

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

Chairman Peschke called the Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Randy Donley; Mary Donner; Donna Kurtz; Sandra Salgado; Anna May Miller and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Sandy Lewis, Director Mental Health; Jeffery Poynter and Julie Courtney, Workforce Network; Pamela Morzos, RN, Maternal Child Health Coordinator and Lilly Warren RN, Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, Health Department; Tom Annarella, Valley Hi Nursing Home.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Committee members reviewed the Public Health and Human Services Committee minutes of February 18, 2011. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Salgado, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved, with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Pam Fender from Huntley Illinois joined committee members concerning the costs of permits through the Health Department. She stated that she comes before the committee today to propose changes to the ordinance concerning the Health Department and how much they charge for permits, when permits are needed for social events. In today's economy, more and more people feel government needs to take a back seat when helping the less fortunate or simply enriching the day to day lives of our residents. She stated that in McHenry County, we are lucky to have numerous non-profits to help carry the load. These non-profits raise funds through special events, festivals and food events. The McHenry County Department of Health wants \$45 to sell air-popped popcorn at a movie night, to sell lemon shake-ups or hot cocoa. If a hot dog vendor wants to take a trailer around from ballpark to ballpark they need a \$45 permit that is granted for only two weeks. When a festival committee runs a weekend festival, each vendor must pay \$70 for a permit. Unless a festival committee takes responsibility for the event, then a \$400 permit is required. This is for up to 10 vendors. If there are more than 10 vendors, there is a charge of \$30 for each additional vendor. You have to wonder, if a festival committee takes responsibility, what are the legal or insurance implications? She stated that this committee has always had the attitude that permits need to pay for the inspections. She questioned if these inspections truly cost \$400? Ms. Fender thanked the committee members for their time.

PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE, AS APPLICABLE

Chairman Peschke informed committee members that she would allow Mr. Annarella to provide the Valley Hi report and bring forward his resolutions in order to allow him to leave to attend to business of the facility.

Mr. Annarella requested direction on what the committee members expected him to report as he has reports to provide to the Valley Hi Operating Board, the Finance and Audit Committee and now the Public Health and Human Services Committee. Committee members stated that he should report staffing concerns and issues that may be facing Valley Hi. Committee members suggested that they review areas that positions could be created as job share options. Mr. Annarella stated that one of the Resolutions being brought forward today does exactly as suggested. He is requesting a full time position reclassified into two part time Certified Nursing Assistant positions and two part time Nursing Assistant Registry Positions. He stated they are working to realign positions to better meet the needs of the facility. The changes so far has resulted in decreased costs at the facility. They have increased the working hours, but decreased the staff time. A community liaison nurse will be needed that will evaluate persons at the area hospitals before entrance into Valley Hi. It was suggested that a budget for the facility presented for review. A turnover report should be provided. There needs to be consistency in staffing as this speaks to the quality of care. A residents report should be included. This will allow the committee members to address resident issues at the facility. Another request was to provide a programming report that would inform the committee members of the quality of care and what type of programs the residents are getting. Mr. Annarella reported that over the past year, the facility has increased revenues and

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decreased costs. There was one month the facility posted a profit. The facility is trending in the right direction. In the month of December, there were four turnovers of staff at the facility. In January, there were three. These turnovers are out of 166 employees. These numbers are very low in industry standards. In Nursing Homes there are a higher number of turnovers in CNA and Dietary staff.

Committee members questioned why Valley Hi is reporting to the Public Health Committee as they provide a thorough budget review at the Finance and Audit Committee and Valley Hi reports to the Operating Board as well. They noted that there are two County Board Members who serve on this board. They questioned why the Director of Valley Hi has to spend his valuable time reporting to all of the various committees. Ms. Schmidt stated that she serves on the Operating Board and would be able to provide a report to this committee. Chairman Peschke stated that the Public Health and Human Services Committee is the liaison committee for Valley Hi. This is the result of the restructuring at the facility. This is an evolving process. The Valley Hi Director does provide a report to the Operating Board, the Finance and Audit Committee and now this committee. Committee members stated that it is good to get updates in order to develop relationships with the various department heads. We receive reports from various Directors, whether they are from the Veterans Assistance Commission, Valley Hi or the Mental Health Board. There is a balance that is needed between brief reporting here and a more thorough report to the Operating Board or Finance and Audit Committee. Chairman Peschke stated she would discuss this issue with the County Board Chairman.

