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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health and Human Services Committee Minutes
September 9, 2013**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Sally DeFauw called the meeting to order. Members present were Mr. Emerson, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Tyson and Mr. Whelan. Mr. Johnson was absent. Also present was Ms. Donna Moulton.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from August 5, 2013.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Mr. Johnson arrived at 6:34 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ms. Donna Moulton, Director of the DeKalb County Community Services Department, gave a brief update to the committee on her department. Ms. Moulton announced she had a GSBG Administrative Board meeting which is a board that she reports to about what might be needed from the community for combating poverty issues in general. She also shared that it was grant time so her department is working on a Community Action Plan, which is a requirement for obtaining the formula grants. Along with approving the Community Action Plan, the Community Services Department has also approved four scholarships for \$750 apiece to lower income students, two of which attend Kishwaukee Community College and two who attend Northern Illinois University. Ms. Moulton shared that one of their grant requirements is to give away at least \$3000 in scholarships, which they enjoy doing to help these students continue their education. The department is also continuing to work with the same work plans they have been for the work programs. Another work program is looking to be added that helps provide startup costs for clients that attend the Community Cares Clinic. Ms. Moulton also expressed how her

department is really starting to look at how they are messaging things to the public so that they can get people in the door that are not just looking for money. She said that one of their biggest adversaries in this area is other social service agencies and their referrals. Social Media is also a way that the department is reaching out to the public. Lastly Ms. Moulton shared that in her department right now performance reviews are being held for staff and she touched on using static funding as well as extended grant funding and that all payments for the department are up to date.

Mr. Whelan asked Ms. Moulton about the Evergreen Village Project, which she did not have much information about but did say that her department has a bilingual/bicultural staff member who is waiting and ready to help with any part of the mitigation process that may need their assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sally DeFauw, Chairman

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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