

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; James Heisler; Mary Donner; Anna May Miller and Dan Ryan. Mary McCann arrived at 8:18a.m. Sandra Salgado was absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty and Patti Nomm, Health Department; Jane Wacker and 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 Mr. Ryan, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of May 23, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Ms. McCann arrived at 8:18a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS

Pool Barrier Ordinance Amendments: Chairman Peschke stated that this is the amended ordinance that includes the ability to have a locked cover on a pool as an acceptable barrier and to include grandfathering as previously noted in the ordinance. Ms. Miller noted concern and stated that she cannot support an ordinance that allows a variance for some and not others and she thinks that allowing 5 years to become in compliance with the recommended changes gives them plenty of time to make any necessary changes without causing an undue burden for anyone. Committee members noted that a person could always appeal any decision made. A County Board members mentioned at the County Board meeting that insurance companies may drive people to obtain locking covers for their pools in order to receive a discounted insurance rate. After discussion, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the Pool Barrier Ordinance Amendments as presented. The motion carried with five ayes (Donner, Heisler, McCann, Ryan, Peschke) and one nay (Miller)

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Health – Appointment Interviews: Committee members Thomas Skiba, DDS, Dallas Larson and Edward Varga for the open positions on the Board of Health. Dr. Skiba would fill the Dentist requirement on the Board and Mr. Varga and Mr. Larson are applying for reappointment to the Board. After completion of the interviews, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend the appointment of Dr. Thomas Skiba to fill the Dentist position on the Board of Health and the reappointment of Dallas Larson and Edward Varga to the Board of Health. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Committee members were reminded that a Physician is still needed to fill a position on the Board of Health if anyone should know of anyone interested in filling this position.

Resolution accepting IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant: Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend approval of a Resolution accepting IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY09 Continuation Funding Agreements: Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's FY09 Continuation Funding Agreements. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Ms Miller left committee at 9:25a.m.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis reported that at next Mondays' meeting the elections will take place. The Purchase of the Network of Care Website has been completed. This product was developed by an IT professional that had a hard time accessing needed information for special health issues. This is not just for mental health issues. This is not PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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a website with just information and referral information but provides up to date information and possible legislation that may affect a specific issue. The person can also include private personal information so this information could be obtained in an emergency, like prescriptions that are being used etc. This site is available for public use as well and is available for the whole United States. There is a link to the site from the county webpage.

VAC: None

WIB: None

HRC: This committee will be meeting as needed. The committee has had a problem getting enough committee members together to have a quorum to run the meetings.

Housing Authority: Monday is the next scheduled meeting of the Housing Authority Board. The Emergency Board will be meeting on the 23rd.

Board of Health: The Department has been handling the confirmed cases of Legionnaires Disease from an area hotel. There are three additional suspected cases. Tests of the pool spa area came back positive for the disease. The area will be taken apart and cleaned and sanitized and rechecked for the disease. All people who stayed at the hotel have been contacted about possible contamination. An alert Physician from Michigan discovered and reported the disease to the County. This has helped to prevent additional exposure to others at the hotel. He noted this is a very under-diagnosed issue. The County is also leading the State in positive rabies found in bats. If a person does not get treated for a rabid bite, they will die. They need to be treated. Over 80 animals have been tested, with 5 returning positive. The area is currently suffering from a shortage of rabies vaccine. It takes 10 days to treat for rabies. He noted this is a good reason to have your cats vaccinated.

Animal Control: None

Mental Health Board: None

Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance: Committee members noted they have not heard of any issues so far this year concerning noise from ATV's. A letter was received from a gentleman in Woodstock that complained about ATV use on County property next to where he lives. This report has been turned over to Planning and Development.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Ordinance to amend the pool barrier ordinance with a request to waive the 30 day review
- Recommend the appointment of Thomas Skiba DDS, Dallas Larson and Edward Varga to the Board of Health
- Resolution accepting IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant
- Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for McHenry County Mental Health Board's Fy09 Continuation Funding Agreements

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