

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Lyn Orphal, Chairman; Randy Donley; Mary McCann and Sandra Salgado. Mary Donner; Anna May Miller and Virginia Peschke were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Sandy Lewis, Bob Lessor, Lee Ellis, Todd Schroll and Jane Wacker, Mental Health; Linda McMahon, Administrative Analyst and Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Lyn Orphal, Chairman	
Mary L. Donner	Randy Donley
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Virginia Peschke	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to approve the minutes of August 26, 2009 as submitted. 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 Senior Service Grant Allocation for FY2010: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing Senior Service Grant Allocation for FY2010. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Salgado, Orphal) Ms. Salgado stated she would normally abstain from voting on the Resolution as her employer is a recipient of a Senior Service Grant. She stated she was told by the State's Attorney that she could vote on this Resolution, in the past she abstained just as a matter of not wanting to create an issue where there was none. She stated she will be voting on the above Resolution in order to get the Resolution forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee and County Board for consideration.

Resolution authorizing entering into an intergovernmental agreement between McHenry County and the McHenry County Mental Health Board relating to the financing for expansion and enhancement to the current Mental Health Board facility: Committee members reviewed a entering into an intergovernmental agreement between McHenry County and the McHenry County Mental Health Board relating to the financing for expansion and enhancement to the current Mental Health Board facility. Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The Mental Health Board has the authority, within the amounts appropriated by the County, to own, or purchase real property for mental health purposes and borrow money not to exceed the real value of the property. The Mental Health Board desires to improve the current facility of the Board by constructing a new addition and enhancing the current facility. After reviewing several financial options it was determined that it is in the best interest of both the County and the Mental Health Board to have the County issue Recovery Zone Facility Bonds as authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Mental Health Board has revenue available from its operating funds to pay the debt service for all principal and interest necessary to retire the bonds. The County and the Mental Health Board would enter into an intergovernmental agreement to facilitate the financing for the expansion and enhancement of the current Mental Health Facility. The Mental Health Board cannot issue debt so this would have to go through the County as was done when they built the facility in 2002. The Mental Health Board would be responsible for the debt and interest payments. The State's Attorney would assign a special States Attorney to write the intergovernmental agreement for this purpose. Funds under the Recovery Act is provided on a first come, first served basis so the process has been put on the fast track to enact savings for the Mental Health Board. Committee members discussed details of the proposed project details with staff from the Mental Health Board. The project triples the office space currently being used. The current debt payments will be paid off by December. They would restructure the debt services financing to make sure the payments stay the same as the current debt payments. Committee members were informed that the County may join the Mental Health Board in obtaining some financing for the County in order to pay for some needed technology hardware and records storage. This would allow for one set of fees and maximize the coordination of the bond. Committee members entered into a lengthy discussion on the above project. A committee member questioned why so much staff is needed to provide funding to the service agencies. They noted that services are to be sent to other agencies. Compliance for both Federal and State

Agencies have increased the need for staff. Committee members were told that understanding how the Mental Health Board spends its funds is hard to explain. Most of the services provided by the Mental Health Board are mainly administrative. After a lengthy discussion, the motion carried with three ayes (Donley, McCann, Orphal) and one nay (Salgado) Committee members requested that the frequently asked questions and information presented to the committee forwarded to the County Board Members, prior to the presentation in October.

Mr. Sarbaugh noted there is another piece of business that was not on the agenda that needs to be considered. He asked if the above Resolution is approved, if another Resolution could be forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee and on to the County Board for consideration. The Resolution allows for expenditures relating to the expansion project to be reimbursed to the County with the proceeds of an obligation. The consensus of the committee is to forward the above Resolution on to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration.

Committee members were reminded that in the past the Mental Health Board had a full time AmeriCorps Coordinator. This position was dropped to 25 hours in the Spring. Federal Funds have now come forward and they would like to combine the two programs. The Federal Funds have to be used within one year. They would like to increase the Coordinator's hours and expand sites for these services. No agency has stepped forward to provide these services to others. They asked if they could take this information out of Committee sequence in order to provide recruitment and supervision as well as coordination of services for up to 30 AmeriCorps members. They are hopeful that this program can be moved to MCC (McHenry County College). The consensus of the committee was to forward this request to the Human Resource Committee and Finance and Audit Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

Workforce Network/WIB: None

Housing Authority: None

Board of Health: Information on H1N1 planning was provided at the last Board of Health meeting.

Mental Health: None

Senior Services: none

VAC: Mr. Iwanicki informed committee members that the PACE bus program is moving forward. It is set to start on September 23rd. The Veteran's Assistance Commission had a State Association Meeting with the District 1 Commissioners from the Chicago Area to address concerns of individuals going between counties to obtain services. The rules are being redone to address compliance issues.

The by-laws of the VAC are still being worked on. Once approved by the commission the by-laws will be forwarded to the committee for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing Senior Service Grant Allocation for FY2010

Resolution authorizing entering into an intergovernmental agreement between McHenry County and the McHenry County Mental Health Board relating to the financing for expansion and enhancement to the current Mental Health Board facility

Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain Capital Expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation (to Finance and Audit Committee)

Increase hours for AmeriCorps Coordinator position in the Mental Health Board Roster (Human Resources and Finance and Audit Committee)

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