

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Sandra Salgado Mary Donner and Anna May Miller. Dan Ryan arrived at 8:16a.m. Mary McCann arrived at 8:37a.m. Jim Heisler arrived at 8:38a.m. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Carl Martens, Workforce Investment Board 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 Ms. Salgado, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of October 10, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Dan Ryan arrived at arrived at 8:16a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

*Senior Service Grant additional information for Hospice of Northeastern Illinois on Foundation Request:*  
Representatives from Hospice joined committee members to answer questions surrounding Hospices' request to fund their grant funds through their foundation instead of through Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. The States Attorney's opinion stated that they did not feel the organization addressed the mission of the grant commission by keeping seniors in their homes and keeping them from being admitted to an institution. Commission members must make sure that the grant funds are age appropriate to make sure the grantee's are following the rules of the grant. Hospice representatives noted that the foundation would make sure that all restrictions of the grant are met before forwarding funds to Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. They noted that this is basically a bookkeeping request as they cannot put the funds into the "system's database" so the grant would require manual entries. They noted it makes processing the funds easier. They noted they have placed requests to all groups donating to Hospice, whether it by donation or grant to move all their funding to the Foundation for ease of operation. Commission members were asked whether they felt it was appropriate to award the grant funds to the Hospice Foundation. Ms. Donner noted that there are numerous members to the Senior Services Grant Commission and feels they should have a voice in what is being requested and did not feel she could vote in favor of this request. Chairman Peschke noted she has worked with various groups where the funds are administered through their foundation. It was noted that this would streamline their operations. Committee members stated they did not want to hold up funding on a technicality and felt that this could be a transition year where we agree to this internal system move for accounting purposes and any future request for grant funding would need to come from the Foundation. It was noted that the contract for Hospice should include the restrictions of the grant. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded Mr. Ryan to amend the Grant Resolution to reflect that the grant funding would change from Hospice of Northeastern Illinois to Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois, with the contract to include the restrictions of the grant. The motion carried with the majority of committee members present voting aye (Miller, Ryan, Salgado, Peschke) and one nay (Donner)

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-637002:*  
Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-637002. Carl Martens joined committee members and stated that the department has received these funds for the past few years and this year the funds received were cut in half. These funds will be put back into program funds to be used for training purposes. Ms. Miller 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.

Ms. McCann arrived at 8:37a.m.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-653002:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-653002. It was noted that this is a special grant that will be used to fund case managers that run the trade program. 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.

Mr. Heisler arrived at 8:38a.m.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the IL Dept of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-681002:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the IL Dept of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-681002. It was noted that these funds should have been received in August. These funds will be used to offset charges made to emergency grants and offset training costs and salaries. Ms. Salgado 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.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-661002 and an adjustment to the projected McHenry County Workforce Network FY09 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-661002 and an adjustment to the projected McHenry County Workforce Network FY09 budget. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. These funds are used to provide training for Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution to recognize Lilly Rule for 40 years of Public Service with the McHenry County Department of Health:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution to recognize Lilly Rule for 40 years of public service with the McHenry County Department of Health. Mr. McNulty noted that Lilly has been a member of the department almost since its inception 42 years ago. She will volunteer with the department until she moves out of State. Committee members were informed that Ms. Rule will attend the County Board meeting to receive her Resolution of recognition.

*Resolution to authorize County financial support of a breast and cervical cancer program for FY09:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution to authorize County financial support of a breast and cervical cancer program for FY09. Mr. McNulty noted that the Breast and Cervical Cancer funding was previously approved. This Resolution allows for the continuation of county support of the program. Ms. Salgado 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. Committee members questioned if there were any program geared towards men. They were informed that the department does some promotional work for men's health but there is not a lot of funding available for men's programs.

Mr. McNulty reminded committee members that the Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday evening for those interested in attending. A presentation on Domestic Violence will be provided with an overview by the State's Attorney's office. Committee members asked if the issue of the two dangerous dogs would be on the agenda. Committee members were informed that this is scheduled on their agenda. The Board usually upholds the decisions of the department and it will be interesting to see how this issue plays out.

An adoption event is scheduled at the Crystal Lake facility tomorrow. Mr. McNulty noted that the facility has an over abundance of cats and kittens available for adoption.

Mr. McNulty noted that the Department is working to provide information to the homeowners surrounding a Crystal Lake Landfill. This is not a McHenry County landfill. The department has been monitoring this property through the solid waste program to provide testing for these area residents. They are making sure that not methane gas is migrating into area homes. Methane gas is very explosive and replaces oxygen to confined areas. They are working to remediate the problems with hopes to be done by the end of the year. They are working with the IEPA on this issue and will continue to work with them to monitor the area.

*2009 Meeting Schedule:* Committee members reviewed the 2009 meeting schedule. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the 2009 meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS  
None

Ms. Miller left committee at 9:10a.m.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*Housing:* None. Chairman Peschke noted that she was informed that the Housing Authority would receive some funds to help people pay their mortgages. The program will have some qualification requirements. The Housing Authority has some wonderful programs beyond Section 8. They help with saving programs to help get people into homes. CDBG will have some Federal funding available to help with foreclosed homes. These homes will be purchased, repaired and sold. Individuals purchasing these homes will be required to attend an education program. The County is seeing 184 foreclosures per month. Committee members were informed that the Mental Health Board has received some funding to address housing issues of those who have received mental health services.

*Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance:* Committee members noted they have received calls asking them what their position is on off road vehicles. They noted that they have informed the callers that they have no position on off road vehicles but they would provide an opinion on disorderly conduct. Evidently they do not want to hear the views on this issue. The ZBA has provided correct zoning for land use for these vehicles. It is hopeful that this will address the issues surrounding the ATV's.

*Mental Health Board:* None

Ms. Salgado informed committee members that the Mental Health Court now has 22 participants. They are looking to move this program into the Courts department instead of administering this from the State's Attorney's office. They are looking for a project manager to oversee staff. She noted that this is a program of the Courts and should be under their administration.

Committee members noted that the Township Supervisors have reported that requests for assistance have increased. Donations to the food pantries are an issue as well. There seems to be excess demand and a lack of food.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-637002
- Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-653002
- Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-681002
- Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #08-661002 and an adjustment to the projected McHenry County Workforce Network FY09 budget
- Resolution to recognize Lilly Rule for 40 years of Public Service with the McHenry County Department of Health
- Recommend approval of the 2009 meeting schedule

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