

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Lyn Orphal, Chairman; Mary Donner; and Sandra Salgado. Anna May Miller arrived late and Virginia Peschke arrived at 8:18a.m. Randy Donley and Mary McCann were absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Carl Martens, Workforce Investment Board; and Julie Courtney, Workforce Network.

Lyn Orphal, Chairman

Mary L. Donner	Randy Donley
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Virginia Peschke	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009 as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

NEW BUSINESS

*TB Board Appointment – Ellen R. Mangano:* Committee members reviewed the application for Ellen R. Mangano for reappointment to the TB Board. Committee members were informed that there was only the one application received for the open position. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the reappointment of Ms. Ellen R. Mangano to the TB Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Miller, Salgado, Orphal)

Ms. Peschke arrived at 8:18a.m.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic opportunity Grant #09-681002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic opportunity Grant #09-681002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget. Committee members were informed that this is additional funding that has been received from allocations not used by others in the State. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Miller, Peschke, Salgado, Orphal)

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-761002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-761002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget. Committee members were informed that this is additional funding received from Recovery Act funds for dislocated workers. Ms. Peschke 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 roll call vote (Donner, Miller, Peschke, Salgado, Orphal).

*Resolution reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. Martens reminded committee members that the Act ended in 2003 although funding has been received for this year. He stated that we are taking a proactive approach of what should be seen in new legislation and get the County's within the State to approve a resolution to reactivate the Act and the items of what they wanted included within the program. The WIB Legislative committee met last week to talk about taking a proactive stance with State Officials to get them to speak on our behalf for this program. He stated they are also reaching out to those who have benefited from the program in the private sector to highlight the program. Some programs have to be reauthorized and with the high unemployment there is a lot of attention being seen in the workforce network. Committee members questioned if they have seen a movement in unemployment claims. Committee members were told that they do see the numbers fluctuating but they are now seeing people apply for benefits who have never applied for unemployment before. The one program where they are seeing some hiring is

within the reemployment workshops. The problems they are seeing now is the burnout of the remaining employees because of being overworked. The areas that are seeing some hiring is IT, Healthcare workers including CNA's, RNs,

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and counselors. They stated that there will be an increased need for Medical IT workers in the future. After discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

*Workforce Network/WIB:* See above.

*Housing Authority:* The Housing Authority has been busy working to distribute grants for the homeless prevention program. The contracts and funding are slow moving and they are sending out information to other agencies regarding the program funding that is available. Counseling services are being provided by Consumer Credit.

*Board of Health:* H1N1 has declined nationally. There has been an increase in the amount of H1N1 vaccine doses available in the County. The Health Department is providing on line appointments for those interested. There are various clinics being held throughout the county. 45,000 shots have been given. This is low as they expected to see 160,000 in the high risk group. They expect to see another wave of incidents in the near future. The department is seeing an increase in the incidents of seasonal flu.

Mr. McNulty stated that with the State funding in a complete fiscal mess a lot of bills are not getting paid. He stated that thankfully, this is not the primary source of funding for the Health Department. Currently the department has approximately \$225,000 owed them that are 90 days or more late. The HIV program that usually received \$30,000 in funding has only received \$5,000. They will be asking for direction from the Board of Health. This is an area where they work with high risk groups both in the jails and teenagers. He stated he would bring additional information to the committee as it is received.

The Solid Waste Franchise program begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Board Members may hear some complaints after the program starts. Enforcement will be handled by going after the companies not authorized to service this area. All companies have been notified of the changes within the franchise area. They feel this is a good program so they do not expect too many problems. It is hopeful that the franchise areas could be increased in the future.

*Mental Health:* Ms. Lewis stated that they have allowed their contractors to increase their contracts by 4%. Each group has to develop a work plan with parameter. They are meeting with each group one on one to note the expectation of the programs. Some groups are having cash flow issues because of the slow payments from the State. They are helping where they can.

A three member committee has been formed to review the autism services that are available and how best to serve this underserved area.

The Mental Health Board continues membership with 5 major organizations. They will be sending three individuals from area agencies and the board to the National Council meeting.

The building project is moving forward. They continue to answer questions regarding this project with area service agencies so they understand what is going on with the project. Many are questioning if they will be able to use the facility upon completion. Committee members noted they are still hearing complaints about this project as some do not feel this is the best use of resources at this time.

There will be a recognition ceremony for Bev Thomas on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Family Services for those interested in attending. This is where the monthly meeting has been scheduled. The Mental Health Board made a commitment to hold their meetings around the county.

*Senior Services:* Mr. Labaj stated there is a need to schedule a meeting sometime in February. Committee members suggested February 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out polling commission members regarding the best date for attendance. Commission members will be informed when the meeting has been scheduled.

VAC: None

### ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Approved: 2 16 10

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Reappointment of Ellen R. Mangano to the TB Board

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #09-681002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-761002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY10 budget

Resolution reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act

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