

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 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; Mary Donner; Kathleen Bergan Schmidt; Randy Donley; Donna Kurtz; Anna May Miller and Sandra Salgado. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Tom Annarella, Valley Hi; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission; Jane Wacker and Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Jeffery Poynter and Julie Courtney, Workforce Network; and Steve Finzel, Human Service Advocates .

	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 June 3, 2011. Ms. Schmidt noted that Ms. Kurtz did not attend the previous meeting so she did not make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend approval of the minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved, with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Finzel joined committee members and thanked them for their support and participation in getting the word out to the legislators regarding the Human Service Advocates. He stated that he may not attend every Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting but he would attend if he had any updates to provide to the committee members. He stated that the State needs to retrigger their grant program for the Human Service Advocates. It is hopeful that the County Board can use this mechanism to get the word out regarding this need. This urgency is being felt State wide and the legislators need to hear about the urgency across the State. They are seeing an increase of inmates with mental issues. This is occurring because these individuals are not unable to get their medications filled. The State is addressing emergencies only. Committee members questioned if NACO is addressing this issue. Committee members responded that recommendations are expected to be brought forward by NACO in July on this issue. Committee members thanked Mr. Finzel for his time.

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #11-681002: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #11-681002. Ms. Courtney stated that this is the program funding for their FY 2011/2012 program. This is \$280,000 less than the previous year. This will result in 80 less people being served by the program. If additional cuts are made next year they will have to review their program to see where additional cuts would need to be made. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz, to recommend approval of the above Resolution, as presented. Committee members questioned if the county is seeing more companies leave the State/County. Ms. Courtney stated that John Sterling Company of Richmond Illinois is moving to Michigan. Committee members questioned what the Workforce Network does for unemployed workers. Ms. Courtney responded that they are not part of the unemployment program. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was created to help low income adults, dislocated workers and at risk youth to help train for new careers. They also help with life skills and employment readiness. The department also works with employers to find out what type of skills are needed and will help with the training of these workers so they can retain their jobs. It was questioned if the program could pay for education as a constituent stated that a pilot that was laid off was paid for schooling in order to obtain his masters degree. Ms. Courtney stated that the program does not provide advanced education degrees. They may help to upgrade training in order to "fly" different type of aircraft, but, they are unable to fund bachelors or masters degrees through their program. The main focus for Workforce Network is to help the disadvantaged with training. They have performance measures that they have to meet in order to continue with the program. Performance measures have to be met in order to qualify for next year's funding. They screen for those most in need, not to just get jobs, but to get better paying jobs. This pilot may not qualify as the most in need though he

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may be eligible for some job search help or may be eligible to receive additional training that he would be required to pay for in order to enter the program. The goal is to serve those most in need to get people back to work as soon as possible. Ms. Kurtz noted that the welding boot camp program that began as a joint effort with MCC has worked out well for those in the community. In this global technology based economy some individuals may need assistance in training for additional technology needs and may need more skills because of the complexity of this changing technology. Because of this training these individuals are able to become viable taxpayers in the County. The WIB is a great resource for McHenry County. Ms. Courtney asked that they call her if they should have any additional questions about the program so she can explain the services and the criteria that must be met in order to qualify for the program. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY12 Continuation Funding Agreements: Committee members were informed that this is the yearly funding for continuation funding agreements for FY2012. The agreements have various start dates which do not coincide with the County's fiscal year. Most of the programs are directed towards a mandated population. They expect funding in other areas to be reduced. Committee members reviewed and discussed the continuation of the State and Federal Government funding agreements, and the benefits of the programs impact to the social service agencies in the County. There are specific outcome reports included for review if needed. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz 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 Authorizing the Acceptance of a \$6,050 Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant and to Make an Appropriation to the Health Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 with an Offset to Utilization of Fund Balance: Committee members were informed that this grant is to be used to educate tobacco retailers on minimum age tobacco laws and enforce those laws accordingly. The compliance portion of the program will be overseen by Woodstock and McHenry Police officers who have been trained for this program. This is the third year this grant has been received. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schmidt 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)

Ms. Donner left committee at 9:05a.m. She informed the committee members that she is in support of the next Resolution being reviewed by the committee.

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Veterans Lottery Grant and an Emergency Appropriation to the Veterans Assistance Commission 2011 Budget: Mr. Iwanicki informed committee members that this grant has been awarded to use the funds for the restorative dental program. The Veteran's Assistance Commission has established guidelines for the proper distribution of funds and the payment of dental services. Mr. Donley 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, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of McHenry County Community Foundation Grant and Approval of an Emergency Appropriation to Veterans Assistance Committee FY2011 Budget: Committee members were informed that these funds will be used to convert the VAC High Top Van into a Mobile Office for the Saturday and Extended Hours Program. Mr. Iwanicki stated that they are already getting requests for use of the bus for special events and the bus has not been completed. The bus will be used in part for those veterans that are unable to come into the office to apply for services. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. Iwanicki reported that McHenry County has been very successful in bringing in more funding for claims than they receive for their budget. These are funds that local social service agencies will not have to pay out. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

OLD BUSINESS

Appointments to the Valley Hi Operating Board: Committee members were reminded that there were two open positions on the Valley Hi Operating Board. There were two resignations with unfulfilled terms. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller recommending the appointment of James Kennedy to the Valley Hi Operating Board, with the term to expire June 30, 2013. Ms. Kurtz informed committee members she would be abstaining since she was not at the previous committee meeting. The motion carried with a majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke) abstain (Kurtz)

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Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado recommending the appointment of Jodi A. Borck to the Valley Hi Operating Board, with the term to expire June 30, 2012. Ms. Schmidt stated she would be voting no for this appointment as she feels there could be a conflict of interest because of her current employer. She stated her employer is too much like Valley Hi so this appointment doesn't sit well with her. Ms. Salgado stated that she does not feel there is a conflict and believes that she could bring a lot of knowledge and best practices with her to the board. Committee members stated that they did not think the remaining applicant would fit the position since she has a relative that lives in the facility and that could cause an issue when voting on issues surrounding the residents. Ms. Schmidt informed committee members that the Operating Board is looking for someone with a financial background and feels a new appointee should have financial skills for this appointment. Committee members stated they were not informed of this request and feels that Ms. Borck would be a good fit for the Operating Board. Ms. Schmidt stated that a list should be maintained by the Operating Board that includes prospects of what is needed on the board for future consideration. It was noted that this appointment would be filling another unexpired term and this appointment will be for one year only and if they want someone with financial experience this could be requested when another term has expired. Mr. Annarella reminded committee members that the Chairman of the Valley Hi Operating Board had requested that the position remain vacant at this time in order to find the best fit for the position. It was stated that if this person is not appointed they may miss an opportunity to appoint a very good person to this board. This also gives them one year in order to cultivate this list and submit this list when the next term expires. The motion carried with four ayes (Donley, Miller, Salgado, Peschke) one nay (Schmidt) and one abstain (Kurtz).

Appointments to the McHenry County Board of Health: Committee members entered discussion regarding the open positions on the Board of Health. Committee members were informed that they will be unable to consider Dr. Wolanyk's application for reappointment to the Board since a qualified physician from the County has applied for appointment to this board. Mr. McNulty reminded committee members that the board has been expanded and they would like to have an 11 (eleven) member board to address quorum issues. He stated that they would like one of the positions to be appointed for a one year term to even out the current terms on the board. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend the appointment of William E. McNerney to a one year term on the McHenry County Board of Health and to recommend the appointment of William A. Stinson, David R. Banaszynski, Mary J. Foszcz and Aurel Goglin for a three year term on the McHenry County Board of Health. The motion carried with a majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke) abstain (Kurtz)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Workforce Network/WIB: None.

Housing Authority: None.

Board of Health: The County has confirmed its first rabid bat of the year. There was also a report of a young girl who got rabies but overcame the disease with just antibiotics. This girl is still impaired, but persons generally die if not treated with the shots shortly after being bitten. This type of disease requires diagnosis as soon as possible in order to be treated in a timely basis.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis informed committee members as far as the funding goes, the State Government is in charge of determining what services will be cut. They have been informed that the contracts will be modified so they will be in limbo until October 1st. She stated that Mr. Finzel is correct with the direction of funding for Medicaid Services. The Mental Health Board has been strategizing where the funds should go. The safety net services are the most important to fund. The funding applications have been sent out with guidelines regarding the funding requests. Ms. Lewis stated that the trade association continues to put pressure on the Governor to bring the legislature back address the lack of State payments being made on a timely basis. Some of the groups are working payroll to payroll. They are trying to assess how much they need to have for 6 to 9 months of service. The State may delay payments to some of the agencies for 6 months. Family Services is in need of cash as they serve the Medicaid population and they have not received any payments for 6 months. Instead of payments, the State gave them a no interest "loan" to address their shortages. The Mental Health Board has created a line of credit in order to keep critical services. They have sent out inquiries to the service agencies to give the Mental Health Board an idea of how to best address these non-payments by the State. It is important that the agencies keep the Mental Health Board up to date so they are able to track these day to day changes. The Mental Health Board will be moving their committee meetings to alternate locations for the summer months. The next meeting will be held on Monday at Family Services at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Kurtz questioned if the Mental Health Board was giving raises to their staff since their raises were contingent on raises for non-union staff at the County. Ms. Lewis reported that they have halted the merit raises in light of the County Board action. The Mental Health Board will discuss the redirection of these funds elsewhere. The Mental Health Board does not depend on General Funds to fund their operation so they did not act on this issue until the County Board did.

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They stated that they felt it would have been inappropriate to provide raises when others would not be getting the same treatment.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Mr. Labaj reported that the applications have been sent out for the new grant year. They held their first workshop June 8th and had the most participants ever in attendance, including a couple of County Board Members.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CONT'

VAC: Mr. Iwanicki reported that they sent out a mailer informing individuals of free support and Mental Health Services for Veteran's at Family Services in McHenry. This is a good program that is just getting off the ground. It is important to get the word out to the surrounding townships and villages. There will be a program presented on the 23rd that will inform them of the financial and counseling services that are available.

The new PACE bus has been received. The older bus has been retired as it has reached its life expectancy.

Financial Assistance requests are up 26%. The budget has absorbed these increases and can sustain services into next year. Their transportation costs have dropped with Faith and Action helping with these services. The department is seeing 19% more people than last year and claims are up 68%. This results in less impact to the social service agencies in the County. The Service Officer is seeing approximately three appointments per day from individuals requesting financial assistance. These claims take approximately 2 hours to complete. He stated they are straining their current services and he is not sure if these requests will peak out or not.

