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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
January 9, 2017**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Little called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Askins, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan and Chairman Little. Mr. Schmarje was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Nathan Scott, Vicky Broos, Gary Hanson, Donna Moulton, Jess Collins, Mark Pietrowski and Greg Millburg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Little welcomed the new Committee Members and wished everyone a happy New Year.

U OF I EXTENSION PRESENTATION

Vicky Broos, County Director of the U of I Extension Unit 2 serving Boone, DeKalb and Ogle counties joined the Committee to present an introduction and update on the U of I Extension Office. Ms. Broos shared that the U of I Extension offers practical, research-based, unbiased education to help people improve their lives and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. The programs have evolved extensively throughout the years from their original purposes of providing agriculture, consumer, and economic information to farmers and homemakers.

Ms. Broos continued to provide the Committee with information regarding the staff and the educators who serve the Boone-DeKalb-Ogle Unit. She also reviewed the U of I Extension's Program Highlights handout with the Committee. The handout, attached to these minutes, detailed most of the programs that the Extension Office offers to the public. Ms. Broos shared that although the deadline is not until April 15, they already have 91 new members enrolled this 4-H year. She also share that through state funding, DeKalb County has .2 FTE to facilitate Latino youth participation in 4-H. This new club will begin this January and has 8 members to date. Also, through a grant, efforts are being made to reach a more diverse audience with 4-H in DeKalb County and there is a new Cloverbud program serving youth from University Village in DeKalb. There are 10 youth working with staff and volunteers from NIU.

Mr. Broos and the Committee lastly talked about the Extension's finances and grants they acquire through the USDA. She also noted that they have received no State funding for FY 2016 at all and so far non for the FY 2017 year. Although there is concern, she is still hopeful funding from the State will come through eventually.

Chairman Little and the Committee thanked Ms. Broos for coming and sharing information regarding the University of Extension and detailing all of the programs they have to offer to the Tri-County area.

LOVE INC PRESENTATION

Nathan Scott, Harvest Bible Chapel DeKalb-Executive Director joined the Committee to provide information regarding the Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) organization. Mr. Scott shared that Love In the Name of Christ operates as a central clearinghouse and ministry center, receiving calls for needs of all kinds and verifying the legitimacy of all needs. Love INC empowers Christian volunteers to meet needs and accomplish ministry through GAP Ministries with partner churches. Love INC also makes sure that, as a ministry, they have all the resources and help of area agencies and organizations at their fingertips, including complete knowledge of the ministries and services of each network church. Love INC strives to be the best steward possible of the variety of resources that will help people with legitimate needs. For individuals and families with chronic needs the hope is to expose them to ministries and agencies to help accomplish long-term change. Love INC desires to see transformation come to homes and the communities because of their coordination and network approach to ministry. All clients go through an intake and verification of need process before assistance is provided.

Mr. Scott reviewed the verification process that Love INC follows to determine the need is real. He additionally added that they are thankful for the 11 office workers that give weekly time to get things moving. As the person calls the intake office our volunteers are ready to encourage. Not only is the intake done, but they listen to the sometimes painful stories of clients calling. Intake specialist offer prayer and provides hope and encouragement before they say, "goodbye". The intake volunteers can testify to the change in mindset of the caller in this first phone call. This intake role is essential, behind the scenes but very important due to a number of reasons. For many it is where hope begins.

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In 2016 there were more than 2,500 individuals assisted with Love INC's 28 Gap Ministries (30-35 clients per month). Mr. Scott noted that they were an approved 501c3 not for profit organization and they are classified as a Religious Organization. Funding for the organization comes from donations from individuals and Churches.

Chairman Little and the Committee thanked Mr. Scott for joining them and presenting information about Love INC and for his continued efforts in being the bridge between people in need and the Church.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, the Committee was informed that it was Senior Tax Levy time. The Members were previously presented with a draft of the FY 2018 Senior Tax Levy Request for Bids application. After brief discussion and review, it was determined that no other changes needed to be made to the application beside the dates and allocation amount.

It was reiterated that the purpose and intent of the Senior Service Tax Levy is to prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly DeKalb County residents.

