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Health & Human Services Committee

Minutes

May 6, 2013

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, May 6, 2013 @ 6:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Sally DeFauw called the meeting to order. Members present were John Emerson, Marc Johnson, Derek Tyson and Jeff Whelan. Mr. Metzger was absent. Ms. Jane Lux, Public Health Administrator was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from April 1, 2013 and April 8, 2013.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S 2012 ANNUAL REPORT – Ms. Jane Lux

Ms. Lux presented her 2012 Annual Report (on file in the public health department) to the committee and highlighted what is new in public health. She has been going out into the public explaining what the public health department does. So far her reception has been pretty positive.

She said that Healthcare costs are a big issue since they have increased tenfold. If we could invest just \$10 each year, we could save billions of dollars each year. That is part of the idea of public health. It is a savings of \$5.60 for every \$1 invested, she further explained, but we need to make that \$1 investment to realize the savings.

She said that April was Public Health Month. The theme was Public Health is alive, Return on investment, Prevention works! These are a few examples: decrease the chronic disease rate, we could save billions of dollars in Medicaid and Medicare. Tobacco use is the single largest preventable cause of early death in the U.S. so we need to invest in prevention we could save \$50 for every dollar not spent.

These are some of the public health successes, she said

Ms. Lux then spoke about how her department was losing money in the home health care division of the public health department. As a result of this they sold the home health care last year. She also said that their caseload had been declining over the last few years.

Ms. Lux covered the Animal Control division of the public health department, solid waste and environmental. She mentioned that there will be two recycling locations shortly, one in Kingston and one in Somonauk. She said that they also work with Emergency Preparedness with Denny Miller's ESDA office.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally DeFauw, Chairman

Mary C. Supple, Secretary