

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Lyn Orphal, Chairman; Randy Donley; Mary McCann; and Virginia Peschke. Mary Donner, Sandra Salgado and Anna May Miller were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty and Patti Nomm, Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission and interested public.

Lyn Orphal, Chairman	
Mary L. Donner	Randy Donley
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Virginia Peschke	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009 as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION

Ms. Nomm from the Environmental Health Department joined committee members for a presentation on the Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of solid waste, recyclables and yard-waste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County. This would be an exclusive single hauler agreement for certain areas of the unincorporated areas of the County. These areas include Wonder Lake, a portion surrounding Wonder Lake and the Pistakee Highlands area. Proposals for services were solicited and the contract has been awarded to Groot Industries for a period from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2013. These areas were chosen because of the frequent open burning complains and high density of the homes which limited open burning options. By using one provider they were able to obtain an overall lower cost to the resident while increasing the services provided. The Department still receives a large amount of complaints so it is hopeful that this ordinance will address these complaint areas.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. McNulty stated this is for the period of October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This grant was previously approved by the Board on June 2, 2009 and all the terms and compensation remain the same except for the start date of the grant. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Peschke Orphal)

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$532,180 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a H1N1 vaccination campaign and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY09 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$532,180 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a H1N1 vaccination campaign and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY09 budget. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. These grant funds are to be used to fund the H1N1 flu vaccination program for McHenry County. Committee members questioned if benefit and IMRF costs are included in the Resolution. Committee members were informed they are not included though it does allow for overtime costs for existing staff. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Peschke, Orphal)

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$5,000 Grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. This grant will allow the dental care community to address the oral needs of at risk children. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Peschke, Orphal)

*Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of solid waste, recyclables and yardwaste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County:* Committee members reviewed an Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of

solid waste, recyclables and yardwaste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County. Mr. Donley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke to recommend approval of the above Ordinance as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Peschke, Orphal)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

*Workforce Network/WIB:* This is a difficult committee because of the large number of individuals involved. They have been broken up in groups in order to break down the issues of the Workforce Network. They are extremely busy with the large number of unemployed individuals. The County has benefited from the stimulus funds that have passed through the Workforce Network. Most of these funds have been expended. This is a good program to be involved in and they are available to help those that are unemployed.

NEW BUSINESS CONT

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Veterans Lottery Grant and an emergency appropriation to the Veterans Assistance Commission FY09 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Veterans Lottery Grant and an emergency appropriation to the Veterans Assistance Commission FY09 budget. Mr. Iwanicki stated that the Veterans Assistance Commission has received a \$10,000 to fund a pilot program for prescription eyewear services for County veterans. Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, McCann, Peschke, Orphal)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE CONT

*Housing Authority:* The Housing Authority has been working to distribute grants for homeless prevention. They have funds available for rental and mortgage assistance in order to keep people in their homes. This is stimulus funds to help with temporary needs. The individuals must verify their need and show that this is a short term request. Individuals must show they are not at fault for having this need from a loss of job or sickness. They can't quit a job and then ask for assistance. Consumer Credit Counseling is being used for counseling services.

*Board of Health:* H1N1 is consuming staff resources of the department. There has been an increase in deaths seen in Children from H1N1. There has been an increase in the amount of H1N1 vaccine doses received in the County. The Health Department is providing on line appointments. They are receiving approximately 1,000 calls per day. Two deaths in the County have been attributed to H1N1. Most incidents of the regular flu occur starting in January. Those with H1N1 flu generally have a higher temperature. After the flu has peaked, you can generally expect another wave within 6 to 8 weeks. It is best to get vaccinated for future coverage.

Committee members were informed that a meeting was held with local Legislative Representatives and the Illinois Department of Health on the McCullom Lake Cancer issue. The Illinois Department of Health is responsible for sending information to the CDC on these issues. Issues must be forwarded to the CDC by the State, not the local government. The CDC has agreed to review information that the County and State already have compiled on the McCullom Lake issue. There is no real way to determine how or why a person has contracted cancer.

*Mental Health:* The Board continues to review funding levels from the agencies. They are trying to fund the same levels as the past year. Some agencies will receive a 4% increase to their contracts. Tomorrow, Family Services, along with the Elgin Health Clinic will begin offering services once per month at their facility. They hope to increase these services in the near future.

There are some vacancies at Thresholds and Pioneer Center. They are questioning whether these beds could be used for crisis respite services.

A public meeting will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> to answer questions about the Mental Health building project. This meeting will be held at MCC beginning at 6:00pm. This will allow the Mental Health Board to answer questions regarding the building project. It was noted that some people are not aware that the funds being used are from a 20 year project and have been saved for capital expenses, which cannot be used for services.

*Senior Services:* The 2010 contracts have been forwarded to the States Attorney for review. Mr. Labaj reminded committee members of the Division of Transportation program that was approved previously for senior transportation services. This program is scheduled to start on Valentine's Day.

*VAC:* Mr. Iwanicki informed committee members that he has created a handbook with a guide for services available from the VAC. This has been revised and updated as the laws have changed. This has been reviewed by the

Attorney General's office. The main reason for the handbook was to close the loopholes so that they are in compliant with current laws and so they are concurrent with public aid pay and pay for benefits based upon costs in the area. The VA will be developing a publication for Veteran's to answer questions surrounding the eligibility rules and standard for Veteran's. This publication will be modeled after the publication created by the McHenry County VAC. There is a report that the unemployment figures for Veteran's is at 10.2%. With those veterans whose benefits have expired, this is closer to 17%.

Committee members were reminded that there are two openings on the Mental Health Board. This committee will do interviews in December for the open positions. One incumbent is reapplying for the position. Bev Thomas has elected to not reapply. It was suggested that some sort of recognition be given to Ms. Thomas for her 27 years of service to the Board. Chairman Orphal stated that if anyone knows of anyone interested in serving on this board to get their applications sent in. The Board of Health is still working to fill the physician position on their board.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Veterans Lottery Grant and an emergency appropriation to the Veterans Assistance Commission FY09 budget

Resolution authorizing accepting the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$532,180 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for a H1N1 vaccination campaign and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY09 budget

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of solid waste, recyclables and yardwaste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County

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