Committee members were informed that the facility has 128 beds, 10 or 11 of these beds are used for Medicare patients, 80 to 84 are for Medicaid and the remaining beds are for private pay individuals. Committee members questioned how far behind payment are coming from the State. They were informed that the State has been paying ahead of time and they have been paying too much. Mr. Annarella stated that there will be a time when the State will request their money back so they have been keeping a close tally on these funds so they know exactly how much will be due to the State.

Mr. Annarella voiced concern regarding the Medicaid funding cuts being recommended. He stated that previously, there was a bed tax increase. The facility would have gained about \$74,000 per year, but now, with the proposed cuts to Medicaid, they are unsure where they will stand.

Committee members stated that when a Resolution is being forwarded to this committee, it has been forwarded by the Operating Board for consideration. This requires the Valley Hi Administrator to attend each of the committee meetings. Committee members stated they did not think Mr. Annarella needed to attend every committee meeting and suggested that one of the Operating Board Liaisons provide some of the updates when feasible.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of a Full Time Certified Nursing Assistant (Position #061-0153-05) into Two (2) Part Time Certified Nursing Assistant Positions and Two (2) Certified Nursing Assistant Registry Positions in the Valley Hi Departmental Rosters: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of a Full Time Certified Nursing Assistant (Position #061-0153-05) into Two (2) Part Time Certified Nursing Assistant Positions and Two (2) Certified Nursing Assistant Registry Positions in the Valley Hi Departmental Roster. Mr. Annarella stated that these changes will help reduce overtime costs at the facility. Ms. Kurtz 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 (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Supporting Funding of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA): Committee members were informed that this Resolution is being brought forward in support of Workforce Investment Act funding. This will be forwarded to our congressional leaders to let them know the importance of this service and the economic driver this program has been in this County. Ms. Kurtz 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 voice vote. Ms. Courtney stated that she spoke to Representative Walsh's office and he will be visiting the center next Wednesday to review the services at the facility and speak to participants in the program. This issue has been forwarded to the Senate. There, two continuing resolution have passed. Congressman Manzullo has been very supportive of this program and is aware of the services offered at the facility. He has also visited the Workforce Center located in Rockford.

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Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services and the McHenry County Workforce Network: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services and the McHenry County Workforce Network. Committee members were informed that the current lease expires making it necessary to extend the current contract. This lease includes a sub-lease from the unemployment partners located within the facility. This also allows the various entities to split the cost of the rent. Committee members questioned if the parking issues at the facility has been addressed. Ms. Courtney responded that this issue has not been resolved and parking is handled by allowing visitors to park in the Government Center parking area. The owner of the adjoining property wants his property to be improved, preferably at County expense, and then he would like to rent this parking lot to the County for \$2,500 per month. Visitors will continue to park in the Government Center Parking lot. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Committee members were informed that the current lease says it is for 5 years, but this will actually be for 3 years.

