

McHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Minutes of June 28, 2010

President Andy Andresky called the McHenry County Board of Health meeting to order at the McHenry County Department of Health at approximately 7:03 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Andy Andresky, Mr. Dallas Larson, Ms. Lyn Orphal, Dr. Thomas Skiba arrived @ approx. 7:20 p.m. and Mr. Edward Varga. Board members absent: Ms. Linda Brogan and Ms. Eleanor Jackson. Staff members present included: Mr. Patrick McNulty, Ms. Patricia Nomm, Ms. Fran Stanwood, Mr. Joseph Gogle, Ms. Karen Mueller and Christina Webb with McHenry County State's Attorney Office. Dr. S. L. Ruggero, the Health Department's Medical Advisor, was also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Board held Interviews of candidates for Environmental Health Advisory Committee

Dr. Skiba arrived at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The Board proceeded to interview each of the 14 candidates. Seven candidates' were scheduled for the 7:00 p.m. time slot, with 7 scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Two candidates had to regretfully withdraw their applications; two candidates were unable to attend. The Board reviewed questionnaires completed by the applicants prior to the interviews. Each candidate was asked to identify themselves and explain their interest in Committee membership. Interviews lasted approximately five minutes.

Following the interview process, the Board discussed individual candidates. The Board then appointed candidates to specific positions based on experience. The Environmental Health Advisory Committee appointments are listed below –

- Natural Resource Specialist – William Kreznor
- Private Sewage Specialist – Craig Carlson
- Potable Water/Groundwater Specialist – John Kelly
- Food Protection Specialist - David Faccone
- Solid Waste Specialist – Cheryl Dawson
- Environmental Group representative – Cynthia Skrukrud
- Educator – Joseph Pienschke
- Representative(s) from general public – Open
- Municipal/township representative – Open
- Director of Environmental Health – Patricia Nomm
- Department of Planning & Development staff representative – Unknown
- Board of Health member liaison – Dr. Thomas Skiba

Mr. Andresky **moved** to approve the Environmental Health Advisory Committee appointments chosen by the Board of Health, **second** by Ms. Orphal. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Seven of the minimum 9 positions were filled. A request will be sent directly to Municipal and Township offices requesting volunteers who may be interested in Committee participation to submit a letter of interest to Patti for further consideration. A request will also be made for members of the general public for Committee participation and letter of interest.

MINUTES

Mr. Varga **moved** to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 meeting, **second** by Ms. Orphal. Following a discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Varga **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda, **second** by Ms. Orphal. Following a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS-New

None

OLD BUSINESS

Patti Nomm, Director of Environmental Health discussed the McCullom Lake water sampling results for calendar year 2010. On May 17th and May 19, 2010, McHenry County Dept. of Health's Environmental staff collected water samples from 15 different locations. The locations included 1 non-community public water supply, 1 surface water sample and 13 private water wells. Samples were tested for 24 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) and analyzed by an independent certified private laboratory. VOC's are synthetic chemicals containing carbon that evaporate easily at room temperature (i.e. benzene, formaldehyde, etc.) The 2010 sample results showed no detection of Volatile Organic Compounds at any of the 15 sample locations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Orphal **moved** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues, **second** by Mr. Varga. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Ms. Orphal **moved** to go out of Executive Session at 8:43p.m., **second** by Dr. Skiba. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Orphal **moved** to go into Regular Session at approximately 8:44pm, **second** by Mr. Varga. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Skiba **moved** to accept the contract put forth regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement between SEIU Local 73 and McHenry County for specified Veterinary Public Health Division staff, **second** by Mr. Varga. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

BOARD ISSUES

Mr. McNulty discussed briefly the University of Illinois (UIC) Chicago decision not to conduct an environmental study. He indicated he did not receive a copy of the letter to the County Board Chairman in regards to this matter. An article published in the local newspaper had a caption which was a bit misleading; UIC never intended to study the cancers in McCullom Lake. Their focus was to make sure that there were no concerns to the public's health caused by environmental hazards affecting that community. UIC received information from the Department of Health and was to review it. It would appear that UIC felt, based on the information provided to them, that there is nothing further that could be done in McCullom Lake. UIC would be interested in possible education sessions within the Community. It does appear that there will be some further discussion at upcoming Public Health and Human Services Committee meetings.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Andresky reviewed the information in this section. Mr. McNulty noted two items in particular – the National Association of Counties Achievement Awards in recognition for franchising of the Solid Waste Program and the 2009 H1N1 RN Recruitment and Utilization Plan. Mr. McNulty felt these two programs were very deserving of the awards and was delighted to have received them.

Mr. Andresky inquired about CABA (Continental Amateur Baseball Association) World Series and what if any activities are underway. Mr. McNulty stated that the Department's CABA involvement has been done annually and for smoking prevention promotional activities geared towards teenage participants. Mr. Andresky asked Fran the status of the WIC audit and if adjustments were accordingly. Fran

indicated adjustments have been made. Mr. McNulty said this was an outside Auditor. Fran said the WIC Auditor comes every year; the outside Auditor does not. Fran mentioned any grant that is over \$250,000 is looked at internally by the County's Auditors. She stated there are deliverables to meet with every grant we receive.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fran distributed photographs from different events conducted by Health Promotion staff in the past two months. The first photo was of the Consolidated School Grant that is focused on exercise and obesity in area schools and changing lifestyles of children and their families. The second photo is the Tobacco compliance checks that were conducted. Fran indicated this grant has been renewed and compliance checks will be conducted in Woodstock and McHenry. McHenry asked the Department to be a part of this program. Mr. Andresky asked if there were a lot of vendors in noncompliance. Fran said there were quite a few; 25 vendors were visited. She said the purpose is to educate and ensure vendors are checking ID's. Fran also mentioned some vendors are passing on the fines to the employee who may have sold the products illegally.

Mr. McNulty discussed the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) program. Woodstock School District has received national awards for its comprehensive programming for nutrition, exercise and education aimed at students, faculty and parents. There were only six schools in the State of Illinois to receive these awards and four of them were located in the Woodstock School District. The Department started the program in these schools. It is great to see the sustainability and the national recognition for the work they have achieved. The CATCH program has been implemented in Marengo as well. The Department would like to replicate the program in Harvard and Crystal Lake. Hopefully the national attention will encourage more schools in McHenry County to become involved.

Mr. Andresky said Ms. Brogan never left the Board. She is the tenth member now that the size of the Board has been increased. Ms. Orphal said the Board was increased to accommodate up to 12 members but it does not have to have 12 members. The Board was increased to provide a Nurse position (as reflected in the Bylaws) although the State law does not have this designation. The State law requires two licensed physicians and a licensed Dentist. It was felt there are people interested in sitting on the Board so this would make provision for that. There was a concern about the Board having 12 members. Ms. Orphal explained that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, which the Board follows, if a tie were to occur that the motion would automatically fail. Mr. Andresky stated that because the County Board did not act on anyone other than Ms. Brogan, the open positions cannot be filled until July 2011. Mr. McNulty said that is correct (according to the Statute). As the positions need to be filled on the anniversary of the vacancy, Mr. Andresky said that if we would want to add someone new to the Board, the process would not start until sometime after January 2011. Mr. McNulty said he feels there is now an opportunity that if there is a specific expertise the Board members would like to see appointed to the Board, then we could make recommendations to the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

APPENDIX

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Orphal **moved** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:02p.m., **second** by Mr. Varga. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Thomas Skiba
Secretary