

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road – Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Vice Chairman Salgado called the Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following members were present: Sandra Salgado; Mary Donner; Kathleen Bergan Schmidt; Donna Kurtz; Randy Donley and Anna May Miller. Virginia Peschke arrived at 8:34a.m. Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Pete Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Patty Nomm and Kristy Hecke, Health Department; Tom Annarella, Valley Hi Administrator; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Lorraine Kopczynski and Dr. Patrick Maynard, Pioneer Center; interested public and the press.

	Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Randy Donley		Mary L. Donner
Donna Kurtz		Anna May Miller
Sandra Salgado		Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Committee members reviewed the Public Health and Human Services Committee minutes of January 6, 2012. Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the minutes of January 6, 2012, as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lorraine Kopczynski, current President and CEO from Pioneer Center joined the committee members to introduce Dr. Patrick Maynard, the incoming CEO of Pioneer Center to the Committee Members. Dr. Maynard has moved to the area from Cincinnati Ohio and has 30 years experience that he will bring with him to help him serve in this capacity. Committee members welcomed Dr. Maynard to McHenry County and Pioneer Center.

Mr. Tom Bolbeck requested permission to speak to the committee when they review the solid waste plan. Vice Chairman Salgado informed Mr. Bolbeck that if he wanted to speak on this issue, this needs to be done now, during public comment.

Chairman Peschke arrived at 8:34a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Mental Health Board – Three Year Plan: Ms. Sandy Lewis joined the committee members to provide a presentation on the Mental Health Board's three year plan. She stated that this plan is required by Statute and must be reviewed and modified at the end of every 12 month period. This plan is a guide for prioritizing the Mental Health Board's direction in facilitating the delivery of behavioral health services to the residents of the County. Information sources that are used to create the plan were the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, National Institute of Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People Study, Continual Community Input, Annual Public Hearing and Continual federal, state and local evaluation.

The information gathered from the 2010 Healthy Community Study noted three areas. Access to mental health and substance abuse services is a top priority. There is a stigma as a barrier to people seeking services and federal and state funding shortfalls has affected deep cuts in many services. Ms. Kurtz stated that with some of these expected cuts the mentally ill will be kicked to the curb and that is outrageous. She stated that the County must prepare for these occurrences.

Chairman Koehler stated that the County Board may have to decide how to address these needs. The Governor has challenged the hospitals to pay their fair share in taxes. The hospitals have stated that they provide "charity" care instead of paying taxes. If they are charged with paying taxes, the hospitals could cut back on the charity care that is being provided. Cook County is pushing hard to receive some of these tax monies and if this occurs, McHenry County will become a donor county to Cook County residents. This tax exemption issue focuses on private not for profit agencies as well.

Committee members were informed that the Mental Health Board is looking for language changes to retain these tax exemptions. If this pattern continues the cuts will affect the publicly funded populations. This issue will not go away but

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will continue to grow. Committee members have stated that this concern has been voiced by other agencies as well. Homelessness within the County has increased by 62% from 2005 to 2009. There are 2,837 disabled in the County that need affordable housing. These include the physically and developmentally disabled, the severely mentally ill and elderly.

They have seen an increase in substance abuse rates among all ages. According to current data, there are approximately 28,000 individuals in McHenry County, ages 12+ that use illicit drugs. Mental Health and substance abuse problems are often interrelated and need integrated treatment.

The County is currently in crisis mode. There are an estimated 5,236 people in the County that have a developmental disability. 76 people are currently in need of emergency services. 505 people are in critical need for services and will need some sort of support within the year. Another 644 people will require services within the next five years. There are 12 group homes within the county that serve 89 people with 168 people currently receiving in house support. Many of these people looking for help are the elderly that may have a developmentally disabled child in their home. It is important that the agencies continue to work together to provide services since they will all have to do more with less funding.

Ms. Lewis informed committee member that the agency has some surplus funds from FY2011 that they will use to address this year's funding requests. If they need more funds later in the year she stated she may have to schedule some meeting with the county to have a conversation on this issue.

