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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
September 12, 2016**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, September 12, 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. Askins, Mr. Whelan, and Chairperson Haji-Sheikh. Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, and Mr. Reid were absent. A quorum was established with Board Chairman Pietrowski joining the Committee as per Section 2-42 (a) of the County Board rules.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Lisa Gonzalez, Steve Faivre, and John Frieders.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Askins and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Whelan 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 she appreciated everyone in attendance for being at the meeting because there was originally going to be no meeting in the month of September. The sole purpose of this rescheduled meeting was to gain additional information regarding the Public Health Tax Levy Referendum item.

Mr. Porterfield arrived at 6:36 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH TAX LEVY REFERENDUM

DeKalb County Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez updated the Committee that since the last meeting it was requested that an email be sent to all County Board Members inviting any questions, comments, concerns regarding the Public Health Tax Levy Referendum. To date, Ms. Gonzalez or staff have not received any questions regarding this issue.

Ms. Gonzalez continued to share that during the month of August, after the last meeting, County Health Department staff has been staying busy gathering data and information. There are going

to two analyses done in order to obtain the information that will better show the financial details of the County Health Department. One analysis will look at the FY 2017 revenues and expenditures by service area in order to show really where dollars are going and how local property taxes are being used. The second analysis will look at revenue and fund balance trends over the past 20+ years. Both of these studies are being worked on by multiple people and department which takes additional time and Ms. Gonzalez informed that she wanted to come share with the Committee where her department is at right now with this information.

It was shared that both analysis projects are in the progress stage right now and are being worked on as they speak. Because this information is being gathered right now there was no real new information that Ms. Gonzalez was able to provide to the Committee at this time but she assured that both projects are scheduled to be completed and will be ready to be reported at the October Health & Human Services Committee Meeting (Monday, October 3, 2016).

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh questioned, and if not, requested that these analysis reports will be able to show exactly how much money the Health Department will be needing (previously \$650,000) and if possible can they use less money.

It was reiterated that the analyses will be broke down by sources of income which include local dollars verses grant dollars. Chairperson Haji-Sheikh suggested that it may also be beneficial to include a statement within the reports that would explain which program grants have dried up and what those programs actually do to better help explain the impact that these programs have on the community.

The Committee and Ms. Gonzalez continued to discuss the overall operations of the County Health Department and how it is running. She provided that like years past, they are always looking for ways to combine management services and streamline where possible. Meeting grant deliverables is and continues to be a top priority of the department as well as identifying and meeting the community's needs and health priorities.

Chairman Pietrowski wanted to assure that the Health Department was reaching out to all areas of the entire County and not just DeKalb. Ms. Gonzalez assured that with departments like wells, septic, and food inspections the Health Department is always traveling and connecting with all Cities, Towns, and Villages throughout the County.

The group additionally discussed with Ms. Gonzalez that in the instance this referendum question doesn't get approved to go on the ballot or doesn't pass, where targeted cuts would come from within the Health Department. Ms. Gonzalez outlined which functions are mandated for the department to have and also noted that most of the cuts would have to come from the Maternal & Childhood Development programs because they are not mandated functions.

Ms. Askins made a motion to continue to discuss the Public Health Tax Levy Referendum topic at the October Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

There were old or new business items discussed.

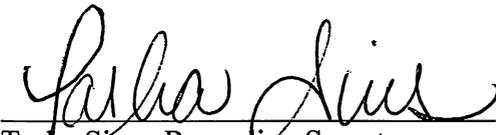
ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Haji Sheikh, Chairperson



Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary