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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
May 2, 2016**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairperson Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Little, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chairperson Haji-Sheikh. Ms. Askins and Mr. Porterfield were absent. A quorum was established.

Others present were Tammy Anderson, Jane Lux, and Jeremy Perrotta.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting as well.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh shared that the County is planning on holding another cathode-ray TV recycling collection event. This time, they have structured it so that people will not show up only to be turned away. The new event is planned for May 26 through 28 and will collect about 1,300 unwanted TVs for recycling at no charge. The event will be open to county residents who make phone reservations ahead of time until all appointment times are full.

The Chair added that a press release will be published tomorrow regarding more information about the upcoming event.

Ms. Askins and Mr. Porterfield arrived at 6:35 p.m.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) Superintendent Tammy Anderson joined the Committee to review her Department's Annual Report. Ms. Anderson highlighted that they are now helping 2,700 Veterans with all types of claims (disability, pension, education, burial, etc.) and actions in regards to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Also, since January 1, 2016 the DCVAC has brought into DeKalb County \$238,950.47 in VA awarded back-pay. This is a one-time award to the Veteran.

Since January 1, 2016, Ms. Anderson shared, they have been able to get over \$26,255.81 in continuous monthly benefits from the VA directly to the Veteran. A cumulative amount since January 1, 2013 totals over \$343,545.11. This is consistent revenue spent in DeKalb County each month by our County's Veterans.

The DCVAC have helped over 963 Veterans with VA claims for Disability, Pension, Healthcare, Educations, etc. In 2015, they provided 245 rides for 315 Veterans from DeKalb County to VA Hospitals located in Illinois and Wisconsin. Also in 2015, they helped over 771 DeKalb County Veterans with Financial Assistance.

Ms. Anderson additionally provided the Committee with some graphs that depicted the Veterans Assistance Budget and Recovery Comparison, the Department of Veteran Affairs Monthly Benefits to DeKalb County Veterans, and her 2015 Budget Overview. She commented that the pride and drive of her staff makes her very proud to be part of this Veterans' Community of DeKalb County.

The Committee and Ms. Anderson spent additional time discussing the claims process and the volunteer rides that are provided by the Department. The Committee thanked Ms. Anderson for joining them and for the great work her and her staff are doing for the Veterans within the Community.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

DeKalb County Public Health Administrator Jane Lux joined the Committee for her last Annual Report. Ms. Lux announced that she will be retiring after being with the Health Department for 35 years. The Board of Health has appointed the next Administrator and she will begin June 1st in order to work with Jane a bit before her departure.

Ms. Lux shared and reiterated information regarding the upcoming CRT TV Recycling event. She noted that this time the collection site will be at DC Trash, 14438 E. North Ave., Cortland. The collection point was moved in order to cut down on hauling. Also, for those individuals who do not succeed in booking a free appointment, or can't stand to hold onto an old TV any longer, DC Trash has agreed to reduce its recycling fee for TVs. Those with TVs smaller than 19 inches can drop off them off at DC Trash for \$20, which TVs larger than 19 inches will cost \$30. Those who drop off the electronic for recycling will receive a coupon of the same value toward the rental of a roll-off Dumpster. The Health Department is also anticipating that they will hold another event next year with the possibility of holding the event annually until it is no longer needed.

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Ms. Lux continued that the Board of Health has been discussing the declining revenue of the Health Department for about the last decade and she wanted to let everyone know that current national surveys are indicating that the DeKalb County Health Department is experiencing the same thing as most other Health Departments throughout the Nation. The last survey done indicated that nearly half of all of the local Health Departments had either reduced or eliminated services in 2011 and 2012 and lost 43,900 jobs from 2008 to 2012 and many were operating their programs at a diminished capacity in 2012. This is the national landscape of what is happening with local Health Departments and in that context, the Board of Health is recommending that the County Board consider voting to put a Public Health Tax Levy Referendum on the on the General Election Ballot this year. Ms. Lux went on to share that the reason for the timing is because the bond payments for the Health Facility are being retired at the end of this year so this would be a way to do a referendum to continue that levy but instead of paying for the facility, it would be paying for the operations of the County Health Department.

The Chair clarified that the referendum would be no additional taxes out of pocket, the amount of taxes that are currently being paid just wouldn't be lowered and she indicated that that would be a very important education piece on this matter.

Ms. Lux noted that she will be giving a presentation at the full County Board Meeting in May regarding the referendum and will provide financial background information to all. It will then be asked that the County Board take action on placing the referendum on the November Ballot at the June County Board Meeting.

Ms. Lux continued with her Annual Report and shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Committee that highlighted what local Health Departments do and why they are important to a Community.

