

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

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Lyn Orphal, Chairman; Mary Donner; Randy Donley; and Virginia Peschke. Anna May Miller arrived at 8:16a.m. Mary McCann and Sandra Salgado were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ken Koehler, Chairman, McHenry County Board; Pat McNulty, Health; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health Board.

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

MINUTES

Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2010. The minutes were approved as presented with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Ms. Miller arrived at 8:16a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Lake in the Hills Sanitary District:* Committee members reviewed the application for Terry Easler for reappointment to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend the reappointment of Terry Easler to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing a Letter of Agreement with Carl Martens for Director of McHenry County Workforce Investment Board:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Carl Martens. Carl Martens has vacated this position, which is a requirement for the County's participation in the Workforce Investment Act One-Stop System, youth activities, and employment and training activities under Title 1 of the Workforce Investment Act. This agreement will enable the county to retain the services of Mr. Martens to fulfill the requirement of the Workforce Investment Board, up to 600 hours per year. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Donley, Miller, Peschke, Orphal)

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Miller requested information from Mr. McNulty regarding concerns she received from a constituent where a farm is storing a large quantity of manure on their property. Mr. McNulty stated that the department is aware of the issue and are currently investigating the complaint.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

*Senior Services Grant Commission – Interviews:* Committee members interviewed Mr. Ed Beckstrom, Mr. Stephen Polep, Ms. Mariellen Re and Diane Joosten for consideration for appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission. Committee members were informed that Ms. Mary Reid was reappointed by the Housing Authority as their representative on the Commission. There are five open positions on the commission, with one of the positions being for the Housing Authority. There are two non-for-profit agency positions and two citizen at large positions available. The two non-for-profit representatives have applied for reappointment to the commission. The members at large have not reapplied. Chairman Orphal stated that consideration for appointments to the commission will be made after all the interviews have been completed.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

*Mental Health Board:* Ms. Sandy Lewis joined committee members to provide an update on their recent Board meeting and their retreat that was held on April 4, 2010. The major goal for 2011 was to "prioritize their goals". This information will also be presented at the joint meeting of the Mental Health Board and the Public Health & Human

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Services Committee that will take place next Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30pm. There will be two presentations provided at the meeting, one from Turning Point and another from Pioneer Center and Youth Service Bureau. Discussions at the retreat centered on if funding levels and if they should remain the same with the same vendors. The Mental Health Board does have some reserve funds if there should be funding issues because of the State. She stated decreases and conversions of Medicaid have affected the Mental Health budget and all services that are not Medicaid have been cut by 40%. If these funds are cut too drastically, the Mental Health Board could lose its Federal Block Grant, which equates to \$17,000,000. Ms. Lewis reported that they are excited about a SAMSA initiative, on the adult side of services where they will be joining forces with the Lake County Mental Health Department in applying for a competitive grant. This is the first time they have opened these grants to local groups. The population served would be Veteran's and their families. The application is due by the end of the month though this has opened the doors to work collaboratively with others.

Ms. Lewis reported that through the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI), they are raising awareness of a federally mandated service, EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) that should be provided to children to correct defects of physical and mental illnesses and conditions. The Association believes that the State is not providing adequate access to care and therefore is raising awareness of the issue and prioritization of resources to address this at the State level.

Ms. Donner reported that she attended an EFSP (emergency food and shelter program) Board meeting. Grants were given to Home of the Sparrow, the Housing Authority, Northern Illinois Food Bank, PADS, Transitional living and Turning Point

### NEW BUSINESS CON'T

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$154,730 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$154,730 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. McNulty stated that they received good news that this additional funding was being provided to assist women that are on a waiting list in order to receive medical screening. After discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Donley, Miller, Peschke, Orphal)

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$38,689.72 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Mosquito Vector Prevention Program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$38,689.72 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Mosquito Vector Prevention Program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget. These funds are received from the "tire surcharge fund". The amount is less than last year though the grant will still pay for a temporary full time employee for mosquito monitoring and the purchase of larvacide. Ms. Miller 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 (Donner, Donley, Miller, Peschke, Orphal)

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an additional \$10,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an additional \$10,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY10 budget. Mr. McNulty stated these funds will be used to hire a part time Spanish speaking lactation consultant for their WIC program. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donner, Donley, Miller, Peschke, Orphal)

### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CON'T

*Workforce Network/WIB:* Chairman Orphal reported she was unable to attend the last WIB meeting. Based on the earlier discussion today, the County is trying to show that they have an exceptional program that is more active than most WIB's in the State. She attended a recent meeting, with Congresswoman Bean to get the word to her regarding the accomplishments of the group. It is hopeful that we will be able to continue with this program. The problem is that they will be reviewing the whole State overall and this may result in the funding for this program being eliminated.

