

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Chairman Lyn Orphal; Randy Donley and Virginia Peschke. Sandra Salgado, Mary Donner, Mary McCann and Anna May Miller were absent. Also present: County Board Chairman, Ken Koehler; Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Carl Martens, Workforce Investment Board; Julie Courtney and Peggy Sarbaugh McNally, Workforce Network; Pat McNulty, Health; Ersel Schuster, County Board Member; and Mike Iwanicki, Veterans Assistance Commission.

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

MINUTES

Committee members were unable to approve minutes as the committee did not have a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer in the Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2010 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2010 budget. Chairman Orphal requested committee members review the Resolution so the committee could forward it on to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration. She noted the committee would be unable to vote on the resolution since the committee lacked a quorum. Committee members were informed that this is just a change on which line item would pay for the computer lease program of the department. The Auditors had requested this change in order to cover a shortage in the line item to pay for this lease. After review the committee members directed that this Resolution be forwarded for consideration to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ms. Courtney informed committee members that the fast grant that was obtained by US Representative Bean has been going well. Out of the 35 that started the program, 26 have completed. 13 of these individuals are now working and 8 have continued to move through the program. 25 individuals have enrolled though the bilingual CNA program. She stated the department is working on programs in order to use the second part of this grant. Committee members asked if they are seeing fewer requests for unemployment benefits. Ms. Courtney stated they did see an increase of school teachers applying for benefits, but overall requests seem to be down. They are seeing people returning to work in the IT, Truck Drivers and Medical fields. Ms. Peschke stated that Consumer Credit Corporation had a visit from Representative Bean asking why the mortgage programs are not working. She stated that the State Representative spent a fair amount of time with them discussing this issue.

FY10-11 Budget Review (not in packet): Mr. Sarbaugh joined committee members to review the budgets for the Health Department, Regional Superintendent of Schools, McHenry County Workforce Network, WIB, and Veterans Assistance Commission. Committee members were reminded that since there was no quorum, the budgets will be reviewed and forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration.

Regional Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Goeglein joined committee members to review the budget for the Regional Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Sarbaugh stated that a portion of this department is funded out of the General Fund and the State of Illinois. The support staff for the department is paid by the County. The budget has been decreased in order to move the McSeep program to the Planning and Development Department under the Water Resource program. This is the schools environmental program. Committee members questioned the increase in personnel costs. Mr. Sarbaugh stated this is an error in calculations and overall the total won't change. The correction will be brought back to committee for review. The Schools office has been moved to the old Treasurer's Office and seems to be a better fit for the department. Mr. Williams is working on a program

to try to cut the absentee rate in the schools. This is part of the dropout prevention efforts of the schools. Committee members requested a report on this program. Committee members directed that the budget for the Regional Superintendent of Schools forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for review.

Workforce Network: Ms. Julie Courtney joined committee members for review of their FY10/11 budget. Mr. Sarbaugh stated that the intergovernmental income has been reduced. If additional grants are received the department can bring a resolution forward to accept the grant. After review the committee members directed the FY10/11 budget for the Workforce Network forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for review. Mr. Donley reported that he has been having a hard time in his business keeping qualified staff as they have stated they would rather remain on unemployment, as it pays better.

WIB: Mr. Carl Martens joined committee members to review the FY10/11 budget for the Workforce Investment Board. Because the Director is now working part time, this budget has been reduced. Funding is supported by the Workforce Network. After review, the committee members directed the FY10/11 budget for the Workforce Investment Board forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration. Committee members questioned if Mr. Martens had heard anything regarding legislative changes to the Board. He stated that he is not sure what will happen to the Board, though both the House and Senate increased funding for Workforce Development. There is a push to try to put the Workforce Investment Board under State Authority. Currently there has not been action taken on this issue.

VAC: Mr. Mike Iwanicki joined committee members to review the FY10/11 budget for the Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC). Mr. Iwanicki has done a good job with his budget. This budget is supported by a tax levy and therefore does not use any of the County's General Fund money. The department expects to utilize some of its fund balance. The department is asking for an increase for their per diem drivers. They hope to obtain an additional vehicle through PACE. They have also applied for a grant to create a program to help with medical assistance for Veteran's. After review of the budget committee members directed the FY10/11 budget for the Veteran's Assistance Commission forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for review.