Lastly, Highlights in 2015 include local emergency planning and response efforts to monitor travelers during the West Africa Ebola Outbreak. In addition, a Mumps outbreak investigation and response limited the spread of illness to 37 cases. Work with County and Long-Term Recovery Corporation partners assured public health and safe drinking water after the destruction caused by the EF4 tornado in Fairdale. In addition to tetanus shots for residents and volunteers, Environmental Health assisted with septic systems and wells, and provided consultation for the new community septic system. The Health Department led an employee committee in the development of a plan to implement the new Smoke and Tobacco-Free Worksite Resolution to decrease health risks associated with tobacco. Service improvements continued, resulting in an increase in Immunizations to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. They implemented new evidence based practices in maternal and child health to positively impact birth outcomes and child health including preconception education and counseling and the Mom's Club, a breastfeeding support group. Hosted a first annual Healthy Start to School Event helped families meet school health requirements. The Solid Waste and Recycling Community Advisory Committee resumed meetings to provide input into plans to meet expanded zero waste goals.

The Committee thanked Ms. Lux for joining them and looked forward to seeing her again next month to discuss the proposed referendum more.

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GuideStar PRESENTATION

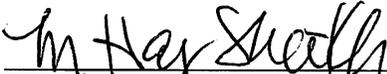
Health & Human Services Committee Intern Jeremy Perrotta provided the Committee with a presentation and overview of what GuideStar was. Mr. Perrotta shared that GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.

GuideStar's mission is to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. GuideStar gathers and disseminates information about every single IRS-registered nonprofit organization. They provide as much information as they can about each nonprofit's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, governance, and more. The primary use that Mr. Perrotta illustrated to the Committee was to review nonprofit's annual 990 tax forms, view the composition of staff and board diversity and salaries, verify 501(c)(3) status, and review organization's mission objectives and programs. Mr. Perrotta encouraged everyone to explore the free website at www.guidestar.org.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Ms. Askins, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairperson



Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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What is Public Health?



The Three P's of Public Health

1. Prevent Disease
2. Promote Health
3. Protect the Public

Prevention is the Key!



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DeKalb, Illinois



In addition, we address reducing health disparities, with attention to the social and economic factors that influence health.

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Who Does DeKalb County Health Department Focus On?



The health department focuses on improving the health of the population in DeKalb County

- Individuals and families
- Entire population in the community



Why is Public Health Important? What Does it Do?



Ten Great Public Health Achievements in the United States

- Vaccinations
- Safer Workplaces
- Safer and Healthier Foods
- Motor-Vehicle Safety
- Control of Infectious Diseases
- Decline in Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke
- Family Planning
- Recognition of Tobacco Use as a Health Hazard
- Healthier Mothers and Babies
- Fluoridation of Drinking Water

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, n.d.)



When Are You Most Likely to Notice Public Health In Action?

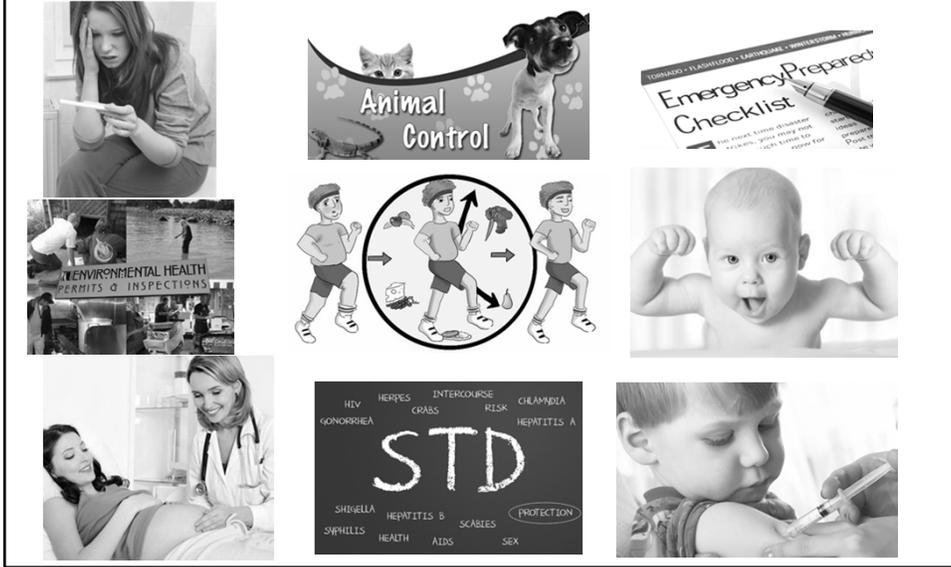
When a Health Problem Affects the Community



Disease Outbreak
Foodborne Illness
Low Birth Weight Infants
High rates of chronic illnesses



However, they are there
for so much more...



