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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
October 5, 2015**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Whelan arrived at 6:35 p.m., and Mr. Reid arrived at 6:45 p.m. Ms. Askins was absent.

Others present were Mark Pietrowski, Gary Hanson, Amanda Christensen, Eileen Dubin, Barry Schrader, Jack Bennett, Cindy Worsley, and Donna Moulton via phone and video.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Haji-Sheikh updated the Committee that the weekend of September 10-13th the Children's Community Theatre's Penguin Project performed "Fiddler on the Roof". She noted that it was a great production.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh also noted that Mental Health has been in the news a lot, and shared that on a recent episode of Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, he did a segment on the Mental Health Crisis. She encouraged Committee Members and those present to find the video on the internet and echoed that Oliver did a marvelous job of pointing out the issues that need to be addressed regarding Mental Health.

KISH HEALTH SYSTEMS – NORTHWESTERN CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. Barry Schrader addressed the Committee regarding this issue and passed out material that explained what he was asking from the Committee and ultimately the full County Board.

A little backstory was given that there has been a notice given of receipt of a change of ownership exemption application for Kishwaukee Hospital. The applicants are Northwestern Memorial Healthcare and they are proposing an affiliation that will result in a single integrated health system to be named Northwestern Medicine. The anticipated completion date of this change of ownership is December 31, 2015. Public Hearings regarding the change of ownership have already been conducted but there is currently still a written comment period open until October 28, 2015. After that time, consideration by the State Board is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2015.

Mr. Schrader also passed around some newspaper articles regarding the public hearing that were held on the KishHealth merger as well as a chart that depicted health care and education cost comparisons. He also briefly summarized what went on during the public hearings.

Mr. Schrader further shared that, “DeKalb County residents, particularly those who receive mental health services, face the prospect of further erosion of care with the imminent merger/acquisition between the KishHealth System and Northwestern Memorial HealthCare.

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Ms. Eileen Dubin addressed the Committee regarding the same issue as Mr. Schrader and echoed much of what he had to say. She also stressed that mental health is a very important issue and also stressed how important it is to have a local mental health facility in order to meet the demands of the community.

Mr. Jack Bennett shared that he too agreed with Mr. Schrader’s statements and also provided a personal story regarding his step-son that proved his point of needing an inpatient mental health facility here within the community.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh noted that Mental Health Board Director, Deanna Cada, was unable to attend the meeting but provided the Committee with what services *are* available in the surrounding area currently. The Chairman also passed along that the Mental Health Board will also be hearing Mr. Schrader’s request at their next meeting.

The Committee and Mr. Schrader briefly discussed the history of why the Mental Health Unit was closed at Kishwaukee Hospital many years ago and the ideas of why there is now a shortage of psychiatric care within the DeKalb County Community.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh reminded that Mr. Schrader and company were present in order to ask for a letter of support from the County Board. Mr. Hanson asked for clarification on what the Board is being asked to support.

Mr. Porterfield made a motion to draft a letter that would talk about increasing long-term and short-term inpatient mental health care on a local basis as opposed to moving mental health care out of DeKalb County. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Mr. Hanson expressed that he is all for the increase in local inpatient mental health care but his concern is tying this issue into the hospital acquisition and he wanted to clarify that the County is not opposed to the acquisition. The Committee all agreed that they would want the letter drafted to also identify their support for the acquisition.

Mr. Porterfield accepted the friendly amendment to his motion. Mr. Whelan seconded as well. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Regional Office of Education Superintendent Amanda Christensen joined the Committee to discuss a proactive contingency plan that she would like to have in place in the instance that the State of Illinois stops paying ROE Superintendents and assistants due to the lack of a current State Budget.

Ms. Christensen noted that she and her assistant are employees of the State and not County employees. They are current still receiving paychecks from the State but she is not confident enough that the current ruling will allow them to continue receiving a paycheck without a State Budget and she is not confident enough that there will be a Budget anytime soon, so she would like to have a contingency plan in place.