*Housing Authority:* Committee members were informed that they are working on funding with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This program helps those needing help with rent or getting into apartments. They are trying to get the word out regarding the availability of these funds. They may have to put a cap on the wait list for Section 8 housing. It was noted they have a hard time keeping the list current with it being so large.

*Board of Health:* Mr. McNulty informed committee members the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) Community Assessment process update will be the program highlight for the Board of Health Meeting on April 26, 2010.

The department continues to provide 30 – 50 H1N1 vaccines per week. There is still some interest for those needing the vaccine. Activity is non-existent and it is hopeful we won't see a reoccurrence of the flu. Even though it is non-existent, it is important to be vaccinated or risk contracting the disease. Approximately 1/3 of the population has been vaccinated.

A volunteer luncheon will be has been scheduled for Sunday for the volunteer that helped with the vaccine program. \$5,000 has been restored to the HIV program. The program is still \$20,000 short in funding from previous years. Mr. McNulty stated that those involved in the franchise program for waste pickup, their first landscape waste pick up date has been scheduled. They are also able to put out yard waste for pickup. They can put one large item and this will be picked up as well. Any concerns that the residents have called about are being addressed. An open burning forum meeting was held to voice concerns since we are now in the burning season. Meetings are held on a regular basis. Word is getting out regarding the changes to the regulations. There is now staff available to address concerns/complaints on off hours and weekends.

Three vans at the Animal Control facility was broken into on Monday evening. It is thought they were breaking in to steal personal items that may have been in the vans. A policy is being created to require staff to remove personal items from the vehicles. This is the first vandalism occurrence at the facility. Committee members were informed that this has happened at the Administration Building with break in of Planning and Development vehicles. This stopped after these vehicles were placed closer to the building in lighted areas. It was suggested that the animal control vehicles be parked closer to the building as well.

*Mental Health:* Ms. Lewis is in Washington DC to discuss funding for Mental Health.

*Senior Services:* Mr. Labaj reminded committee members that their kickoff meeting was recently held. The Pace Ribbon Cutting was a great success. The dates have been set for review of the applications. He stated they should expect an increase in requests because of the state of the economy. Each group is trying to maintain their services.

VAC: None

*McCullom Lake:* Chairman Koehler joined committee members to provide committee members with an update on the McCullom Lake issue. He stated that he met with Leslie Stayner, PhD, from the University of Illinois, an expert in epidemiology. Chairman Koehler stated he wanted to make sure there are no remaining issues for McCullom Lake. He questioned if enough was done to address this issue. Dr. Stayner stated that the County did what it could and should have been doing. An additional person, Dr Linda Forest from the Environmental Occupation of Health, Industry Hygiene stated they could give the County help to give the "all clear" for the area, but there would be some costs for this service. There aren't any residual chemicals in the water in the area. It was stated that this type of cancer, historically, is not contracted from this type of exposure. Committee members asked if any questionnaires were sent to residents in the area to see if there were any common links. They were informed that because of litigation only a handful of questionnaires were returned. Until litigation is complete, no additional answers will be brought forward.

A committee member stated that they have received a complaint that "they may have been exposed to an environmental issue that may be causing cancer" and they questioned what the County's authority would be in this issue. Mr. McNulty stated that in the past they have been actively involved with concerns of cancer, though, with cancers they can show up randomly in clusters. The individual would be put in contact with the cancer registry and the department could help with some testing of bacteria in their area. Unless there is a known source of contamination, further testing is not done. If the individuals would like additional tests, they are referred to a facility that can help them. It was stated that a lot of things can cause cancer.

Another issue that has come forward is there are 63 homes in Algonquin that are currently receiving their water supply from Lake in the Hills. Lake in the Hills has notified these individuals that they are cutting off the services to these residents unless they upgrade the system at a cost of millions of dollars. These individuals have been charged maintenance fees for the past 40 years. The homeowners are hoping there is some contractual requirement for them paying for their water for the past 40 years. Mr. Labaj suggested they look into funding from the Hazard Mitigation Plan as this plan addresses area where there is no water available for people. Committee members questioned who/where someone would apply for this information.

Committee members were informed that the Continuum of Care, through their NSP Neighborhood Stabilization Program, they have identified Harvard as an affordable place to live. The issue is that there is no transportation to get there from Woodstock or any other area in McHenry County, because of the limited train service. Committee members stated that the County needs to lobby for more train stops in McHenry County. Committee members asked if a Resolution from the County could be sent to Metra/Pace to request expanded service in the area. Mr. Labaj

stated that both these groups come before the County Board to approve their budgets and maybe they could approach this issue at that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to adjourn the meeting at 10:00a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Appointment of Terry Easler to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District

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