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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
February 4, 2019**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Outreach Building's Five Seasons Room in DeKalb, Illinois. Chairman Porterfield called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Larry West, and Chairman Chris Porterfield. Ms. Linda Slabon arrived at 6:57 p.m. A quorum was established at the time of roll call with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson and Pete Stefan.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Crawford and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019 Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2019 – 2020

The Committee began by County Administrator Gary Hanson reviewing a handout that broke down which Departments/Entities report to the Health & Human Services Committee. Those internal Departments are the Health Department, Community Mental Health, Rehab & Nursing Center, Veterans Assistance, and Regional Office of Education. The University of Illinois Extension's Boone-DeKalb-Ogle Unit and the Voluntary Action Center also report to the HHS Committee. Mr. Hanson also clarified that the Health Department, Mental Health, Rehab & Nursing, and Veterans Assistance all have their own Tax Levy and governing Boards that decide how those funds are allocated and that they report to as well. In addition to those Tax Levies, the HHS Committee decides how to allocate the Senior Services Tax Levy funds in order to help avoid the premature institutionalization of the County's Senior Citizen population.

The Committee additionally spent some time understanding the management structure of the County's Rehab & Nursing Center and added that they would like to have that as a topic at a future Committee meeting. Additionally the Committee identified that they would like to discuss the Health Department's budget after the referendum failed last year, what more can be done about the recent allegations of abuse and neglect at the Barn on Baseline in Genoa, and what is being done in order to achieve affordable mental health care in DeKalb County.

It was clarified that each of the Department/Entities that report of the HHS Committee provide the Committee with an Annual Report through the year and provide them with a more in-depth look at what their department is doing and what their challenges are. Those Department Health/Executive Directors are also always welcome to come at additional times that the

Committee may request if they have questions they would like answered or hot topics they would like to get a better understanding of.

Due to there being many specific questions about the County's Public Health Department, it was determined they would invite Administrator Lisa Gonzalez at one of their next meetings.

APPROVAL OF 5311 / DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT RESOLUTIONS

County Finance Director Pete Stefan shared that these agreements, if approved, provide funding for the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. The County has been applying for these funds for the past fourteen years and these funds are used for services outside the DeKalb/Sycamore/Cortland areas. When the grant funds are approved, they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. The 5311 Grant is for Federal funds and the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant is for State funds.

He clarified that during the application phase, there are two 5311 Resolutions required – one for the grant and one for the special warranty. Those two resolutions have already been approved by the County Board for Fiscal Year 2019. Then, during the contract phase, there are two more resolutions required – one for the 5311 grant and one for the DOAP grant. Those are the two that are still required of the County for 2019.

It was moved by Mr. Bagby, seconded by Ms. Slabon and approved unanimously by voice vote to forward both resolutions to the full County Board recommending their approval at the February 20, 2019 Board Meeting.

MEETING LOCATION

Chairman Porterfield explained that the HHS Committee in the past has always met at the Administration Building's Conference Room East but after further examination it was brought to his attention that all of the County Departments that report to the Committee are actually location at the County's DeKalb Campus. He asked the Committee which location they would prefer meeting in. There was a unanimous consensus from the Committee to permanently change the Health & Human Service Committee location to the Community Outreach Building in DeKalb and to keep the Committee's meeting start time at 6:30 p.m., excluding the two April Committee Meetings which will begin at 6:00 p.m. due to the Senior Services Tax Levy Hearings.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Porterfield shared that Dawn Littlefield of Kishwaukee United Way would be attending their meeting next month to give everyone an overview of the 211 Program. There were no additional comments from the Committee Members.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Slabon, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Porterfield, Chairman

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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Departments Reporting to Health & Human Services Committee
As of February 4, 2019

- **Health Department**

- Board of Health

- Christina Jones, RN, MS, President
 - LeAnn Gruber, DVM, Vice President
 - Celeste Latham, Secretary
 - Derryl Block, RN, MSN, MPH, PhD
 - Heather Breuer, DMD
 - Erik Englehart, MD
 - Patricia Faivre
 - Lizy Garcia
 - Mayuri Morker, MD
 - Jessica Harrill, JD
 - 1 Vacancy

- **Community Mental Health**

- Mental Health Board

- Jerald Helland, President
 - Jane Smith, Vice President
 - Marilyn Stromborg, Secretary
 - Laurie Emmer, County Board Representative
 - Richard Schluter
 - Sue Plote
 - Meghan Cook
 - Jennie Geltz
 - Robert Cook

- **Rehab & Nursing Center**

- Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board

- Jeff Whelan, President
 - Misty Haji-Sheikh, Vice President
 - Ferald Bryan
 - Gary Hanson
 - Greg Millburg
 - Rita Nielsen
 - 2 Vacancies

- **Veterans Assistance**

- Veterans Assistance Commission (*Officers*)

- Celeste Latham, President
 - Chuck Fish, Vice President
 - Luz Gilkey
 - Bob Coulter
 - Bob Bend

- **Regional Office of Education**

- **University of Illinois Extension's Boone-DeKalb-Ogle Unit**

- **Voluntary Action Center**