DeKalb County Health
Department

Programs at DeKalb County Health Department

- DeKalb County Health Department
 - o Maternal and Child Health
 - o Communicable Disease and Immunizations
 - o Environmental Health
 - o Emergency Preparedness
 - o Animal Control
 - o Solid Waste
 - o Health Care Enrollment
 - o Health Promotion

(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Maternal and Child Health

- Goals:
 - o Reducing Infant morbidity and mortality
 - o Promoting health and well-being of pregnant and postpartum women and infants
- Educational Nutrition Program
 - o Pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children to age 5
 - Encourages growth and development through Supplemental foods
 - Promotes and supports breastfeeding

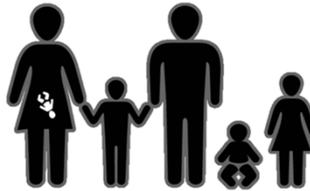


(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Maternal and Child Health

- Provides confidential services to both men and women of child-bearing age to support reproductive health and improve birth outcomes
 - Medical
 - Education
 - Social

Family Planning



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Childhood Immunization Program

- Clinics provide vaccines to control and prevent the spread of diseases
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
 - Low or no cost immunizations for children enrolled in Medicaid or who do not have health insurance



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Healthcare Enrollment Assistance

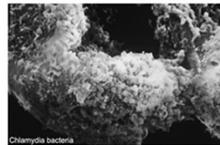
- Program that provides assistance with enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace and expanded Medicaid implemented as part of the national Affordable Care Act



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Reportable Disease Investigation

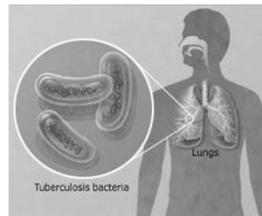
Investigations to prevent and control the spread of disease



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Tuberculosis Program

- Medical services provided to identify, diagnose and treat individuals who have or were exposed to tuberculosis (TB)



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Immunization and International Travel Consults

Examples of Adult Vaccines Administered

- Hep-A
- Hep-A (Pediatric)
- Hep-B
- HPV
- Typhoid
- Yellow Fever
- Influenza
- Polio



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Health Promotion Programs

- Illinois Tobacco Free Communities (ITFC)
 - Goal
 - Reducing tobacco use among teens and adults
 - Implementation
 - Media and outreach plan to promote Illinois Quitline
 - Free counseling available 7am-11pm, 7 days a week
 - Smoking cessation classes
 - Policies to promote smoke free places



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Health Promotion Programs

- Reality Illinois
 - Implemented in School District 428
 - Engages youth in:
 - Tobacco control
 - Prevention Strategies
 - 2016 Goals
 - Prevent tobacco use among young people
 - Eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke
 - Identify and eliminate tobacco-related health disparities among specific population groups
 - Young students aged 13-18 are targeted and empowered to make a lasting desired change in their community
 - They learn about how the local governing body works
 - They engage community members
 - They communicate with elected officials to create the change they wish to see



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Emergency Preparedness

- Goal: Improve county emergency response capacity through planning activities
 - Activities include:
 - Use of federal capabilities to guide and enhance preparedness planning in the county
 - Incorporating best practices and testing of emergency medication dispensing plan
 - Coordination of health department and countywide emergency planning team meetings
 - Collaboration with local, regional, and state planning efforts



(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Environmental Health

- A big part of environmental health at DeKalb County Health Department is the:
 - Food Establishment Inspections
 - Well and Septic Inspections



Animal Control

- The program goal is to prevent rabies by enforcing the Illinois Animal Control Act and the county ordinance pertaining to animals
- The program picks up stray dogs.



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Solid Waste and Recycling

- The program protects the environment and conserves our resources by adopting zero waste as a guiding principle and promoting the 4 R's : "Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"
 - Encourages recycling
 - Providing information and consultation to individuals, businesses, municipalities, schools, and media regarding recycling and waste reduction.
 - Recycling education in county schools
- Sponsoring of collection events for wastes such as:
 - Electronics
 - Household batteries
 - Compact fluorescent lamps
 - Used motor oil



Public Health Campaigns

- Social Media
 - Health Department launched Facebook and Twitter to:
 - Increase public communication about a variety of health topics



@DeKalbILCoHealthDept

(DeKalb County Health Department, 2015)

Feedback from the Public is Important

I love the staff!
They are so friendly and helpful. I absolutely love this place!

We enjoy being treated like we matter.

Very helpful staff, friendly and kind. Great experience for our family.

This Health Department has wonderful nurses that really care! Thank you!

So easy, and convenient!

They're so nice. I feel grateful. Thank you.

Love this place; everybody who works here is awesome.