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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
August 7, 2017**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Little called the meeting to order. Those Members present included, Ms. Askins, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Little. A quorum was established with all Members present.

Others present were Lisa Gonzalez, Greg Maurice, Brianna Kness, and Roy Plote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Hughes and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2017 Committee Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Roy Plote voiced his concerns with some forms that he was provided with by the Sandwich Clinic that is now part of Northwestern Medicine. He explained that he had to sign a form that waived his rights of taking any pictures or videos of his care, other patients, Northwestern Medicine employees, physicians, and students in the facility. Furthermore, he continued that he had to sign another form agreeing that Northwestern Medicine can create recordings and images containing his health information for treatment, education. Mr. Plote's point was that Northwestern is taking away right from the patient but yet they are getting granted full access to do that very thing. After further review and discussion from the Committee, Mr. Plote noted that he was going to call a number that he was given and agreed to inform the Committee at a later date of what the outcome was of his discussions with Northwestern on this issue.

JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL UPDATE

Bri Kness, DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council Coordinator, joined the Committee to provide an overview and update on the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC). Ms. Kness explained that the JJC's goal is to develop and implement a system of collaboration to address the needs of individuals involved in the Juvenile Justice System. This is done to provide a unified system of collaboration will increase positive outcomes for youth without duplicating services, therefore reducing costs to the community. Their objectives are to educate community members and service providers on the causes of delinquent behaviors and what research shows works effectively to prevent and reduce those identified behaviors. Also, to institute the use of formal cooperative interagency agreements. Another goal is to reduce delinquent behaviors in DeKalb County as measured by risk/protective factors. Reducing delinquent behavior increases the quality of life for youth and families while increasing community safety and reducing costs to the community. Their objectives in doing this is to encourage the use of a standardized risk assessment tool by all youth agencies and schools who provide services geared towards prevention and reduction of delinquent behaviors, as well as to focus resources on programs that

are proven by research to decrease delinquent behaviors. The last goal identified was to improve school attendance for all K-12 students because increased attendance improves academic achievement, increases employability, decreases juvenile delinquency and reduces costs to the community. The JJC explores and encourages the adoption of a county-wide attendance policy and to review and revise, as necessary, the procedures for truancy intervention including referrals, pre-court hearings, diversion and court referrals.

Ms. Kness additionally shared that the JJC has brought in over \$330,000 in grants from the Federal Government. The Juvenile Justice Council is a fully grant funded program and is under the Community Action umbrella. Ms. Kness noted that most of the grant monies go towards programming and shared information about some of their programs with the Committee. She described their Early Risk Assessment Project (ERAP) which is a diversion program designed to keep juveniles out of the court system. She also provided information about a pilot program that is expected to be in Sandwich Middle School and Sandwich High School to help reach kids even before that have their first possible arrests and to help bring more resources to the southern part of the County. She lastly explained all the work the JJC is doing on creating and becoming a trauma-informed community.

The Committee thanked Ms. Kness for coming and bringing light to the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council and their prevention efforts.

REVIEW OF BED & BREAKFAST REGULATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, DeKalb County Public Health Administrator, and Greg Maurice, Director of Health Protection, joined the Committee to provide some basic information about the County's Bed & breakfast establishments.

Mr. Maurice shared that there are currently two establishments in unincorporated DeKalb County and a third that has been inquiring information. The Health Department refers to the standards set forth by the State of Illinois (50 ILCS 820/) Bed and Breakfast Act.

Mr. Maurice further explained that "Bed and breakfast establishment" shall mean an operator-occupied residence providing accommodations for a charge to the public with no more than 5 guest rooms for rent, in operation for more than 10 nights in a 12 month period. Breakfast may be provided to the guests only. Bed and breakfast establishments shall not include motels, hotels, boarding houses, or food service establishments.

(b) "Operator" shall mean the owner of the bed and breakfast establishment, or the owner's agent, who is required by this Act to reside in the bed and breakfast establishment, or on contiguous property.

(c) "Guest room" shall mean a sleeping room intended to serve no more than 2 transient guests per night.

Furthermore, the corporate authorities of any county or municipality shall:

- (1) Provide for the regulation, safe operation, licensing and inspection of bed and breakfast establishments.
- (2) Provide for examination and regulation of bed and breakfast establishment operators.
- (3) Designate and use full-time municipal, district, county or multicounty health departments and local fire departments as its agents.

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However, the powers granted to the corporate authorities of counties by this Act shall apply only to unincorporated areas within the county.

Mr. Maurice additionally provided information within the statute that goes over the food preparation. It was identified that there is no need for any commercial kitchens and all operators shall be certified. Certification shall be achieved by successfully completing an examination offered by the local Health Department as described in the current edition of the State of Illinois Food Service Sanitation Rules and Regulations.

As of FY 2017, the DeKalb County Health Department charges a \$150.00 fee for Bed and breakfast establishments, which is lower than restaurants and other food establishments. Lastly Mr. Maurice and Ms. Gonzalez reviewed the inspection process of the establishments and noted that their fee is well within the range of surrounding and like-size Counties.

The Committee thanked the Health Department in coming and clarifying some questions they had regarding County Bed and breakfast establishments.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There were no other items identified.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Little, Chairperson

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary