

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Rick Klasen; Don Larson; Lyn Orphal and Anna May Miller. Sandra Salgado was absent. Barbara Wheeler arrived at 8:29a.m. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Carl Martens and Gerri Sherman, Workforce Investment.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman

Don Larson	Richard Klasen
Anna May Miller	Lyn Orphal
Sandra Salgado	Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES

Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen to, to recommend approval of the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of January 13, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance: Mr. Austin joined committee members to discuss the ongoing issue of noise concerns in the county. He informed committee members that he dug up the Lake County noise ordinance and has requested the State's Attorney review the ordinance regarding adoption of such an ordinance in our County. Previously Chairman Peschke discussed a State Law that is on the books that states that an owner or operator of an off-road riding facility is immune from any criminal liability arising out of or as a consequence of noise or sound emission. Because of this law, it prevents much action concerning these bikes. Mr. Austin stated he has been in discussions with Michelle Courier of the State's Attorney's office regarding ways that this issue could be tackled. She is checking into the possibility whether we can use zoning requirements as a tool with a conditional use permit needed to create an outside track. If it is possible to enact zoning for conditional use, especially in residential areas, it would give a way to handle this issue. Mr. Austin stated that Lake County had a lot of concerns with this issue and passed an ordinance at about the same time the State law was passed. He stated that he will request that Sheriff Nygren check with Lake County to see what issues have arisen since the passing of the ordinance. Representative Franks was questioned how this bill passed in the first place as it is so extreme and did he not know, but, it withstood a Governor's veto. Mr. Austin stated he would keep committee members updated on the progress of this issue. Committee members noted that an area ATV club would like to find a good location in the County to form a track. Mr. Klasen stated that subdivisions could make this a part of their association restrictions as well.

Ms. Wheeler arrived at 8:29a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #05-631002: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #05-631002. This grant has been awarded to service delivery areas in the State of Illinois to allow funding for staff to the WIB. Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Klasen, Miller, Orphal, Wheeler, Larson, Peschke)

Mr. Sarbaugh requested the committee consider the next two Resolutions together. He noted these Resolutions involve the FY05 renewal PC lease, under which JTPA joins the County in this program. Because of a budget error the funds were encumbered for lease payments for the computers for Job Training. Since the funds were encumbered and rolled into a new budget year, the encumbrance cannot be cancelled in the creation year leaving no budget to record the purchase price of the personal computers in fiscal year 2005. He noted these resolutions allow us to correct this error.

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Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY04-05 Budget and Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY05-06 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY04-05 Budget and a Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY05-06 Budget. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orphal to recommend approval of both of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: Carl Martens joined committee members to provide an update on the WIB. He stated that they are still waiting on the reauthorization for the WIA. This has been on hold for 1 ½ years. He noted that there still seems to be an issue on faith based providers. He noted he doesn't expect any action until after the Election.

Mr. Martens will be going to Washington at the end of the month. They will be having a meet and greet session with Federal Legislators. Information is being sent out regarding possible budget cuts for the WIB. Word has been received that the Administration wants to cut \$600,000 from the WIA. The Administration wants to redesign some programs. We will have to see what they come up with.

The Department is getting budgets ready to present to DCEO. He noted that they seem to receive their funding later and later every year.

Mr. Martens informed committee members that Sandra Pierce has stepped down as chairman of the local WIA board, she is still on the board but no longer in the chairman position. Mr. Phil Bartmann has taken over the position.

The local WIB had been working with the Chicago Women in Trades. Chicago received a grant and invited the local group to attend an orientation regarding the Women in Trades program. They were very impressed what they saw and stated this is a good opportunity to have a similar program here. MCC created a "Women in Trades" program with 16 applicants who went on to graduation. This allows the women to apply as apprentices. The Chicago Women in Trades program has 2 orientation programs a year. They brought a bus here and took these women to the orientation to tell their group of their accomplishments. One of their instructors came here to take a refresher class in order to pass their apprentice test. They are going to try to do a similar program this fall. He stated that hopefully, this will attract some High School students of the programs availability.

Some WIB members attended recent video conferences purchased by DuPage County on new visions for one stop services. He noted they had good ideas on reinventing one stop sessions and improving business services team. He noted they were invited to attend these sessions at no charge with ideas to upgrade the one stop system. He noted that one session stated they could provide these services electronically but feels the face to face contact is an important strong point for these services. He didn't feel he could counsel people through the internet.

A report should be coming forward shortly from the Chicago Tribune on career exploration on the health care fields. The report will determine how the schools feel about this and the need for health care workers.

The WIB has talked about doing a manufacturing boot camp program, which is an accelerated program to get individuals ready to work in manufacturing jobs. There is a need for welders in the metropolitan area. They are forecasting 2,500 available jobs through year 2010. Focus groups are being formed to begin discussions on this issue. ECC will be visited as they have a program already in place.

The Cooperative for Education and MCEDC are meeting to discuss the worker shortage that will be scene from the retirement of the Baby Boomers and the impending crisis. A speaker will be attending a March 14th conference. They will discuss the schools roll in academic and soft skill needs to fill the impending voids.

