

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

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

Chairman Peschke called the Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. The following members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Randy Donley; Mary Donner; Donna Kurtz; Sandra Salgado and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Anna May Miller was absent. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Carl Martens, Workforce Investment Board; Connie Meschini, Mental Health Board; Sandy Lewis, Director Mental Health; and Gerri Sherman and Peggy Sarbaugh-McNally, Workforce Network.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Committee members reviewed the Public Health and Human Services Committee minutes of November 10, 2010. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz, to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Lewis, Executive Director of the Mental Health Board (MHB), joined committee members and welcomed the new Public Health & Human Services Committee members. She thanked the committee for the outstanding candidates that they have had on the Board and mentioned that they have been very well served by those members. She provided members with a portion of the Community Mental Health Act which states in part “No member of the Community Mental Health Board may be a full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Human Services or a board member, employee or any other individual receiving compensation from any facility or service operating under contract to the board.” She mentioned that both Don Larson and Sam Tenuto have been excellent members of the MHB. Mr. Larson is currently the President of the MHB and has served in that position for several years. Mr. Tenuto is well versed in mental disabilities and serves on their autism committee.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Chairman Peschke requested that Items 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 be moved up on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-661002 and an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget:* Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Ms. Sherman joined committee members and mentioned these funds are for their Trade Adjustment Assistant Program (TAA) in the amount of \$16,470. The grant funds will be used to provide vocational training for TAA participants. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Salgado, Schmidt and Schuster).

*Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-761002 and an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget:* Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Ms. Sherman stated that they have received additional funds for the Workforce Investment Act for program year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$13,592. This grant is for dislocated workers stimulus and it will be used for vocational training. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Salgado, Schmidt and Schuster).

*Recognition of Bob Martens as Chief Executive Officer of Family Services & Community Mental Health Center for McHenry County:* Mr. Labaj joined committee members and mentioned that Mr. Martens will be retiring from Family Services & Community Mental Health after a 25 year career with the organization. Mr. Martens' work has not been confined to only working with Family Services. He has served on the Community Development Block Grant Commission for many years and has been a great representative of the community. A Proclamation will be brought before the County Board at the February 1, 2011 meeting. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to recommend the County

Board approve the Proclamation. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Salgado, Schmidt and Schuster). Ms. Salgado mentioned that committee members who have not met Lori Nelson (Mr. Martens' replacement) will be able to meet her during the upcoming Senior Services meetings.

*Review of Workforce Network Federal Legislative Request (C.L.I.M.M.B.):* Mr. Martens joined committee members and stated that they had some earmarked money that they received from the Department of Labor through Melissa Bean's office through a flexible and sustaining grant. They have received the money for that grant and there is money appropriated for the program to continue to the end of 2012. The Educational C.L.I.M.M.B. application is a follow-up to the initial grant. It is designed to help people obtain training in advanced manufacturing, CNC operators, healthcare occupations, science technology and math programs. This program will include both traditional and blended courses which will allow flexible scheduling which may include weekend, nighttime and online courses. The budget for the Educational C.L.I.M.M.B. includes faculty salary, benefits and program development costs. Mr. Labaj mentioned that there will be a resolution on an upcoming County Board Agenda to approve the Workforce Network Federal Legislative Program for 2012 and asked whether or not this committee would give their consent for this resolution to be brought before the County Board. It was the consensus of the committee members present that the resolution be brought before the County Board to approve the Workforce Network Federal Legislative Program for 2012. This matter will be brought before the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on January 27, 2011.

*Mental Health Board Interviews:*

Committee members interviewed Kathleen Zank, Don Larson, Patricia Theodore, Samuel Tenuto, Kathy Hinz, Christopher Novak, Mark Booras and Cindy Grady for consideration for appointment to the McHenry County Mental Health Board. Chairman Peschke mentioned to several candidates that according to state statute, no member of the MHB may be a full-time or part-time employee or board member of the Department of Human Services, or an individual who receives compensation from any facility or service operating under contract with the MHB. She also mentioned that there are three openings for the Board, each serving a three year term.

Ms. Donner left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Committee members took a break at 10:35 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

After completion of the interviews, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to recommend the reappointment of Sam Tenuto to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Kurtz, Salgado, Schmidt and Schuster). Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to recommend the reappointment of Don Larson to the Mental Health Board. The motion failed with two ayes (Donley and Peschke) and three nays (Salgado, Schmidt and Kurtz). Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz, to recommend the appointment of Kathy Hinz to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Kurtz, Salgado, Schmidt and Schuster). It was the consensus of the committee to request a legal opinion from the State's Attorney's Office concerning the Community Mental Health Act's state statute as to whether or not Christopher Novak would be eligible to hold a position on the Mental Health Board because of his current employment. It was the consensus of the committee that Kathy Hinz will replace Caren Gardner's vacant position on the Mental Health Board. The third vacant position on the MHB will be left vacant and will be reviewed upon receipt of the State's Attorney's opinion.

*Committee Meeting Schedule for 2011:*

It was the consensus of the committee to hold their 2011 meetings at 8:15 a.m. on the first and third Friday of every month. Chairman Peschke asked that the Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2011 be cancelled due to a conflict with the COW/Strategic Planning Meeting being held at the same date/time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

*Workforce Network/WIB:* None.

*Housing Authority:* None.

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*Board of Health:* None.

*Mental Health Board:* None.

*Senior Services Grant Commission:* Mr. Labaj mentioned that the Senior Services Grant Commission would like to present their 2010 year-end report to this committee. They will report how the funds were disbursed and discuss their strategic plan for the upcoming grant year. A tentative date for their presentation will be March 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. which follows the PH&HS meeting which begins at 8:15 a.m.

*VAC:* None.

*Valley Hi:* None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:**

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Proclamation in Recognition of Bob Martens as Chief Executive Officer of Family Services & Community Mental Health Center for McHenry County  
Appointment of Kathy J. Hinz and Samuel J. Tenuto to the McHenry County Mental Health Board

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