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

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DeKalb County Staff

<p>Jayeeta Chowdhury-Woodstrup General Program Coordinator</p> <p>Nicole Groezinger 4-H Program Coordinator</p> <p>Araceli Lopez King 4-H Latino Pilot Program Coordinator</p>	<p>Connie Handel (Russell Woods) Community Worker, Natural Resources</p> <p>Caroline Collins Community Worker, SNAP-ED</p> <p>Rosa Borjon Office Support Assistant</p>
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Educators Serving Boone, DeKalb & Ogle Counties

<p>Peggy Doty Environmental Stewardship (Housed at Russell Woods) <i>Programs in energy conservation, development of sustainable and alternative energy sources, and enhancement and protection of natural resources. Also provides leadership to volunteers within the Master Naturalist Program.</i></p>	<p>Johnna Jennings 4-H Youth Development (Housed in DeKalb) <i>Provides overall leadership for the 4-H youth development program in the three-county unit, focusing on 4-H Clubs, 4-H Groups, youth education and the Latino initiative. Works with county-based program coordinators and 4-H volunteers.</i></p>	<p>Andy Larson Local Foods & Small Farms (Housed in Ogle) <i>Programs in sustainable local food production, marketing of local food systems, organic and IPM plant protection systems, and small farms educational programs stressing environmental stewardship and economic sustainability.</i></p>
<p>Lisa Hepker Youth Development (Housed in Ogle) <i>Development and delivery of programs addressing youth issues of thinking green, healthy relationships, character education, college and career preparation and more. Works with volunteers and teen teachers.</i></p>	<p>Marilyn Csernus Nutrition & Wellness (Housed in Ogle) <i>Development and delivery of programs and materials related to optimal nutrition, disease prevention and management (includes obesity and diabetes prevention), and ensuring food safety.</i></p>	<p>Russ Higgins Commercial Agriculture Serves Northern part of state.</p> <p>Other educators available for specific programs or for distance learning opportunities.</p>



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Helping You Put Knowledge To Work

DeKalb County Extension Program Highlights

Energy & Environmental Stewardship

- Programs presented out of Natural Resource Education Center at Russell Woods Forest Preserve in cooperation with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve and DeKalb County Health Department
- Staff remain at the Center for public access when not engaged in programming
- Outdoor education Field Studies Fall and Spring—teachers bring classes for full or half-day— During 2016, taught **926** students from 24 schools
- November through March conduct DeKalb County School Recycling Program free to all elementary schools—for 2016 had 4660 contacts (approximately 1550 kids)
- Summer day camps—6 themed weeks **100** youth aged 7 - 11
- Winterfest family event—approximately 250 participated in 2016—**Scheduled for January 21, 2017**
- Master Naturalist Program—total of **34** active Master Naturalists serving DeKalb County. In 2016, volunteer hours amounted to 1291.
- Wee Naturalists program monthly for 4-7 year olds

4-H Youth Development

- Currently **14** community based 4-H clubs with **319** members. Though the enrollment deadline is not until April 15, we already have **91** new members enrolled this 4-H year.
- SPIN (Special Interest) Clubs for Electricity, Baking, Dogs, Sewing, Shooting Sports--**64** members
- Annual 4-H Club activities including Super Saturday Project Workshop, Public Speaking Contest, General Projects Show, Livestock Show, and 4-H Officer and Leader Trainings
- **42 club leaders** with multiple additional adult volunteers assisting with 4-H programs
- National Youth Science Day Experiments and Embryology sessions reaching a total of **1107** students
- Latino 4-H Initiative—Through state funding, DeKalb County has .2 FTE to facilitate Latino youth participation in 4-H. We have a new staff member who started in November. She has reached out to existing groups, held a Discover 4-H Night for 54 people, and is starting a new club in January that has 8 members to date.
- Through a grant, efforts are being made to reach a more diverse audience with 4-H in DeKalb County. There is a new Cloverbud program serving youth from University Village. There are 10 youth working with staff and volunteers from NIU.