Valley Hi: None.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she believes the "coffee cookie" issue at the Historical Society has not been adequately addressed. It was stated that this issue involves the local ordinance that addresses the service of food and the State Requirements. There is set criteria that must be followed when they are serving food to the public. If this involves packaged food, they don't license this. The issue at hand was the fact that they were serving food to the public. Alternatives were provided. It was stated that the Health Department is taking big hits with public perception. Just because a meeting is open to the public, does not mean the public will attend the open meetings. Alternatives are provided in they want to minimize the Health Departments involvement. They had suggested the purchase of coffee from "Starbucks" which seemed ludicrous to the group as this is too expensive. Ms. Schmidt stated that they need more definitive answers in order to develop education around this discussion. Chairman Peschke stated that the department has to regulate and assure that proper precautions are in place. Some places are on private wells that do not get tested. Simple things are not taken into consideration and individuals feel what they are doing is safe, but, things go wrong. Mr. Donley agreed stated that he supports the Health Department and stated that their regulations are important and necessary in order to protect individuals from themselves. He stated that even though they are serving "just coffee and just cookies" they are not always clean. He stated that when their facility is holding weddings, everyone has an aunt or cousin that bakes cakes so everyone wants to provide their own baked cake. This is not allowed as they would be feeding this cake to the public. The same issue as the "free coffee and cookies" at the meeting in question. These refreshments will be served to the public as well, especially at the not for profits as they are generally not inspected. Ms. Schmidt stated that there should be a mid-point resolution for this issue as the guidelines are not clear. Mr. Donley did not agree. He stated that these regulations are in place for a reason and all it takes is one person to get sick from someone not following the rules for this to become a huge issue. He stated that he would rather them take heat up front than to have to defend themselves if an issue should arise from contamination. Ms. Kurtz suggested that the Health Department hold a meeting, for the non-profit agencies, to hold a discussion on the requirements of food service and to address food service concerns. It was noted that there is State Law in place that addresses Pot Luck Dinners and Bake Sales and they have specific regulations in place, especially for those in high risk groups. The Department keeps up with the current regulations to address these ever changing regulations. It was stated that the department works with a variety of groups to address their issues. Committee members questioned who Ms. Kurtz would include in this forum as non-profits include all schools, hospitals, as well as a large contingency of smaller groups like boy and girl scouts etc. Chairman Peschke stated that in the past they had an issue with the area booster clubs. After they learned the reasons for permitting, they became certified in order to hold their food service events on site. It was stated that a person can get just as sick from food served by a not for profit as they could in a restaurant. Mr. McNulty informed committee members that they are currently working on refining the policies and procedures for temporary food events. The new policies will be clarified so there will be no misunderstanding of the policies. When they have been completed, the policies and procedures will be circulated. Each applicant will then be clear on where they fit in the policies. If someone does not like

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the decision on the permit process, they can appeal to the McHenry County Board of Health. The Policies and Procedures will be brought back to the committee when completed. It was noted that there are only a few agencies that are new to this process that do not understand why these regulations have been put in place.

They may not like the rules, but they have to follow them. Ms. Kurtz again requested an education forum scheduled after completion of the new policies and procedures as a way to address concerns voiced by the not for profit groups. Committee members questioned if one member of a committee can direct a department to hold a public forum. It was stated that the Department should continue review of the new policies and procedures and bring them back to this committee for review. Ms. Kurtz stated that she feels they would be remiss not to encourage outreach and education on this issue. It was stated that if someone wants to hold an event that involves food, they need to call the health department to make sure they can do this safely. Just because they are holding an event to do good does not give them the right to endanger the public. Mr. Donley stated that the Port a Potty issue is a good example on how regulations were changed to meet requests of the public. He stated he believes this was a mistake as now the units can remain in place for extended periods of time creating an eyesore and health issue. He requested caution when requesting changes to the Health Ordinance.

Chairman Peschke informed committee members that when this committee reviews a Resolution, she likes discussion prior to a motion for consideration being made so that the committee members understand what they are voting on. She stated this is her preference since they are dealing with complex issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #11-681002
Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY12 Continuation Funding Agreements

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$6,050 Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant and to Make an Appropriation to the Health Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 with an Offset to Utilization of Fund Balance

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Veterans Lottery Grant and an Emergency Appropriation to the Veterans Assistance Commission 2011 Budget

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of McHenry County Community Foundation Grant and Approval of an Emergency Appropriation to Veterans Assistance Commission FY2011 Budget

Recommend the appointment of James Kennedy to the Valley Hi Operating Board with a term to expire June 30, 2013

Recommend the appointment of Jodi Borck to the Valley Hi Operating Board with a term to expire June 30, 2012

Recommend the appointment of William McNerney to the McHenry County Board of Health with a term to expire June 30, 2012

Recommend the appointments of William A. Stinson, David R. Banaszynski, Mary J. Foszcz, and Aurel Goglin with terms to expire June 30, 2014

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