

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Sandra Salgado; Anna May Miller; James Heisler; Mary L. Donner; Daniel Ryan; and Randy Donley. Also present: Pete Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Julie Courtney, Gerri Sherman, Job Network; interested public; and the press

Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Randy Donley	Mary L. Donner
James Heisler	Anna May Miller
Daniel Ryan	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of January 26, 2007. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Services Grant Commission: The Committee re-interviewed the following individuals who had applied for appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission: Thomas L. Beveridge and Jack W. White. After discussion, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend Mr. Jack W. White for appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission. Committee members questioned whether Mr. White would be fulfilling the open not-for-profit agency appointment or the appointment as a citizen at large. Mr. Labaj reported that he would qualify to fulfill either position and could be moved from the current position if needed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the McHenry County Mental Health Board FY 07 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the McHenry County Mental Health Board FY07 budget. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approve a resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the McHenry County Mental Health Board FY 07 budget. Ms. Lewis informed committee members that this HVAC unit is needed for the computer server room. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for the Illinois State Board of Education Funding for the County Mental Health FY 07 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for the Illinois State Board of Education Funding for the County Mental Health FY07 budget. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing the addition of one part-time Project Success Coordinator position, salary increases for five project success coordinators positions and the related budget line item transfer and emergency appropriation to the FY 07 County Mental Health Board budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the addition of one part-time Project Success Coordinator position, salary increases for five project success coordinators positions and the related budget line item transfer and emergency appropriation to the FY07 County Mental Health Board budget. Ms. Lewis noted that resolution addresses the increased demand for services an additional part time coordinator position is needed and there is a need to bring the current coordinators pay in line with other coordinators within the department. Mr. Heisler 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.

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$35,000 grant from the McHenry County Mental Health Board and an Emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget: Chairman Peschke requested this resolution be taken out of order to allow for the Mental Health personnel to leave. Mr. McNulty stated this is a Health Department Resolution. Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$35,000 grant from the McHenry County Mental Health Board and an emergency appropriation to the Health

Department's FY07 budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in additional funding from a HIV Prevention Grant from the Illinois Public Health Association and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department FY 07 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in additional funding from a HIV Prevention Grant from the Illinois Public Health Association and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department FY07 budget. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Mr. McNulty stated that McHenry County has the smallest number of citizens that are HIV positive in the State. He stated that continued education is the key to keeping these numbers low.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$47,441 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Cities Readiness Initiative and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 07 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$47,441 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a Cities Readiness Initiative and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY07 budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. McNulty noted that these additional funds will be used for planning for emergency preparedness including, but not limited to, exercises in communications and training of staff as well as planning among the various counties on how to get information out to the public. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Chairman Peschke requested Mr. McNulty's department provide the Public Health Committee with monthly presentations during one Public Health Committee meeting per month. She noted that these presentations are very informative and would be good for the new members of the committee to hear.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: None

HRC: None

Housing Authority: None

Board of Health: None

Animal Control: None

Mental Health Board: None

Noise Ordinance: Still in review.

VAC: Mr. Iwanicki joined committee members to provide an update and answer questions about his annual report. Mr. Iwanicki pointed out highlights from his report. He stated that the Veteran's Commission had received a grant from the Senior services Grant Commission and was it was requested he try to keep track of how many individuals are seniors that use his services. He noted that 70% of the veterans using the bus services are seniors. He noted that he is trying to replace a maxi-van with a minivan in order to have a more efficient vehicle. Mr. Iwanicki reported that he is the advocacy for disability claims for veterans in McHenry County. He reported that he had a successful outcome for an individual who has been denied claims for the past 18 months. He stated he was finally able to get his benefits approved, in time to save the gentleman from losing his home. He noted that he is still short staffed and hopes to fill the position by the 20th of the month. Mr. Iwanicki reported that he is still looking for dental services and additional funding for the veterans in the county. He stated they are targeting various groups, like the VFW, Amvets etc., to target veterans who need dental help who are having problems obtaining work because of the condition of their teeth. He stated he is working with the Job Training and Unemployment office to help get veterans work. He stated they are trying to keep track of those individuals who are able to stay employed after receiving these services. Mr. Iwanicki noted that he is working with area Townships in regards to the transportation of senior veterans in the area. He stated they are working together to help eliminate the duplication of services for these veterans/seniors.

Open Burning Forum: None

Senior Services Grant Commission: None.

Mr. McNulty stated that another member of the Public Health & Human Services Committee is needed to serve on the Agri-tourism task force. He stated that two members of this committee is needed. Committee members requested that Mr. Donley be appointed to serve on this task force. Mr. McNulty stated that the task force will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 2:30p.m. Chairman Peschke noted she would be in Washington on that date and would be unavailable to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Mr. Austin questioned committee members where the Animal Control Ordinance needs to go next for approval. He reminded committee members that they had requested the ordinance forwarded back to the Board of Health for re-approval. Mr. McNulty noted that there have only been minor changes made to the ordinance and therefore the ordinance does not need to go back to the Board of Health and therefore should be forwarded to the County Board for approval. Mr. Austin noted he would get the corrected copy of the ordinance from the State's Attorney for approval at the next County Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend the appointment of Jack W. White to the Senior Services Grant Commission

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