Illinois Nutrition Education Program (USDA Grant Funded)

- New staff member came on board in the Fall of 2016 and after completing training began programming in December
- Current Sites Served: 2 schools, WIC, 3 food pantries
- Great potential for growth once staff member is acclimated and introduced to partner agencies. In addition, the Unit is adding a SNAP-Ed educator who will serve our area to market the SNAP program and work with partner agencies on addressing issues.

Home Horticulture

- 45 Active Master Gardener Volunteers
- For 2016, Master Gardeners contributed **3058** volunteer hours on **over 20** service projects throughout the county. These include the Engh Farm at Sycamore History Museum (educational workshops for youth and adults); DeKalb County Nursing & Rehab Center (Alzheimer's Garden and Courtyard Garden with Horticulture Therapy); DeKalb City Planters; and many more
- Master Gardener Training offered in DeKalb County Winter 2016 with 22 participants—15 from DeKalb County.
- 4-Seasons Garden TeleNet Series—4 programs each season
- Gardener's Pathway Symposium held annually in cooperation with Kishwaukee College--**180** Attendees in 2016. Registration is open for the 2017 Gardener's Pathway symposium held February 25, 2017.
- Garden Walk and Plant Sale held annually with 6-8 gardens showcased countywide
- Successful Berry School program with 35 attendees.
- Growing & Cooking with Herbs—36 attendees

Local Foods & Small Farms

- Annie's Project—this program targets women who are responsible for their farm operations or have a significant role in the family farm. Meets over 6 sessions. Held in 2016 for 22 attendees. Planning another series this spring.
- Farmer's Market Vendors—Rules and Regulations—18 attendees
- Raising Backyard Chickens Right—24 attendees with 8 attending an advanced session
- 2nd Annual Farm Stroll held in July 2016
- Growing Your Hobby into a Farm Business—14 attendees
- Farm Estate and Transition Planning—26 attendees

Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb-Sycamore

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Gap Ministries "Helping Churches Help Others"

Dec. 2015

Kitchen Ministry
Hillcrest Covenant Church

Linen Ministry
First Lutheran Church-DeKalb

Food Ministry
New Hope Missionary Baptist
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
St. Vincent DePaul
Sycamore United Methodist Church

Mobile Clothing Closet
Love INC-Various Volunteers

Bike Ministry
Crossview Church

Client Financial Assistance
3 churches – Client should go through Love INC

Car Repair Ministry
Christ Community Church

Heaven's Diner Ministry
-table and chairs-
Love INC

Decorative Ministry
Love INC

Electronic Ministry
Love INC

Lamp Ministry
Love INC

Peace & Rest Ministry
Beds
Love INC

Fill 'em Up Ministry
dressers & shelves
Love INC

Life Skills
First Baptist Church Sycamore
Bethel Assembly of God

What is the solution?



Transportation Ministry
Various Volunteers

Furniture Ministry
Love INC

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is the bridge between people in need and the Church.

Restoration Wood Work
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Baby Beginners Ministry
Love INC

Diaper Ministry
Love INC

Games Ministry
Board/Yard/Card

Community Service Interaction
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Appliance Ministry
Love INC