Resolution for Lease Agreement for McHenry County Workforce Network: Committee members reviewed a Resolution for Lease Agreement for McHenry County Workforce Network. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schmidt to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members voiced concern of the cost to rent this facility. Ms. Courtney stated that the costs include a portion of the utility costs for the facility. It was too difficult in the past to get payment from the State for the utilities, so these costs were included in the lease payments. The lease has been increased yearly to address the increases for the utilities. Ms. Courtney stated that these contracts will be held until they find out what will happen to the WIA funding. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$35,000 Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department's FY2011 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$35,000 Grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department's FY2011 Budget. Ms. Pamela Morzos, RN, Maternal Child Health Coordinator, joined committee members to provide information on the above grant. Committee members were informed that the McHenry County Department of Health is one of approximately 25 Health Care Providers that provide vaccines to eligible children within the County through the Illinois Department of Public Health Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The Health Department was offered this grant to improve the VFC immunization rates in the county. This grant program will allow the Department to hire a part time staff person to provide training, support and education to the 25 medical providers that utilize vaccines from the VFC program. This program will improve the standards of care in this area. The part time nurse will provide annual visits to the VFC providers to help recruit and promote services, provide live registry of the vaccines and assess the coverage areas for each provider. This individual will provide the link between the private and public sector. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that the Department of Health was encouraged by the State to take on these programs from the State. The Health Department will be charged with the educational piece of this program. The department follows the guidelines as set by the CDC. The grant covers vaccinations for children from 6 months through 18 years, children on Medicaid, or those under insured or those who have no insurance. Committee members questioned if this would be a onetime grant. They were informed that this has been an ongoing grant for the past four or five years. Committee members were informed that if the grant goes away, the position created for the grant would go away as well. This program will be publicized on the Health Department's website. Flyers will be prepared for the physician's in the area, community agencies, churches, school nurses and food pantries. The flyers will be printed in English and Spanish. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of \$84,500 in Additional Grant Funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department's FY2011 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of \$84,500 in Additional Grant Funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and an Emergency Appropriation to the Health Department's FY2011 Budget. Ms. Lily Warren, RN, Breast & Cervical Cancer Program Coordinator, joined committee members to answer questions regarding this grant. The Department of Health has been offered \$84,500 in additional funding to the current program grant. This additional funding will help the department improve its ability to provide needed services to women in the County. This funding was not included in the FY2011 budget. The first year of the program the department served 400 women. The second year this increased to 525 and the third year they served 600 women. During the 2010/2011 program they have served 880 individuals. This has had a
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huge impact to the community. McHenry County leads the state in later stage diagnosis of breast cancer. Ms. Warren stated that she believes this demonstrates the need for these services in this area. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. These funds are to be used primarily to pay medical providers for diagnostic services. No local match is required for these additional funds. Committee members voiced concern and questioned what would happen if this grant wasn't approved next year as the County Board is looking at all programs that are not mandated to provide. Committee members were informed if the board did not approve a grant, the positions created from a grant would go away. Ms. Schmidt reminded committee members that this grant originally was not approved, but after there were some changes made the approval came through in December. Committee members questioned where the individuals that need treatment are sent. They were informed that they have a very comprehensive provider network that they refer individuals to after receiving a diagnosis. The Department also assists with the coordination of treatment through the Illinois Department of Human Services. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CON'T:

Workforce Network/WIB: Ms. Kurtz informed committee members that the WIB meeting was very well attended. They discussed Senator Durbin's visit to the Workforce One-Stop center. Reports were provided to the WIB members that Ms. Kurtz stated she would share with the committee members. The reports show the employment trends and forecasts for the County. Ms. Kurtz informed committee members that she drafted a "letter to the editor" that she would like to have signed by all the members of the Public Health and Human Services Committee members in support of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for input to the Daily Herald. Committee members voiced concern that this letter is too lengthy as this letter would be too lengthy to post in the local newspapers. They also questioned why she would send this letter for input into the Daily Herald as they are a Lake County newspaper. Committee members stated maybe the Daily Herald would accept this letter as a column instead of a letter to the editor. Committee members suggested this letter sent to the Daily Herald, Northwest Herald and Woodstock Independent. They questioned if this letter should be signed in support by the whole County Board. They stated that it may be more worthwhile to wait for approval of a Resolution in support of WIA to forward along with the letter of support, to show that this was "endorsed" by the County Board. Ms. Courtney asked if she could provide a copy of this letter to Congressman Walsh when he visits the Workforce Network offices. She stated that this would be a wonderful piece to share with him. Committee members stated the letter could be provided as a "draft" in anticipation of approval by the County Board. Ms. Schmidt noted that there may be a timing issue with this as the County Board is not scheduled to meet again until April 7th. Committee members agreed to change the letter to send to Congressman Walsh as supported by this committee. They suggested the committee members name listed alphabetically on the letter. Ms. Kurtz stated she would like to include additional County Board Members on the letter if they would like and questioned how she should present this letter to the County Board Members. Committee members stated that this letter could be included with the Resolution that supports the funding of the Workforce Investment Act to be approved by the County Board. The Resolution and letter could then be sent out as a press release as this would signify a general consensus from the County Board. Ms. Kurtz stated that she wants this letter to come from this committee as this is the "department" that interfaces with the Workforce Network. She stated she is happy to send this letter as is. She felt it important to ask the committee members if they wanted to be included in the letter. She stated she is the liaison for the Workforce Network/WIB as such she would like to send out this letter as soon as possible. She asked committee members to review the letter and let her know if they wanted to include their names on the letter. Committee members voiced concern that they were not provided this letter for consideration prior to today's meeting. Committee members noted they would like this letter to be drafted to Congressman Walsh from this committee. The remaining letters could be sent out at a later date, after consideration by the County Board.