Ms. Lewis provided committee members with a copy of a news release that went out yesterday regarding a partnership agreement that has been formed between Family Service and Community Mental Health Center for McHenry County and North Central Behavioral Health Systems. The North Central Behavioral Health Systems is a seven county service provider with facilities in central and north central Illinois. Most of the Community Mental Health Centers in Illinois are struggling financially and are at risk of closure or consolidation because of contract cuts. The Mental Health Board has been involved because contracts will be transferred to this new group. This partnership will assure sustainability for these services.

Committee members thanked Ms. Lewis for her report.

Chairman Peschke informed the committee members they would enter into executive session to discuss item #5.10 on the agenda. The items listed on the agenda will be discussed prior to entering into executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an \$18,000 Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health and to Make an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department's FY12 Budget: Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz to recommend approval of the above Resolution as submitted. Mr. McNulty informed committee members that the department has tried to obtain funding for this program for a number of years. A portion of the grant will be handled by existing staff and the grant will reimburse the Department for \$13,890 of existing staff and benefit costs. Mr. McNulty stated that if the grant goes away, the positions will go away. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Discussion – Valley Hi Operating Board Financial Goals for FY12: Committee members were informed that when the Valley Hi Operating Board last met they agreed on some measurable financial goals for Valley Hi. The Board had previously laid out their Strategic Plan for Valley Hi. The board set out some hard goals for 2012 with the main focus to be on the revenue and expenses for the facility. They would like to improve on the numbers for the facility. Chairman Koehler commended Mr. Annarella for the outstanding job he has done at the facility and for the great job being done by the operating board. He stated that the board and Mr. Annarella have done a phenomenal job in keeping the facility on track.

Committee members were informed that there is an opening on the Valley Hi Operating Board if they know of anyone that may be interested in serving on this board.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP 11-50, Franchised Solid Waste Removal Program: Ms. Nomm and Ms. Hecke joined committee members for an update to information that was provided during the previous committee meeting.

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Committee members were informed that a survey was sent out to all of the residents in the Fox Fire neighborhood. Out of 82 surveys sent out, 55 responses were received. 20 residents supported the program and 34 opposed the program.

The department also contacted the vendor to see if there would be an additional cost to the other neighborhoods if the Fox Fire neighborhood chose not to participate in the program. After speaking with the vendor they have agreed to keep the terms that were previously agreed upon. The current proposal cannot be altered without starting the process over.

Committee members stated that based on these numbers, the Fox Fire neighborhood has chosen to not be included within this program. Committee members asked what happens if this neighborhood decided to join in the program.

They were informed that this contract would again go out for bid in three years and they could opt in at that time. In the meantime a resident can contact the vendor to see if they could get this service for the same contract price. It would be between the vendor and the resident to work out the details of their individual contract.

Ms. Donner informed committee members that she would recuse herself from voting on this issue since she lives in the Fox Fire neighborhood.

Ms. Kurtz questioned what the public health issues are in these neighborhoods to facilitate the department to "franchise" and agreement for them. She was informed that these neighborhoods have been greatly impacted by the revised restrictions to burning. Committee members were informed that the contract will help to ease the truck traffic on these roads as well.

Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval Franchised Solid Waste Removal Program by Prairieland Disposal, with the removal of the Fox Fire neighborhood from this agreement. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Peschke) Nay (Schmidt) and recuse (Donner)

Committee members asked if the residents would be contacted so they will know who will be providing this service. They were informed they would all be notified. This item will be forwarded to NERC (Natural and Environmental Resources Committee) for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to enter into executive session at 9:43a.m. to discuss the selection of a person to fill a vacant office. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke) Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorney.

Ms. Donner left committee at 10:02a.m.

Mr. Donley left committee at 11:40a.m.

Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to reenter regular session at 11:51a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Chairman Peschke noted that no action was taken by the committee during executive session.

Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the Resolution Appointing Jeffrey S. Schleff into the Vacant Elected Position of Regional Superintendent of Schools and Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer between the Non-Departmental and Regional Superintendent of Schools Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, without a recommendation to the County Board for discussion. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke) nay (Kurtz)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$18,000 Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health and to make an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department FY12 budget

Recommend approval of the Franchised Solid Waste Removal Program for RFP 11-50

Resolution Appointing Jeffrey S. Schleff into the Vacant Elected Position of Regional Superintendent of Schools and Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer Between the Non-Departmental and Regional Superintendent of Schools Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

– with no recommendation from the committee

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