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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
April 13, 2015**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board reconvened their April 6, 2015 meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order. Those members present were Ms. Askins, Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Whelan. Others present were Donna Moulton, Director of DeKalb County Community Action Department, Charlene Riefler and Kathy Bettcher from Prairie State Legal Services, Debbie Madeley of the YMCA, Sue Goudy of KishHealth Systems Hospice, and Erin Tamms and Tynisha Clegg of Family Service Agency of DeKalb County.

Before the hearings reconvened, Chairman Haji-Sheikh informed the committee about her visit to the Fairdale Tornado site. She said that she and Ms. Askins accompanied Mr. Hanson, County Administrator, County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski, and County Board Vice-Chairman Tracy Jones to the Fairdale Tornado site. She said that they visited it the next morning and inspected the damage. The power lines were all destroyed, many houses were not intact. The authorities were very cautious of who was allowed on site. There was a lot of food especially in Kirkland for the victims. This will be a long term project. The damage was widespread. Alpine Bank is has collected about \$40,000 now for the victims.

The following agencies applied this evening for the Senior Services Tax Levy funds to be allocated in 2015:

KishHealth System Hospice – Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class	\$ 2,268.00
KishHealth System Hospice - Transitions Program	\$ 2,640.00
Prairie State Legal Services	\$ 8,000.00
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$ 3,000.00
Family Service Agency of DeKalb County	\$60,000.00

(Again, please note that the applications are on file in the County Board Office and the Community Services Department.)

All agencies were asked by Ms. Askins that if their funding was cut how would it impact their services?

Most of the agencies mentioned that they do take donations, some of them apply for grants and others do fundraising. KishHealth System stated that they would try to bring in more volunteers

and try and get more donations. Prairie State Legal Services mentioned that the cuts would affect the amount of seniors that they would be able to serve for DeKalb County. They would not be able to hire extra support staff for the attorneys or even hire another attorney. Kishwaukee YMCA mentioned that they would look for other funding sources. They said that they do not receive any monies from Medicare for the Silver Seniors program, so no reimbursement. Family Services Agency said that they are always trying to find funding. They are always looking at ways to make cuts. They may have to close a site or cut hours for people.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The committee discussed whether or not there was a duplication of services amongst the agencies that they interviewed. Chairman Haji-Sheikh mentioned that she came up with a reduction of 8% overall in the allocations. Ms. Moulton said that there was \$64,000 in reserves that the committee could use if they so choose to award the agencies. The committee did not want to use up all of their reserves but did discuss whether or not they would make any allocation to the YMCA.

Mr. Reid said that he was suggesting that we go ahead and award everyone what they got last year. Since we only received \$411,000.00 for this year's awards, he suggested that we make up the difference by taking \$4,047.00 out of the reserves to total the full amount from last year equaling \$415,047.00.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Askins, and it was carried unanimously with a roll call vote to award the Senior Services Tax Levy allocations in the same amounts from last year and to add \$4,047.00 from the reserves, to equal the total amount that was awarded last year, which was \$415,047.00, and to forward this to the full board for approval. The committee decided that they would not be awarding any money to the YMCA this year.

Therefore, the following allocations were made to these agencies for 2016:

Barb City Manor:	\$ 8,500.00
Elder Care Services	\$ 62,000.00
Family Service Agency	\$ 58,726.00
Fox Valley Older Adults	\$ 60,450.00
Hope Haven	\$ 14,390.00
KishHealth System Hospice	\$ 2,000.00
Opportunity House	\$ 26,411.00
Prairie State Legal Services	\$ 2,250.00
Voluntary Action Center – Meals on Wheels	<u>\$180,320.00</u>
Total Amount:	\$415,047.00

Chairman Haji-Sheikh informed the committee that Saturday, April 18, 2015 is the Free Family Resource Fair that will be held from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at the Community Outreach Building.

She also mentioned that at the next Health and Human Services Committee meeting on May 4, 2015 Ms. Amanda Christensen, Regional Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Tammy Anderson, Superintendent for the Veteran's Assistance Office will be on the agenda.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh thanked Mr. Reid for catering the dinner for everyone tonight and also the committee for a great job on the hearings. She also thanked Ms. Moulton for all of her hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairman



Mary C. Supple, Recording Secretary