

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010

Vice Chairman Donner called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Vice Chairman Mary Donner; Randy Donley; Mary McCann; Anna May Miller and Virginia Peschke. Lyn Orphal, Chairman and Sandra Salgado were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health; Jane Wacker, Mental Health Board; Bob Ivetic, Human Resources; and the press.

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

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes of May 12, 2010. Some individual comments were removed. After review, Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2010 as amended. The minutes were approved as amended with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing an appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY11 Continuation Funding Agreements: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY11 Continuation Funding Agreements. Committee members were informed that a new Resolution is available for review on the table as there was a discrepancy in what they were informed they would be receiving for the grant and what was actually sent. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend approval of the above Resolutions as presented. Some changes may be made to services because of the changes made to the grant. Ms Wacker stated she is not sure where funds will be made up so some of the programs may change slightly. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Miller, Peschke, Donner)

Resolution authorizing an expansion to the McHenry County Board of Health from Nine to Twelve Members: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an expansion to the McHenry County Board of Health from Nine to Twelve Members. Mr. McNulty reminded committee members that during a discussion at the last committee meeting they had proposed the Board of Health be expanded to Twelve members. The terms for these positions can be for 3, 2 or 1 year but must be made during their anniversary date, which is June 31st. There were a couple of great candidates that were interviewed that could be considered for these positions. The board must include two doctors, one dentist and one nurse. Historically they have only had one physician on the Board. The bylaws state there will be a nurse on the board. The change was recommended in order to have more experience and diversity on the board though there has not been an issue with having a 9 member board. The board was previously changed from an 8 member board to a 9 member board. After discussion, Ms. Peschke 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 roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Miller, Peschke, Donner)

Discussion on the reorganization of the Animal Control Division: Committee members entered into a discussion surrounding a proposal to reorganize the Animal Control Division. The manager has tendered his resignation. The Department has wanted to have a full time veterinarian on staff. It is proposed that the division create a Veterinarian/Manager position. There are a lot of qualified Vets available to provide increased duties in the division. Right now, all vet duties are being outsourced and the department is seeing an increased trend for services at the

facility. This creates inefficiencies and higher costs for the department as well. If a veterinarian was on staff, these services could be provided on site. Mr. McNulty reported that they have a 501C3 company that will help raise funds in order to purchase equipment for the facility. The department has a current Administrator (which must be a Vet) under contract. This contract could be eliminated and this portion would be part of the Veterinarian's duties as well. Mr. McNulty reported that they would like to recommend additional movement within the division, but, because of labor negotiations, they are unable to make these changes at this time. There would be no net increase to the budget and internal funds would be used to address these changes. Mr. Ivetic reported that there would be no impact to their budget to have a Vet on staff and feels this would be a good idea. He stated that labor negotiations were held this past Friday and seems to be moving very quickly. In regards to the Administrative Specialist position, he recommends they exercise patience until the total scope of the negotiations has been completed. When dealing with staff they are not sure what impact this could have with the bargaining unit and we need to make sure all of the facts are obtained before proceeding and everything is done in a legal manner. Another issue is the request to change one position to an exempt position. This request will need to be reviewed to see if the position is qualified to be an exempt position so this is premature. This position has not been reviewed by the State's Attorney, in review of the Fair Labor Standards from a labor relations point of view. Committee members questioned if the Vet/Manager would be a Health Department employee or an employee of the County. Committee members were informed that the Health Department employees are employees of the County, but, they work for the Department of Health. Committee members were informed that the appointment of the Animal Control Administrator is done by the County Board. It was noted that if the Animal Control Administrator and Veterinarian are the same person, this would save the County money.

Mr. McNulty reminded committee members that during the previous meeting the committee had spoke about the desire to appoint some of the interviewed applicants to the Board of Health and that was the reason for the Resolution to increase the Board of Health. He stated that part of the request was to try to keep the nurse on the Board. Because of how their bylaws are written, they need to make these appointments during the anniversary date, which is June 31st. If appointments are not made at this time, they have to wait another year to address this request. Mr. McNulty requested the nurse be reappointed to the Board. Committee members agreed hold a meeting just prior to the County Board meeting to facilitate this request.

Housing Authority Appointments: Sulte Ahven, Tenant Appointment: Committee members reviewed the tenant appointment request for the Housing Authority. The previous tenant moved leaving the tenant position vacant. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend the appointment of Sulte Ahven to the McHenry County Housing Authority. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Miller, Peschke, Donner)

TB Board – reappointment of Rebecca Rockwood: Committee members reviewed the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Rockwood to the McHenry County TB Board. This is a three member board and Ms. Rockwood has served on this board for a number of years and has provided a great service to the board. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend the reappointment of Ms. Rebecca Rockwood to the McHenry County TB Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Miller, Peschke, Donner)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

Workforce Network/WIB: none.

Board of Health: The next Board of Health meeting will be June 28th. The Department has received two NACO Achievement Awards. One grant is for the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement and one is for the H1N1 Nurse Recruitment program.

The Electronic Recycling event was a great success. Over 10 semi-trucks were filled with electronic waste. Committee members noted they had over 1600 people attend this event. This was a very well run event. With the State pulling the funding for recycling programs this was a welcome event.

Committee members were informed that the Solid Waste Franchise program is running very well. They have had very few complaints. Overall the program is going very well. Curbside leaf vacuuming is done in the Spring and Fall.

Committee members questioned if the Health Department was involved in permitting for the "race track" event. Mr. McNulty stated that inspectors attended the event, two different times, to inspect this event. Most of the food being served was prepackaged. This was a one-time operation so no permit was issued. Cooked items were checked for safety.

Mental Health Board: Committee members were informed that the Mental Health Board held their annual meeting last month. People are concerned with the funding cuts going on at the State Level. They are afraid all of their

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services will be taken away and some of these programs are lifesavers for many. When they held their outreach meetings in the various communities of the county they found out the need for services are growing.

Housing Authority: Ms. Peschke stated that she cannot understand the lack of interest in the programs at the Housing Authority. She noted there are funds available to help people but they are having a hard time convincing people to apply for these services. There are very few out there taking advantage of these programs.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Mr. Labaj reminded committee members of the one day event for presentation of the Senior Services Grant Commission grant requests on August 20th. Two workshops have been scheduled for interested applicants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS, AS APPLICABLE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to adjourn the meeting at 9:15a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing an appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY11 Continuation Funding Agreements

Resolution authorizing an expansion to the McHenry County Board of Health from Nine to Twelve members

Appointment of Sulve Ahven to the McHenry County Housing Authority

Appointment of Rebecca Rockwood to the McHenry County TB Board