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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
October 7, 2019**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Outreach Building's Conference Room West 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, Ms. Linda Slabon, and Chairman Chris Porterfield. Mr. Larry West was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Pat Callighan, Pete Stefan, Greg Millburg, Heather Coyle, Peggy Doty, Johnna Jennings, and Jayeeta Chowdhury-Woodstrup.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Slabon, seconded by Ms. Crawford and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Campbell and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2019 Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

KISHWAUKEE UNITED WAY / 2-1-1 UPDATE

Kishwaukee United Way Board 'Champion' Paul Callighan joined the Committee to provide any overview and an update on the 2-1-1 Program. Mr. Callighan shared that 2-1-1 was launched in DeKalb County in June 2017. Kishwaukee United Way and the 2-1-1 Champions are hard at work continuing to promote this great resource. The Champions are representatives from Youth Service Providers, and are actively spreading the word and helping to educate the public about this resource. Representatives were at various local vendor fairs and special events this past year, and plan to share information at summer events as well as the Chamber New Teacher welcome event and the Back to School Bash in the Fall. They were pleased to have the support of an NNGO class at NIU create materials to share on campus to raise awareness, and are thankful to the cohort of the DeKalb Leadership Academy that created a social media icon and assisted with 2-1-1 database registration and PR about the information line.

He always explained that 2-1-1 is a 24-hour non-emergency resource and referral line that enables people to find health and human services in the area. United Way, in partnership with public and private entities, raised funds for a four-year pilot to launch the service (\$20,000) and secured an additional \$5,250 in the last few weeks to sustain the program.

Mr. Callighan reported that 2-1-1 has assisted over 1,000 callers in the last two years of its inception.

The top reasons for calls are: rental assistance, utility assistance, homeless shelter, food pantries, and financial assistance.

The top unmet needs identified from calls that have been received are: furniture, discount programs, community services work programs, GED test instruction, homeless shelters, household goods donations, and transportation related issues. The top reasons needs are unmet is because there is no provider of the service or the individual simply does not qualify for the services in order for providers to assist.

The 211 Program is available 24 hours a day/7 day a week and is online at www.findhelp.org . The program is helpful for consumers who are seeking information about nonprofits, municipalities, and government entities offering free or low-cost programs. It is free to all users and all information on the data side is held in strict confidence. It is operated by staff trained and certified for coordinated program referrals, suicide prevention protocols and disaster recovery. It is available to help for those who are homeless, in abusive relationships, or who are battling addictions. The 2-1-1 program is armed with tools to guide caller to local resources to help with rent, utility bills, health care, and housing. The database is updated annually with local information about transportation, education, job training options, and much more.

The program continues to be a work in progress with keeping up to date with over 150 agencies as well as continuing to recruit more. The goal of the program is to continue to expand awareness to the public that this program is available. The Committee reviewed statistics of the program from April – June 2019 (*attached*).

The Committee provided suggestion on how to possibly help expand awareness of the program with Churches and certain parts of the community. The Committee thanked Mr. Callighan for the update and all agreed to try and help promote the 2-1-1 DeKalb County program in their own ways.

IDENTIFYING COUNTY PRIORITY NEEDED WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

The Extension Team joined the Committee and introduced themselves and provided a brief background of what each of them did at Extension. The Team included: Ms. Heather Coyle, County Director Unit 2 for the University of Illinois Extension Serving Boone, DeKalb & Ogle Counties, Ms. Peggy Doty, Extension Educator, Energy and Environmental Stewardship, Ms. Johnna Jennings, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, and Ms. Jayeeta Chowdhury-Woodstrup, Program Coordinator. The Committee also went around the table to introduce themselves and provide a background of what they do and who they represent in the County.

At the meeting, the Committee identified five needs that they felt were a priority to cover right now. Those needs were:

- Anti-Bullying (programming & education)
- Combating Obesity
- Early Childhood Development (in conjunction with the R.O.E.'s DeKalb County Basics initiative)
- Community/Economic Development (managing the inequity in different parts of the community)
- 2020 Census Outreach*

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- Rural Depression (isolation in rural communities)

Ms. Coyle thanked the Committee for the precise list of needs. She also explained that programs that Extension has in place such as 4-H Youth Development, could potentially be working towards some of these identified needs already, maybe not on the adult level but on the youth level. That doesn't mean that they may not need to reorganize those resources a little bit to address some issues a little bit differently, Ms. Coyle noted. Ms. Jennings touched a bit on being in the schools with 4-H and how they are working toward youth development.

Ms. Coyle noted that the Extension Office is currently working on taking a regional approach to items and to make sure resources are being shared.

Ms. Doty shared stories of the Natural Resource Center at Russell Woods and how outdoor education is helping combat obesity, anti-bullying, youth development, and rural depression with youth and adults. She provided stories of children who are making a world of difference from being outside and exploring and learning.

Ms. Coyle shared that Extension has these pieces but there is also a gap. The gap is that they are providing all of this education for youth and helping other adults in the community mentor them, but what she thinks is absent that the Committee and Extension can work on together would be some sort of a connectivity to the next level. She posed the question of how do they get it so DeKalb County can profit as a community by bridging them into careers and coming back here. She challenged the Committee to help the Extension Office make the next bridge and to help the Extension Office make new partners within the community so that they are more active.

Ms. Chowdhury-Woodstrup briefed the Committee on the SNAP Ed program that is combating obesity as well as the Master Gardeners Program, and how the Extension Office is working on the Census 2020 and providing an Elections 101 course to recruit Elected Officials.

Ms. Coyle added that one of the things that the Extension Office is really going to focus on is what regionally can Extension do to, in a sense, come up with solutions. Extension's job is to help the community use research and put into work to solve problems or to address challenges and make the community better. They are going to do their best to do that and in order to do so she needs to know what the needs are. Ms. Coyle expressed that she has heard consistency throughout the region when it comes to priority needs. So, Extension will be pursuing some regional items and she is hoping that some of those will get tailed with research capacity.

Ms. Coyle shared that she hoped that the Committee was provided a better idea of what Extension does even though they didn't cover all the areas they provide. She also reiterated to the Committee that she hopes they will share any partners they think Extension should pair with locally to help close gaps.

Ms. Little shared that she would love to invite the group back in a few months to get an update. Ms. Coyle shared that coming up her regional focuses will be on Leadership Development for Youth and Public Health.

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FY 2020 BUDGET

a. Budget appeals, if any

There were no FY 2020 Budget Appeals for any County Departments that report to the Health & Human Services Committee. Mr. Stefan reviewed that there was one budget appeal for the FY 2020 Budget but that item will go to the Law & Justice Committee.

b. Committee's Questions & Review of Departments' FY 2020 Budget Requests

Mr. Campbell requested to briefly discuss the appeal that was filed because he believed that it had interest within the Health & Human Services Committee. Mr. Campbell wanted this Committee to be on radar of the item because he believed that the body cam issue, which he was for, was a public safety issue.

Ms. Slabon additionally shared that in the terms of body cams and a concern for mental health, she would like to see more of a push for crisis intervention/critical incident training for law enforcement.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Porterfield and Ms. Crawford met with Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez regarding the legalization of cannabis. Ms. Gonzalez will be at the Committee's November Meeting to discuss the issue along with Ms. Deanna Cada of the Community Mental Health Board. Chairman Porterfield relayed that the biggest issue that Ms. Gonzalez sees right now with the legalization of cannabis is that there is no funding for prevention education, and minimal at best guidelines on what is going to happen after January 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Porterfield, Chairman

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

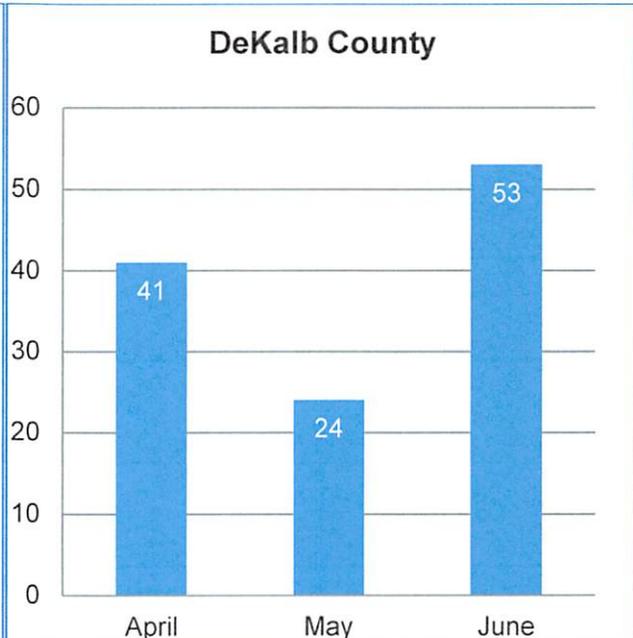
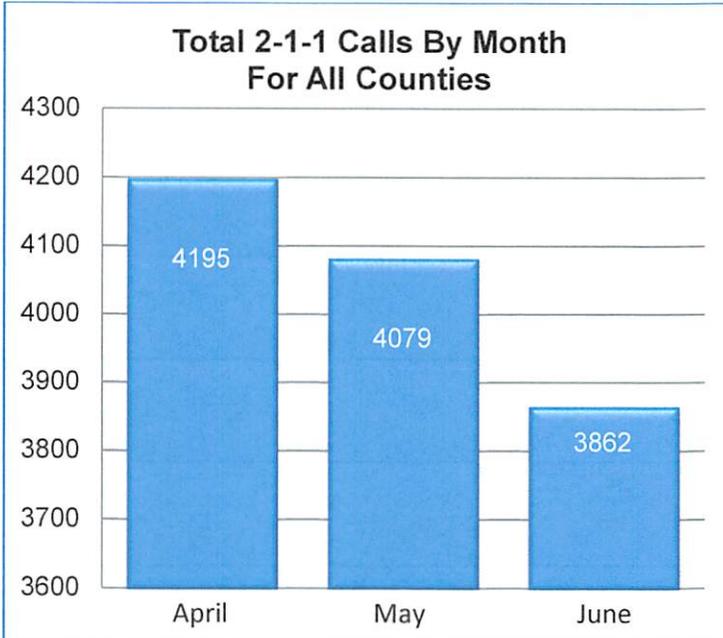
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United Way 2-1-1 Report

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April - June 2019



Adult	92
Unknown	17
Senior	8
Youth	1

Number Performed	17
Received Assistance	4
Did Not Receive Assistance	2
Attempted; no answer; number did not work; referral not contacted	11

Utility Assistance	33
Rent Assistance	29
Transportation	12
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	10
Homeless Shelter/Services Information	8
Car Repair/Maintenance	7
Financial Assistance	4
Food Pantries	3
Job Assistance	3
Diapers	2
Furniture	2

Female	96
Male	20
Unknown	2

Self-Referral	105
Agency	8
United Way	1
Family/Friend	0
Doctor/Hospital/Clinic	0
Business	0
Advertisement	2
Clergy/Church	1
Internet	0
Police/Fire	1
School	0

Individual	103
Third Party	11
Agency	3
Doctor/Hospital/Clinic	0
Business	1
Police/Sheriff	0
Doctor/Hospital	0

60115 - 90
60178 - 19
60146 - 4
60112 - 3
60129 - 1
60111 - 3
60548 - 4
60150 - 2
60145 - 2

For more detailed information on Reason for Contact see enclosed "AIRS Problem Needs and Referral Count" report.

8 am-5 pm	110
6-11 pm	7
Midnight-7 am	1