There is still an issue regarding the shortage of teachers in nursing. MCC is working to get their nursing programs going. The ongoing obstacle is the need to have a licensed teacher to teach the nursing program. The only way to do this would be to get another licensed group to come in to provide the program.

The next WIB meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 7:30a.m.

HRC: The next scheduled meeting is next week.

Board of Health: Committee members were informed that Tracey Odishoo has resigned from the Board of Health. Dr. Ruggero will not be continuing when his term expires. Committee members suggested that an ad be placed regarding these two openings. They requested the Dr. who applied for a place on the Mental Health Board be contacted regarding the possibility of him filling the required physician position.

Committee members were informed that the Ground Water project, "The four corners of the County" presented a groundwater plan. The consultant will bring in report of comments regarding recommendations. Chairman Peschke feels the Groundwater Ordinance should be handled from this committee. She noted we should try to work together with Planning & Development, but, this should be in Health, not Planning. Mr. McNulty noted he has a meeting with NIPC to get a handle on the groundwater issues.

Mr. McNulty reported there is a Health Site promotion going on with the County Employees. Teams have been formed among employees to exercise with the program being based on the amount of exercise that the employees are doing. The program has been well received.

He informed committee members that the 40th anniversary of the Health Department is coming up and will be celebrated during National Public Health Week.

He stated that Dr. Ruggero has been on the Board of Health for 40 years and special recognition will be given to him for his commitment over the years. Committee members stated the County Board should provide a special recognition for Dr. Ruggero as well as from the State.

Animal Control is having an open house/adoption event on February 25th from 10:30a.m.-2:30p.m. The event will have a Valentine theme.

Mr. McNulty stated that there have been a lot of legislation proposals on vicious dogs. Mr. Tryon has also presented a House Resolution that will create a task force that will oversee vicious dogs.

The State is discussing a possible state wide ban on smoking in public places.

They are also looking to regulate tattoos and body piercing. This would protect our blood supply. Since they are currently not regulated, blood donations cannot be accepted from individuals who have a tattoo or been recently pierced. They are tracking these bills in the Health Department.

The Latino Coalition is questioning the disparity in services. He noted the Health Department's primary clients are Latino's. If other services are needed they refer them for the needed tests.

Mr. Austin reported that they will be scheduling a May meeting on the Groundwater issue. He noted they are working with the Conservation District to create a session. He noted the need to work together toward the same issue. He informed Committee members that he is working with the Federal Lobbyist on Storm Water and Ground Water issues. Flood Plain mapping is needed as an education tool. He noted the need to prioritize the wants and needs on this issue. Kim Hankin of the MCCD is preparing the invitation list. Committee members suggested Ms. Hankin attends the next Public Health meeting to provide an update for this event.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis reported that the Board Appointee's have attended a study session. They are going through the appointment applications for possible interest in joining the foundation.

A lease has been secured for the family care project. The facility is approximately 1 mile from the current facility. A budget amendment will be brought forward soon addressing the needs of the grant. The State has approved the contract for the project director. This position comes from the State. They will be attending the conference in Tampa. Staff has spent approximately 3 – 4 hours a month on "webinars", which are seminars on the Web. The current focus has been the strategic planning and needs assessment for the Board. April 1st will be the Board retreat. They are drafting Medicaid legislation for Legislation Grants. Local funds will be used as match funds for the legislation grants. They are working with the Mental Health Court, with the State's Attorney applying for a grant to create the Mental Health Court. She noted that a number of Mental Health Courts have started up in the State so they are able to obtain some information on these. They have a conference coming at the end of March on the diversion process and changes expected for Mental Health Services in Illinois.

Several Grants that have applied for include Suicide Prevention Education and Federal proposal for Americorp.

They have decided to no longer provide screening services for individuals going into nursing homes. They feel they are stepping over into direct service and Lake County will provide this service. Only 18 individuals were evaluated last year.

Open Burning Forum: The Forum members want to pursue the drafting of a burning ordinance, with enforcement. They would like to enter dialogue with waste haulers regarding alternate disposal issues. They would like to make this a Health Ordinance as it would then cover the whole County. He noted the need to still keep Forum members involved in this issue. He also stated there would also be a need to have some public meetings through out the County. The Forum members could help with this as well.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Mr. Labaj reported that the Senior Service Associates Survey has been completed. The analysis will be available in March. A meeting of the Commission will be needed to go over the survey results. This could be scheduled for March 24th. He stated that during the next budget, two issues need to be addressed. The first would be the "set aside" funds for Richmond Township and the program development for the used bus and the request to have Pioneer Center develop a campus complex for developmentally challenged seniors. The States Attorney has determined that this is an allowable expense. He noted the Commission will have to decide what the next phase would be. The Valley Hi site has come on the radar for this as well as a site location for the Mental Health Court and Senior Housing, from the Housing Authority. It was noted that there could be a campus plan, but, there are some land suitability issues on the property. They noted the need to go at a slow pace. Mr. Larson reminded committee members that there will be a meeting regarding Turning Point on Monday at 8:00a.m. and some from this committee should attend. Chairman Peschke stated she would be attending this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:42a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IL Dept of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #05-631002 and an emergency appropriation in the Job Training FY06 budget

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY04-05 Budget

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing budget line item transfers in the Job Training FY05-06 Budget

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