Seasonal Ministry
Love INC

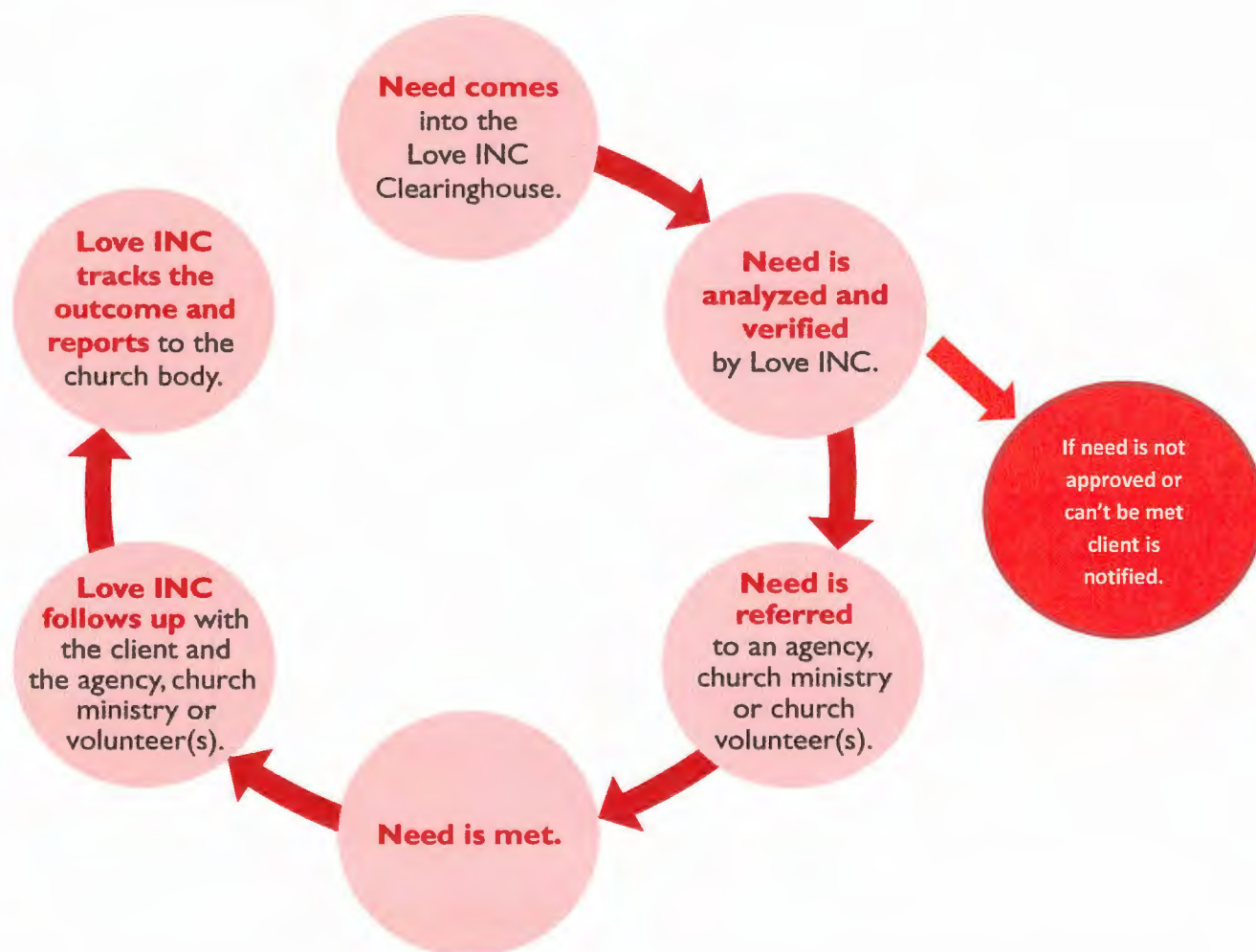
- Process we follow:**
1. Intake performed
 2. Verification of info
 3. Decision made and client notified
 4. Connection of need and resource (church or agency)
 5. Need met (if approved)
 6. Follow up performed

Essentials Toiletry Ministry
New Hope Missionary Baptist

Gas Voucher Assistance
First United Methodist Church
Hillcrest Covenant Church
Christ Community Church

Delivery/Pick Up Teams
Christ Community Church
First Lutheran
Various Volunteers

The process we follow....



This process has shown to be effective. As mentioned earlier we are not an emergency need meeting organization as we take precautions to protect the resources of the church. We don't want to just meet the need, but build a relationship (client and the church) to be a positive support base for the client during their time of difficulty. We want to encourage them as they take steps to rise out of poverty. Poverty has been categorized in different types for instance: *Generational Poverty*, *Chronic Poverty*, and *Genuine Poverty*. At times the best thing we can do for an individual is say, "no." If our national mission statement says, "we exist to transform lives and communities" the best thing to do at times to move towards our existent statement is say no. We receive calls from all three of the above categories. We desire to assist and give tools to all to help them rise out of poverty. Tools will vary.



Love INC

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**28 Programs to assist our
community**

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