Health Department: Mr. Pat McNulty joined committee members to review the FY10/11 budget for the McHenry County Health Department. Mr. Sarbaugh commended Mr. McNulty for condensing his program descriptions as requested. Mr. McNulty stated he is continuing support with the IT department to pursue internet based permitting. This would allow for quick access to permits through the website. The credit card program has been implemented and is working well. The revenue has been decreased based on the decrease of grants being received. The expenditures for these programs have been reduced as well. Mr. McNulty would like to change how the dental program is working. With the changes he would like to add an additional dentist. The various budgets for the Health Department were reviewed including the Dental Care Clinic Fund, TB Care & Treatment Fund, Animal Shelter Fund, Health Scholarship Fund as well as the General Fund. They would also like to hire a full time Communicable Disease Nurse to provide staffing of The Travel Immunization Clinic and Adult immunization Clinic in Crystal Lake twice a week. Mr. Sarbaugh stated that a Resolution should be brought forward with this request to see if the Board wants an increase to their budget. He stated it would be better to handle this as a separate request as this has a unique self contained budget so funding would come from the Departments own budget. After review of the budgets committee members directed they be forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee for review.

Mr. McNulty reported that there has been an increase in bat exposures in the County. As recently reported, 16 teens from a youth camp were exposed to a bat. They all received the shot series since the bat was not captured for testing. Chairman Koehler stated he had captured and had a rabid bat collected from his house as well.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CON'T

Workforce Network/WIB: The next meeting has been scheduled for next month.

Board of Health: Mr. McNulty informed committee members there was not a meeting this month. The new Veterinarian has started at Animal Control. So far they are pleased with her performance. Changes are being made to expand the medical program in the future. Committee members were reminded that the Board of Health is still in need of an additional physician to serve on the board. This physician would fill the unexpired term to 2011.

Mental Health Board: None.

Housing Authority: None.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Committee members stated that the grant session for Senior Services was a long but productive day. They stated this was a better way to review and make a decision on the grant requests. They plan on holding the same session in the coming year.

VAC: None.

McCullom Lake: Chairman Koehler stated that McCullom Lake officials held a meeting last night and were asked if the Trustees were interested in testing all the wells in the Village. They stated the Village did not have the funding to undertake this expense. The good news is that Chairman Koehler spoke to a representative from Rohm and Haas and they are willing to provide financial assistance for additional independent testing of the wells and air in the Village. There are three components to this funding, the first being they will provide up to \$50,000 to have the wells tested for the presence of vinyl chloride. Each test cost approximately \$125 and there are approximately 400 wells in the Village. To assure such results are both independent and credible they are requesting that either the County or the EPA select an EPA certified firm to conduct the testing and related lab analysis. They are also willing to commit up to \$5,000 to test outdoor Village air for vinyl chloride, again with either the County or the EPA select an EPA certified firm to conduct the testing and related lab analysis. The third item they are will to do is a comprehensive assessment which should include an independent expert assessment of various theories of vinyl chloride exposure in the Village. They are willing to commit up to \$50,000 to support this independent analysis. They noted that the underlying scientific questions should not be relegated to what is going on in a courtroom hundreds of miles away, but should be independently evaluated on behalf of the County and its residents. Such an undertaking should be completed by the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Water Survey, or an independent organization that they may retain for this purpose. Chairman Koehler stated there are no local companies that do this type of testing, though there is a company in Peoria that does 80% of these types of tests in Illinois. Only a handful of requests have been brought forward by the residents in the Village for testing of the wells. McCullom Lake will survey their residents to find out if they want this type of testing and to provide information regarding these tests. There will be no County or Rohm and Haas involvement with these tests as there is a public perception that if they are involved the results must be tainted. We want the community to be comfortable with these tests and it might be better if the Village gets involved with these efforts. Committee members thanked Chairman Koehler for this information.

Chairman Koehler informed committee members that they held a successful meeting to create an Underage Drinking Task Force. There is large community support in this effort. Mr. Williams from the Regional Superintendent of School wrote his thesis on this topic and has incredible resources available on this issue. He has agreed to be the first Chairman of this group. Jamie Rein from the States Attorney's office will be the Vice Chair as well. There are grant opportunities that will be searched to help in this effort. District 200 already has a similar program up and running. Lake County has been involved with a similar program for two years and have already seen a 7% drop in underage drinking incidents. The next meeting has been scheduled for September 20th at 9:00a.m. 100's of invitations will be sent out Countywide in anticipation of this event. Committee members stated that when the Drug and Alcohol Committee was in effect they discovered that the peer to peer programs work well with the teens. They noted it is very important to have parent involvement in this program. Chairman Koehler stated they had a large group participate in yesterday's meeting and a Resolution will be created in support of this effort and will go before the County Board at the next meeting as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS, AS APPLICABLE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47a.m.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2010 budget