons experiencing or vulnerable to the trauma of crisis pregnancy. They noted that they work with the Health Department with individuals that have been referred because of a lack of finances. They have hired an abstinence coordinator as well. Funding for these services is provided through churches, businesses and individuals. They have three fund raising events per year with a banquet being held in the Fall with an auction. They partner with over 50 area churches. The group helps individuals make wise informed choices. They also help teach new mothers how to become good parents. They also help with resources like diapers, wipes, clothes, strollers and cribs as well as other items as needed. The parents must show some responsibility in order to receive these services. Committee members thanked Ms. Seeloff for this information.

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Health Department's FY08 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Health Department's FY08 budget. The department has received income over what was budgeted in the Family Case Management Local Share. Mr. McNulty noted they would like to move \$41,000 into supporting costs for the Crystal Lake facility. 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, Ryan, Peschke) Mr. McNulty informed committee members that the new facility has been very well received and is a good location for the facility. They have joined the local chamber to get the word out for the new facility.

*Resolution authorizing the reclassification of position number 51-0017-99 in the Health Department for FY08:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the reclassification of position number 51-0017-99 in the Health Department for FY08. This position was previously a nurse position and was determined that the responsibilities for the position could be handled by a case manager. 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 voice vote (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Ryan, Peschke)

*Resolution authorizing a Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Program for 2009 and a contract with Paul Stevens for 2009 Gypsy Moth Consulting Services:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Program for 2009 and a contract with Paul Stevens for 2009 Gypsy Moth Consulting Services. Mr. Labaj joined committee members and noted that it was a banner year for Gypsy Moths. Over 400 complaints were received for moderate to severe infestation who want to be included as part of the aerial spray program.

This resolution allows us to retain the services of Mr. Stevens to develop spraying blocks for the County. Mr. Stevens also works under a State Agricultural contract for these services as well. He also verifies infestation and egg mass numbers. There are some funds remaining from this year's budget to start the program early to address next year's spraying areas. Mr. Labaj noted that it is easier for visual observation of the trees after the leaves fall and before winter sets in. Committee members asked if spraying is effective. They were informed that once an area has the Gypsy Moth, there will always have the problem. The County is trying to manage and control the spreading of the moths. They prioritize the massive infestation areas to help stop the spread of the moths. Committee members suggested that eagle scouts become involved in the burlap wrapping of the trees and replanting of trees. Mr. Labaj noted that he will be meeting with county municipalities, villages and townships to notify them of the program. They can piggy-back onto the contract for the spraying of their areas if desired. 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, Ryan, Peschke)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

#### OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Peschke informed committee members that she has received word from the attorneys, that there is nothing to prohibit the appointment of Mr. Terry Easler to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. After discussion, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend the appointment of Terry Easler to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Ryan, Peschke)

#### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*Animal Control:* Mr. McNulty stated that the facility currently has an over abundance of cats. They are trying to move some of these animals out of the facility. The facility has had some complaints of air quality issues. They are keeping track of the complaints and are sampling the air to figure out what is creating these issues. There have been complaints of upper respiratory issues, breathing problems and nausea. These issues could be caused by new products, tile glue or cleaning products. The issues go away once these individuals leave the facility. They will continue to monitor the problems.

*Board of Health:* Committee members were informed that they are looking for a presenter to provide an overview on Family Violence.

The Department has been in discussions with Administration about transferring the Solid Waste Coordinator position from Planning and Development into the Health Department. This is a better fit for this position. This will probably take place in the new budget year.

There will be a presentation given at the County Board meeting on alternatives to open burning. It was noted that there have been a number of complaints received of landscape businesses bringing their landscape waste home to burn. This is a continuous issue. Mr. McNulty noted there are sites available to drop off this waste.

*VAC:* Mr. Iwanicki joined committee members to provide an update on the VAC. He informed committee members that a pick up site for Veterans has been secured in Crystal Lake at the old Public Safety lot. They are still reviewing the transportation report as well as the volunteer transportation network. They want to make sure these volunteers are free from liability issues before they are allowed to move forward. Mr. Iwanicki noted that on a personal note, he has a foreign exchange student from Turkey living with him and his wife. This student is here on a cultural exchange. His office has bought software so he can go paperless. This project is moving forward fast. Now reports can be scanned and placed on a CD for mailing. This has resulted in lower paper and postage costs. Committee members noted that Mr. Belcher is looking for a place to locate Transitional Living Services. This group has been giving out meet boxes to Veteran's. They also provide holiday boxes for Veteran's as well. Chairman Peschke noted that the Food Pantry could help with these programs as well. Food Vouchers are available for the Veteran's as well. Mr. Iwanicki stated they have been very busy in their office. Housing is a huge issue this year. The Veteran's Assistance Commission is looking into reserving a room through PADS for a day center for those in need. He noted that there is a lot more individuals looking for help and housing is a major issue.

It was noted that funding is behind for a lot of programs in the area. The CDBG housing/food shelter board has not received any funding, thought they are still giving out food. The Northern Illinois Food Bank is covering the needs

*Mental Health Board:* The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday. There was a meeting yesterday to review Sandy Lewis' contract. They reviewed the goals and objectives and discussed what they would like her to focus on. Ms. Lewis is working to obtain her Doctorate and is very involved in Mental Health issues on the National level. Mr. Heisler noted she is a gem and a good additional to McHenry County.

*Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance:* McHenry County officials are looking at Boone County's definition of off road facilities to see how they are combating the off road biking issues. The States Attorney's office is reviewing the Ordinance to see if a change in the Zoning Code would address these issues. If the zoning code is changed, a homeowner must comply. Bikers are looking for a place to create an area for use that is in compliance with McHenry County Zoning Codes. Committee members noted that it seems this issue is being addressed.

*Senior Service Grant Commission:* Committee members were reminded that the next Senior Service Grant Commission meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>. They will recommend disbursements for the next grant year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Health Department's FY08 budget
- Resolution authorizing the reclassification of position #51-0017-99 in the Health Department for FY08
- Resolution authorizing a Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Program for 2009 and a contract with Paul Stevens for 2009 Gypsy Moth Consulting Services
- Recommend the appointment of Terry Easler to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District

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