

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Mary Donner; James Heisler; Mary McCann; Anna May Miller; and Dan Ryan. Sandra Salgado was absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Sandy Lewis and Jane Wacker, Mental Health Board; Peter Austin, County Administrator; Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorney; Mike Iwanicki, VAC; Julie Courtney, Workforce Network; interested public; 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. Donner, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of March 14, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Richard Dankert from Harvard, Illinois addressed the Committee regarding dirt bike events that are held on a neighboring property. He stated motor cross events are held almost every weekend during nice weather which makes enjoyment of his property unbearable due to the constant noise. He stated the owner had been cited last year and paid his fine, but has made no changes to the continued racing of dirt bikes. He asked that consideration be given to implementing some type of ordinance that would address these issues. He invited anyone to visit him on the weekend to get a complete understanding of what is taking place. Ms. Peschke thanked Mr. Dankert for voicing his concerns. Ms. Rein then joined the Committee to review what research she is done relative to Mr. Dankert's problems. She noted that last fall the property owner did plead guilty to running a business. He has applied for an after the fact permit. She stated it may be possible to impose a disorderly conduct charge if the problem continues during early am or evening hours. She is reviewing ordinances that have been approved by surrounding counties to see how they address such concerns. To date, the Boone County Ordinance appears to be the best example. To make any changes to an ordinance there must be public hearings and the process can take several months. Ms. McCann agreed this is a zoning issue and something needs to be done. Ms. Rein will present recommendations and options that address these concerns at a future meeting.

Mr. Nick Provenzano addressed the Committee regarding the Burning Ordinance. He reported that he has received several calls from concerned citizens asking what to do and how to report someone who appears to be in violation of the current ordinance. He stated that people are told to call but are unsure who they should contact. He noted on a recent summary of the Open Burning of Landscape regulations several enforcement agencies are noted including the Health Department, law enforcement agency, fire department, etc. People have told him that when they contact the Health Department's number as listed on the summary sheet they receive a recording on the weekend. He noted that further clarification needs to be available to the public on how to report violations. Mr. McNulty stated that the Health Department has posted signs throughout the County that include a phone number to call. He stated that the Department does respond to calls, but do not have an immediate response system. Most weekend calls are investigated during the week. Individuals found to be in violation of the ordinance are issued warnings and record is kept of such calls should the person continue to be in violation. He stated the department is exploring alternatives to landscape burning and continue to discuss options with waste haulers.

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

*Housing Authority Appointment:* Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the County Board appoint Scott Block to the Housing Authority Board to fill a vacant term that will expire on 6/30/2010. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Lake in the Hills Sanitary District Appointment:* Members reviewed a recommendation to reappoint Shelby Key to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the County Board appoint Shelby Key to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District for a term to expire on May 1, 2012. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

It was noted that due to the recent death of Larry Schaffter, an ad has been placed to receive applications to fill his term on the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District Board; this term will expire on May 1, 2010. The deadline to accept applications is Thursday, April 24, 2008.

*Proclamation in recognition of healthcare workers:* Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend the County Board approve a proclamation in recognition of health care workers. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$5,500 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget:* Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$5,500 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. Mr. McNulty reported that this money will be used for the breast and cervical cancer program. Mr. Ryan asked if there was a possibility to have a program to address prostate cancer. Mr. McNulty responded that nothing is planned for the near future but the Department continues to research grant funding possibilities. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$64,214.35 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a mosquito vector prevention program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget:* Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$64,214.35 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a mosquito vector prevention program and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. Mr. McNulty noted that this grant is funded through the \$1.00 surcharge that is placed on the purchase of tires. The grant will help the Department respond to West Nile Virus and other vector borne disease outbreaks within the County. Ms. McCann suggested that a seminar to help identify and recognize Lyme disease might be helpful for medical providers. After discussion a voice vote on the motion was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$10,000 health vision grant and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's budget for FY 08:* Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$10,000 health vision grant and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's budget for FY 08. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing the creation of a part time Veterans Service Officer in the Veterans Assistance Commission:* Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the creation of a part time Veterans Service Officer in the Veterans Assistance Commission. Mr. Iwanicki reported that a current staff member has agreed to continue working for the VAC in this part time position. After a discussion, a voice vote was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing the conversion of a full time driver position to three per diem drivers in the Veterans Assistance Commission:* Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the conversion of a full time driver position to three per diem drivers in the Veterans Assistance Commission. Mr. Iwanicki reported that this conversion will be less costly and provide more services than the previous full time position allowed for. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing the increase in hours for one billing and data entry specialist and the elimination of the Family Care Site Supervisor on the McHenry County Mental Health Board roster:* Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the increase in hours for one billing and data entry specialist and the elimination of the Family Care Site Supervisor on the McHenry County Mental Health Board roster. Ms. Lewis reviewed the request after which a voice vote was taken. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Consideration of a Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Day 2008:* After review, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve a Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Day 2008. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution to enter into a contract and intergovernmental agreement for gypsy moth containment services:* Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution to enter into a contract and intergovernmental agreement for gypsy moth containment services. Mr. Labaj reviewed the bidding process noting that the only bidder was Hendrickson Flying Services Inc. He provided information on areas that will be sprayed this season and stated that there would be hearings to inform the public of what will be done and precautions to take during the spraying. After discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all member present voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

#### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*WIB:* Ms. Courtney provided an update on funding concerns and cuts that have recently taken place. She reviewed the effects of budget cuts by the Department of Labor and the impact on the local agency. With budget cuts, the Harvard office will close as of May 1, 2008 and local services will decrease. She asked that people write letters of support and asked the representatives to continue to support these agencies.

*HRC:* The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2008 at 6 p.m.

*Board of Health:* Mr. McNulty reported that April is Public Health Month and reviewed a variety of programs, promotions and activities planned.

*Animal Control:* Animal control hosted their Grand Opening Event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Adoptions have increase substantially with the move to the new facility.

*Mental Health Board:* Ms. Lewis provided an update to services and recent conferences and seminars that staff has attended. She announced that Beverly Thomas received the 2008 Advocacy Award and was honored for her 20 years of service on the McHenry County Mental Health Board. Ms. Lewis announced that Sally is retiring after 20 years of service and will be honored at a reception on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the facility.

*VAC:* Mr. Iwanicki provided an update to recent concerns that have been raised regarding VAC transportation services. He reviewed how people with limited mobility are transported to VA medical facilities and how problems are addressed by other counties, many of which do not offer their own transportation services.

*Senior Services Grant Commission:* No report.

*Housing Authority:* No report

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

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Appointments – Housing Authority and Lake in the Hills Sanitary District

Health Care Worker Proclamation

National Healthcare Decisions day 2008 Proclamation

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