Housing Authority: None.

Board of Health: None.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis provided an update on the State budget cuts. Earlier this month the Department of Human Services announced an immediate termination of all substance abuse prevention programs services to the non Medicaid population. Due to swift advocacy throughout the State, this decision was rescinded, but providers are expecting Medicaid cuts of 6% effective July 1st. This week the Division of Mental Health announced a 2% immediate reduction to psychiatric leadership grants, which would affect Family Services. It is anticipated that Family Services would request additional funding from the Mental Health Board to replace these funds. Ms. Lewis acknowledged Donna Kurtz's attendance at the last Developmental Disabilities Task-group meeting. There continues to be interest in the promotion of a 377 Board by parents and advocates. Cindy Sullivan from Options and Advocacy and Ms. Lewis will be providing an overview of the Mental Health Board and 377 Boards to Leadership McHenry County next month. The Mental Health Approved 04.01.11

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Board is beginning to work on the FY12-14 plan and looks forward to their joint meeting with the Public Health and Human Services Committee. Ms. Lewis will forward advance materials for the meeting to the Public Health and Human Services Committee members. The Mental Health Board recently partnered with the Regional Office of Education to submit a county-wide application for a Drug Free Communities program in collaboration with the County's Underage Drinking Taskforce to coordinate activities, trainings and resources. The SAMHSA Veterans' Transformation project for Veterans and their families is proceeding well. This regional effort with Lake and McHenry Counties includes the development of a county wide team made up of staff from Transitional Living Services, Family Services and Pioneer Center. At the last Mental Health Board meeting, the Board dedicated current space at Elm Street to house this team and will also cover the utility cost of this space through the first year of the grant. The McHenry County Advisory group for the grant has been meeting since December and over forty people are involved. They are currently seeking in-kind donation to furnish the offices and drop in center at Elm Street. Ms. Lewis also mentioned that staff is meeting with Court Sevices regarding the Drug Court implementation towards funding the clinical positions necessary for access to treatment and drug screening of participants. This is similar to the commitment the Mental Health Board makes to the Mental Health Court. Ms. Salgado asked whether this could be fulfilled by the new Federally Qualified Health Clinic. Ms. Lewis indicated that the Clinic can provide behavioral health services, but these are clinic based. The Drug Court clinician must be more mobile to relate to the needs at the courthouse and in the community. She indicated that there is opportunity for the Clinic to work collaboratively with Family Services and other providers to meet the behavioral health needs of the county. Ms. Lewis reported that the building excavation has begun with utility line relocation scheduled for next week.

VAC: Ms. Donner informed committee members that the Mr. Iwanicki is currently in Washington DC to get recertified. The VAC meetings will be held at the Government Center as the VFW is too noisy for the commissioners to hear during their meetings.

Valley Hi: Ms. Schmidt informed committee members that the next Valley Hi Operating Board meeting will be earlier for their Strategic Planning Session and have scheduled this meeting during dinner hour. She noted that this was slated to be a very interesting meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kurtz questioned if Derek Morefield, the Direct Community Development Director, as a major leader of the non-profits in the area, could be invited to outline specific strategies for the non-profits in the area. She stated this would enable the County to be more responsive to issues as they arise in the County. Committee members were informed that they are already in the process of doing this in the County.

ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Resolution Supporting Funding of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of a Full Time Certified Nursing Assistant (Position #061-0153-05) into Two (2) Part Time Certified Nursing Assistant Positions and Two (2) Certified Nursing Assistant Registry Positions in the Valley Hi Departmental Roster
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