

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; James Heisler; Sandra Salgado; and Mary L. Donner. Dan Ryan arrived at 8:19a.m. Mary McCann arrived at 8:23a.m. Anna May Miller was absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Gerri Sherman and Julie Courtney, Workforce Network; Carl Martens, WIB; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; and the press.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman

Mary L. Donner	James Heisler
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Daniel Ryan	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of January 11, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-681002: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-681002. These funds are the reallocation of funds from the 2007 program year. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-632002: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-632002. These funds will help to defray the costs of high speed internet service at the Workforce Center. 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 (Donner, Heisler, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-651002: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-651002. The grant funds will be used to serve dislocated workers from Affinia Brake Parts and Intermatic. 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. (Donner, Heisler, Salgado, Peschke)

Mr. Ryan arrived at 8:19a.m.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #07-631002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #07-631002 and an emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board FY08 budget. The grant funds will be used to update the Community Audit Project (State of the Workforce) to provide community leaders with an accurate economic picture of the county by providing more up-to-date information. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, Ryan, Salgado, Peschke)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in additional funding from an HIV Prevention Grant from the Illinois Public Health Association and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in additional funding from an HIV Prevention Grant from the Illinois Public Health Association and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY08 budget. These are additional grant funds over what was budgeted for in FY2008. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, Ryan, Salgado, Peschke) Committee members requested that an updated presentation of STD's in the County be presented in the near future to the committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Ms. McCann arrived at 8:23a.m.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$5,000 in funding for a Medical Reserve Corps Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's F72008 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$5,000 in funding for a Medical Reserve Corps Grant from the National County and City Health Officials and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY2008 budget. Mr. McNulty noted that the additional grant funding will allow the department to expand the capacities of MRC in responding to public health emergencies. Mr. Heisler 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 (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Ryan, Salgado, Peschke)

Human Relations Council Appointment: Committee members reviewed an application to fill a vacancy on the Human Relations Council. Chairman Peschke informed the committee members that the Human Relations Council voted to recommend the appointment of the Reverend Frederick Rajan to the Human Relations Council. After review, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend the appointment of Reverend Frederick Rajan to the Human Relations Council. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Ryan, Salgado, Peschke)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: The WIB has accepted some small funding in order to hold "boot-camps" in the area. This program is very well received in the area.

HRC: None.

Housing Authority: Ms. Donner reported that the section 8 program is available to any person who works or lives in the County. She reminded committee members that there is a three (3) year waiting list to receive these services. Committee members noted concern that some individuals are moving to the area in order to receive services that they may not be getting elsewhere.

Board of Health: Mr. McNulty noted that the Board of Health talked about the McCullom Lake issues. They will continue to monitor this issue and update their data. Nothing new has been received recently on this issue. He noted that any individual information being received is being sent to the attorney involved in the lawsuit. He noted that the data that the Department of Health has does not show anything unusual, based on the data received. He noted that any groundwater contamination is handled by the EPA. He stated it is frustrating to the department because the people are only talking to the attorneys. The department does not create the data but any new data could be helpful to the department and the community. Unfortunately, they are not receiving any cooperation because of the lawsuit. He noted that their main concern is that there is no current threat in the community. Since the County does not have all the facts in the case they are unable to form accurate opinions. If any new records are received an expert would be hired to review data received. He reminded committee members that there are currently no indications of groundwater issues in the area though they will continue to monitor various wells in the area. One question surrounding this issue is has there been an increase in incidents among people who worked at the facilities. The cancer registry will be updating their 2005 information soon but even with this information it will be difficult to prove where the clusters started.

Animal Control: The project is moving along and is on schedule. The move-in date is being scheduled for February 11th. The Building Projects committee will hold their meeting on Monday at the new facility for those interested in attending. Animal Control will move into the facility first with the nursing division to follow. There are plans to have a WIC office at the new facility as well.

Mental Health Board: The next meeting is Monday, January 28th. Their building projects committee is scheduled to meet as well. The Mental Health Board has been included in discussions on the campus plan. Ms. Lewis noted that they would like to have a joint meeting with the Public Health & Human Services Committee in the near future. Chairman Peschke noted she is available for the March meeting if this works well for the others. She noted she would poll the committee members regarding when they would like to attend. Ms. Lewis informed committee members that Deb Curry will be attending their trade show association spring conference and will be a presenter at the event scheduled for April 7-8.

Noise Ordinance: None

VAC: Chairman Peschke questioned if the committee members have had time to review the VAC annual report. She noted they were placed in member's mail boxes. Committee members noted that they wish Mr. Iwanicki had attended today's meeting because they wanted to thank him for doing such a magnificent job with the VAC. He has done a wonderful job in obtaining grants for the VAC and the program has increased tremendously since he has taken over.

Senior Services Grant Commission: The Transportation Committee will be reviewing memo of understanding for the senior transportation grant.

Mr. Labaj informed committee members that the free transportation for seniors may not benefit too many in our area as these services will be offered only on fixed routes. Population numbers need to be met to receive these services as well.

Mr. McNulty noted that the Board of Health would like two volunteers from the Public Health & Human Services committee to help with the rewrite/review of the pool ordinance. Ms. Salgado and Ms. McCann volunteered.

Ms. McCann questioned committee member if they have been receiving letters and emails from seniors in the community who are afraid they are going to lose their homes due to increased taxes. Committee members stated that as a county, effort

needs to be made to push for alternative for seniors and taxes due. Chairman Peschke noted she would speak to the Treasurer about creating a special publication regarding alternatives.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Grant #07-681002

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Recommend the appointment of the Reverend Frederick Rajan to the Human Relations Council

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