

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

Vice Chairman Salgado called the Public Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The following members were present: Sandra Salgado, Vice Chairman; Mary Donner; Anna May Miller and Randy Donley. Virginia Peschke arrived at 8:03a.m. Ms. Kurtz arrived at 8:10a.m. Ms. Schmidt arrived at 8:17a.m. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Julie Courtney and Jeffrey Poynter, Workforce Network; and interested public.

	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 August 5, 2011. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend approval of the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None

Ms. Peschke arrived at 8:03a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee members were informed that the Resolutions being reviewed for the Workforce Network would be reviewed as soon as the Department Head arrives for discussion.

Resolution Accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant. This grant has been received for a number of years and is used for the department's Solid Waste Enforcement Program. This program handles the inspections for permitted facilities and responds to solid waste concerns in conjunction with the IEPA. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting ay on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Board of Health: The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for next Monday, August 22nd for those interested in attending. The presentation topic will be sexually transmitted diseases.

Mental Health Board: Committee members were informed that the Mental Health Board meeting was Monday. They are holding their meetings at various locations and agencies so they are able to review what is happening at the various agencies throughout the County. They are reviewing why the current suicide rates are going through the roof. The Mental Health Board is doing a phenomenal job in handling shortages being seen at the various agencies in their network. Ms. Kurtz arrived at 8:10a.m.

Housing Authority: Committee members were informed that they had a large meeting at the Housing Authority. They are using a deficit budget and are using their reserves to address issues in the community. Committee members were informed that there were some discussions at the WIB meeting regarding concerns that the Federal Budgets will affect funding for Section 8 funding. There are 968 families in the County that will be affected by this funding and they are again up to a two year waiting list for additional funding requests.

VAC: Committee members were informed that the last meeting for the VAC was a lengthy meeting. This meeting was held at their new facility located at Family Services on Elm Street in McHenry. Committee members were informed that the McHenry County VAC is only one of two counties that have direct access to federal files so that they can obtain information to provide services to the local veteran's requesting services.

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Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-681002 and an Adjustment to Reduce the Appropriation in the Workforce Network FY2011 Budget: Ms. Courtney joined committee members for presentation of the above Resolution. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller recommending approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that a portion of the funds authorized for the above grant has been rescinded, requiring reauthorization of the above funds. \$1,800 was sent back to the State of Illinois for this funding. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-677002 and an Adjustment to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado recommending approval of the above resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that these are funds that were remaining in this program that were reallocated from funds not expended by other agencies. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Peschke)

Ms. Schmidt arrived at 8:17a.m.

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-653002 and Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Committee members were informed that this is an increase to the grant in order to provide assistance in Workforce Network Activities and provide case managers to work with the dislocated workers from Intermatic, Allstate, SKF Sealing, Chrysler, Zebra Technologies, Wells Manufacturing Dura-bar Division and Wells Duro-Life. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #09-662002 and an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado recommending approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that these are additional funding received under the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance (TGAAA) for program years 2009-2011. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-672002: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kurtz recommending approval of the above Resolution as presented. These are funds based on performance measures that were exceeded in order to qualify for additional funding. There are nine performance measures that must be met in order to qualify for these incentive funds. These funds are based on areas where the performance measures were exceeded. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-661002 and Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Ms. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner recommending approval of the above Resolution as presented. These funds are to be used for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program to help eligible individuals become more employable. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Donner, Kurtz, Miller, Salgado, Schmidt, Peschke)

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CON'T

Valley Hi: Committee members were informed that the next Valley Hi Operating Board Committee meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday for those interested in attending.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Donley informed committee members that at the previous Planning and Development Committee meeting a constituent that lives in his district attended the meeting in order to discuss concerns regarding incessant dog barking. The Planning and Development Committee informed this individual that he would need to attend the Public Health meeting in order to address these issues. This individual was referred to the Health Department as well. This individual has worked his through every department possible at the County level and keeps getting referred to another department, only to be referred back to a department that he has already spoken to. There seems to be no resolution for this issue.

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Mr. Donley noted that he would speak with Mr. McNulty to see what could be done to address this situation. Mr. Donley stated that apparently ordinances are not being enforced and animals are not covered under any type of noise ordinance. Mr. Donley had referred this person to the Planning and Development Committee as he thought this would be covered under the new UDO. Mr. Nicholas Hanson joined the committee members to speak to the committee members on this issue. He stated that he has found out this location is a Kennel but qualifies as "private", meaning it is a kennel that raises and sells its own property so they are not required to obtain any special type of zoning in order to sell these animals. The Sheriff's Department does not have any decimal readers to address noise issues. This type of equipment needs to be recalibrated on a regular basis in order to qualify for usage and staff would need to be trained for use of these meters. Under the animal control ordinance that addresses barking, the animals must bark incessantly for 15 minutes in order to be charged with a violation. Most victims trying to get relief in these matters will not go to court to address these issues and if someone is found guilty under these charges they are only fined \$25, which does not address these issues. Mr. Hanson noted that when he calls official to come out to address these issues, the dogs quit barking. He stated that they were informed that the breed is a very vocal breed. He stated that he has worked with the State's Attorney's office in the past and once they start working on this issue, staff changes, requiring him to start the process all over. The previous person that he was working with, in the State's Attorney's Office, recommended recording these issues all day. This would show the incessant barking that is occurring daily. This recording would require that it be date and time stamped in order to meet the requirements for the courts. Mr. Hanson voiced frustration at a process that would result in just a \$25 fine. He stated that all he is requesting is a resolution to this constant barking. Mr. Donley stated that he would speak with Mr. McNulty about trying to find some resolution for this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-681002 and an Adjustment to Reduce the Appropriation in the Workforce Network FY2011 Budget
- Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #08-677002 and an Adjustment to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
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- Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-661002 and Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
- Resolution Accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant

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