

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Jim Heisler; Mary Donner; Anna May Miller and Dan Ryan. Mary McCann arrived at 8:21a.m. Sandra Salgado was absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health, and Gerri Sherman and Julie Courtney, Workforce Network.

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. Ryan, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of September 12, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Mary McCann arrived at 8:21a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2009:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2009. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Chairman Peschke noted she would abstain from voting. Mr. Labaj informed committee members that he has received a request from Hospice of Northeastern Illinois to have their grant funds go through their foundation. The funding would change from Hospice of Northeastern Illinois to Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois. He noted there is nothing in the bylaw that would prevent this request and it would be up to the committee to approve this change. Hospice noted that they are stream lining their donations to be processed in one place and the foundation is better equipped to account for restricted funds and the will be able to more accurately track revenue from all donors. Committee members noted concern and stated they were not comfortable with making changes on the date they were charged with approving the grant fund allocations. It was suggested that the committee approve the Resolution, minus the funds allocated for Hospice, until additional questions could be answered by Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. Ms. Miller and Ms. McCann amended the motion and second to recommend approval of the Senior Service Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2009, minus the funding for Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Miller, Ryan) Chairman Peschke abstained. Mr. Labaj stated that he would request a representative from Hospice attend the next committee meeting to answer questions surrounding their request to have their grant fund funneled through their foundation.

*Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Workforce Network FY08 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Workforce Network FY08 budget. It was noted that the State is now requiring that 40% of the expenditures for Workforce Network be spend on training. This Resolution is requesting the transfer of funds to meet this requirement. Mr. Heisler 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, Ryan, Peschke)

*FY09 Budget revisions for the Mental Health Board:* Committee members reviewed a request by the Mental Health Board to make some revisions to the Mental Health Board's FY09 budget request, before placing the County's budget on display. The Finance and Audit Committee has already approved the budget and these adjustments are needed within the Mental Health Board's budget prior to taking this budget to the County Board for approval. Ms. Lewis noted there is a need to change some of the budget for the Family Care Grant but there has been no changes made to the overall budget. She noted they are also requesting that some of the supplemental requests that were denied be approved. These adjustments will help with the requirements of the Family Care

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Grant. Mr. Sarbaugh reminded committee members that the supplemental requests are reviewed and approved by the CALF (Chairman's Advisory Legislative Forum) and the standing committees can recommend approval of a supplemental request, but, the final recommended approvals come from the CALF. Mr. Sarbaugh noted there seems to be some confusion on the budget process and he noted that County Board Members can recommend what supplemental requests they think should be approved at the CALF but, the CALF members review all the requests and vote on the final approvals. They try to award supplemental approvals across all departments as well as include links as they pertain to the Strategic Plan. Any recommended changes for reconsideration of supplemental requests will be forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the FY09 budget revisions as requested above. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Committee members were reminded that the Mental Health Board funds are separate from the funds of the County, but, they still fall under the umbrella of McHenry County Government. No adjustments were made to the salaries as the grade and range system study was just completed and it was agreed that these should remain the same for at least one year. Committee members were informed that the budget is to be reviewed on the quarter, with the first review being scheduled for January or February, to review the financial conditions of the budget. The County is already anticipating a 23% increase in IMRF rates beginning in 2010. 70% of the budget is costs associated with personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*Health Department:* Mr. McNulty noted that the Health Department is also asking for reconsideration of a supplemental request. He noted that the Department had wanted to improve the dental clinic and the grant for the dental clinic is going away. He stated that the Dental Care Clinic is run by a separate fund and feels the position reclassification request was denied because of funding issues. He stated that they wanted to continue the dental clinic with a reclassification for an accounting assistant and he feels this was not approved because there were no additional funds available. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that the position was to be 100% grant funded and he doesn't know if this fund can carry this request. Committee members requested that Mr. Sarbaugh check to see if this supplemental request was denied because of funding issues.

The next Board of Health meeting has been scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> and a presentation will be provided on Domestic Violence. Burning enforcement has started for the Department. No major issues to report.

The Board had two hearings for dangerous dogs. It was ruled that both dogs should not be ruled as dangerous. This is a very emotional process and they will go before the Board of Health for declarations. If a dog gets three designations as dangerous, they are declared vicious and the dogs would then have different requirements in order to keep the dog.

*Animal Control:* Mr. McNulty noted that the testing of the indoor air quality has been completed. They are in discussions on how to remedy those issues identified in the report. There are no huge issues to report and the report will be moved forward to Management Services Committees to discuss. The fresh air intakes and locations of the fans and vents are being reviewed. They have also changed the air filters to charcoal filters for the facility. The HVAC system will be fine tuned as well.

Committee members questioned if there were any updates on the brain cancer issue. Mr. McNulty noted that there is nothing new to report. Additional samplings have been completed and there are no issues with the water quality taken from these samples. The Cancer Registry has provided their most recent report that states there are no increased incidents in the area. The report is from 2005, which is the most recent data available. The Health Department has done all they are allowed to do. No one is willing to come forward to speak with the department because of the lawsuit involved. Senator Althoff and Representative Tryon sent a request to the Director of the State Health Department requesting assistance and additional information. The State has indicated that the Department has done what they could and specific answers are hard to find. The web site is updated on all groundwater issues.

*Housing:* Ms. Donner reported that affordable housing seems to be the big new buzz word. The Housing Authority is looking for additional allocations for the section 8 program. It was noted that the County is seeing approximately 180 foreclosures per month. CHAMCO has been told not to apply for grant funding for their first time buyers program. They have been informed that funding is not available. The local Legislators are working to push forward with this program. An application was forwarded with hopes that the program is renewed.

*Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance:* The ZBA now has a definition for off road track facilities which will be going into the zoning code. This will allow for easier enforcement the need for a conditional use permit. The code defines different types of tracks and gives the department the ability to place restrictions of the use of a property. Bikers are looking for a place to create an area for use that is in compliance with McHenry County Zoning Codes. Ms. McCann noted that the newspapers have been reporting on persistence nuisance issues. Crystal Lake is addressing these issues by using an administrative court system. She suggested that an Administrative Review System be set up in the County. This bypasses the Court System. It cost money to set up, but, could eventually pay for itself. Committee members noted they would like to review the process to see if this is something that could work in the County.

*Mental Health Board:* Committee members were informed that the Mental Health Board achieved a 3 year CARF (Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation.

Committee members were informed that attached to the Federal Economic Stability Act was the Wellstone-Domenici Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity bill, which will require insurance plans for employers with more than 50 employees to cover benefits for mental health and substance abuse treatment at the same benefit level as other medical conditions. Advocates have been working for more than 12 years for the passage of this bill.

The department is tracking the impact of the State budget cuts on local agencies. They are up to \$700,000 in cuts to the various agencies. These include a 45% cut of DCFS funds from the FY08 budget. The Mental Health Board is moving slowing on the mast facility plans for the expansion of building space. They are verifying the needs for the space. The Department applied for a SAMSA grant that was not funded for the coming year.

Ms. Lewis noted she will be presenting updates on the county system of care at a conference at Good Shepherd Hospital this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Service Grant funding allocations for program year 2009  
Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Workforce Network FY08 budget

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