Ms. Christensen continued that she is asking that the County accept collateral from the ROE's Agency Funds in order to pay out stipends to her assistant and herself equal to the net amount plus insurance costs of their usual by-monthly paychecks. This would be \$3,292.57 for her assistant and \$3,026.42. This plan would not cost the County anything, other than the processing of the checks. Again, she asks that this plan would go into place *only* if they stop receiving paychecks and wish to continue working. This request is very similar to resolution R2011-59 previously passed by the County Board when ROEs were temporarily eliminated from the State FY 2012 Budget. The plan will allow for continued leadership in the Regional Office of Education and uninterrupted services to the School Districts and the community and she appreciates the Committee's consideration.

The Committee discussed the collateral process and Mr. Hanson reiterated that the County has done this before and would agree to again because there is little to no risk. If the State, for whatever reason, ended up never paying, the County would obtain the funds from the ROE's Agency Fund. Ms. Christensen noted that if she cannot provide collateral, this contingency plan would not even be put into place.

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Ms. Little and it was approved unanimously by the Health & Human Services Committee to approve the Regional Office of Education Contingency Plan that would only be put into place if Ms. Christensen and her Assistant stop receiving their paychecks and continue to work. *This is receiving only Committee approval because they are standing on precedence due to the fact it was previously approved by the full County Board.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Cindy Worsley, Executive Director of Fox Valley Older Adult Services in Sandwich, Illinois joined the Committee to discuss that the agency is currently in the same unfortunate position that the ROE just discussed. The only difference is that they have already stopped receiving funds from the State of Illinois and have been paid for any services they are providing since July 1, 2015. Ms. Worsley continued that they provide services to 220 residents in their homes over a three-County area and another 45-50 clients for Adult Daycare services.

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Ms. Worsley continued to share way that the agency is trying to drastically save themselves with fundraising efforts around the different communities and unfortunately closing Adult Daycare locations in DeKalb and Aurora to save on some costs. She thanked DeKalb County for advancing the Senior Tax Levy grant allocation to them and they were able to handle payroll for a period of time. Their currently pay period is being supported by fundraising efforts and next pay period will be supported by Kendall County Tax Levy. After those funding are exasperated though, they will find themselves finding it hard to remain open.

Ms. Worsley asked the Committee for their consideration for a loan in order to help the agency continue to keep their doors open. The loan amount would be for about \$180,000 in order to continue to serve DeKalb County in-home care and allow DeKalb County residents to use the Sandwich Adult Daycare location. The Committee and Ms. Worsley ran through some numbers pertaining to DeKalb County which equals about \$80,000 per month between in-home care and Adult Daycare. The Committee continued to discussion Fox Valley Older Adult's finances and their up-side-down mortgage situation.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh noted that the County's own budget isn't in the greatest shape as well. Mr. Hanson noted that he can't imagine much harder of a decision put in front of them, the agency provides very vital services to the community and yet, he has to say that loaning out any type of emergency funds are a very risky endeavor. Ms. Moulton echoed many of the points Mr. Hanson shared and continued that there are many other agencies like Meals on Wheels that have had their funding recently suspended. These agencies services are vital to helping keep residents in their homes, however, she isn't in a position to help determine whose services are most vital and whether additional funding above Senior Services Tax Levy monies should be granted.

The Committee agreed to pause and reflect on this request and come back together at the next meeting to deliberate their thoughts again. They also requested that Ms. Worsley e-mail additional financial information and staffing numbers more specific to DeKalb County in order to help them understand the amount of the request more.

It was also shared that Fox Valley Older Adults will be having a bowling fundraiser at Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb on November 1st.

The Committee thanked Ms. Worsley for joining them and looking forward to receiving additional information and seeing her next month to discuss this matter further.

COMMUNITY ACTION UPDATE – DONNA MOULTON

Ms. Moulton reviewed that on Thursday and Friday there will be senior services site visits, they will be visiting: Voluntary Action Center, DeKalb Senior Center, and Elder Care Services.

Ms. Moulton also reviewed the department's financials and CSBG programs. She also noted that they will hopefully be soon hosting a Family Development Training in the COB in November and December. Her department is really trying to step up their professional development training so they are ready to lead with some of the new standards that are coming out and increase their skillset going forward.

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The department has identified that the big item they need to address is their Board's governance and will be addressed at one of their upcoming meetings as well as coming up with a strategic plan for the Community Action Department.

COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS & REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S FY 2016 BUDGETS

Chairman Haji-Sheikh noted that no budget appeals have been filed that apply to this Committee. However, this item is placed on the agenda in case Committee Members had any questions or concerns about any of the departmental budgets for which the Standing Committee is responsible. No presentations are planned, this is simply an additional opportunity for Board Members to ask any budget questions should you have any.

No additional questions were asked.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS *CONTINUED*

Chairman Haji-Sheikh wanted to additionally shared that back at the Mental Health Summit she recently attended, Judge Stuckert talked about having a Mental Health Court and that she is still very much interested in having one here in DeKalb County.

The Chairman also gave a heads up that at the Committee's next meeting, they will be joined by Dawn Littlefield who will give a presentation on a new 211 program. She briefly described that the 211 program enabled people in need to make toll free calls or access a website for help. It is free, confidential and available 24/7. The 211 can help with: rent & utility assistance, mental health issues, senior services, volunteer opportunities, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairman



Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENT

Public hearings are held by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the state's Health Facilities Planning Act. They are open to the public and afford interested parties an opportunity to present written and/or verbal comments relevant to a particular project. All allegations or assertions should be relevant to the need for a proposed project and be supported with two copies of documentation or materials that are preferably printed or typed on letter sized paper (8 1/2" x 11").

E-007-15 Kishwaukee Community Hospital, DeKalb

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, Notice is given of receipt of a change of ownership exemption application E-007-15 - Kishwaukee Community Hospital. The applicants are Northwestern Memorial Healthcare, 251 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, and KishHealth System and Kishwaukee Community Hospital, 1 Kish Hospital Drive, DeKalb, Illinois. Kishwaukee Community Hospital is a 98 bed acute care hospital located at One Kishwaukee Drive, DeKalb, Illinois. The applicants are proposing an affiliation that will result in a single integrated health system to be the named Northwestern Medicine. KishHealth is the corporate parent and controls Kishwaukee

Community Hospital. KishHealth entered into an Affiliation Agreement dated August 5, 2015 in which Northwestern Memorial Healthcare will become the sole corporate member of KishHealth and as a result will control Kishwaukee Community Hospital. The operating entity licensee and the owner of the site will be Kishwaukee Community Hospital. The range of fair market value of the transaction is \$329.1 million to \$362.4 million for KishHealth System and subsidiaries in which Kishwaukee Community Hospital is one. The anticipated completion date of this change of ownership is December 31, 2015. The application may be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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The public hearing will take place pursuant to 20 ILCS 3960. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. and sign-in for the hearing will be conducted from 10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. It will be held at DeKalb Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 200 S 4th Street, DeKalb .

For additional information, call (217) 782-3516 (TTY# 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only).

Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the **November 17, 2015 State Board Meeting**. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by **9:00 a.m., October 28, 2015**.

E-008-15 Valley West Community Hospital, Sandwich

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Public hearing held on KishHealth merger

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DeKALB – Some DeKalb County residents raised concerns about mental health services in the area as Northwestern Memorial HealthCare prepares to take over ownership of KishHealth System.

At a public hearing Thursday before officials from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, residents expressed concerns about how the proposed merger would affect mental health care services here.

"Mental health hasn't been well taken care of by the [KishHealth System] administration and the board," said Jack Bennett, a DeKalb resident who attended the hearing with his wife, Donna. He said he was skeptical that anything would change if KishHealth is folded into the much larger Chicago-based Northwestern Memorial.

Barry Schrader, a member

of DeKalb County Citizens for Better Mental Health Care, said the group wants assurances from Northwestern that mental health care services won't further erode in DeKalb County. He said Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield was too far away to serve DeKalb County patients.

Schrader and the group previously had opposed KishHealth's decision to close its six-bed acute mental illness unit in 2009. KishHealth officials said the unit was underused and the review board ultimately gave the health system permission to shutter it.

Schrader also said he was concerned with what he considered excessive compensation for top KishHealth executives and how the health system's employees would be affected by the merger. He said he was worried that KishHealth employees would lose their seniority and other accrued benefits when Northwestern Memorial takes over. KishHealth officials said



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"Mental health hasn't been well taken care of by the [KishHealth System] administration and the board," said Jack Bennett, a DeKalb resident who attended a hearing before officials of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board with his wife, Donna, about the proposed merger between KishHealth System and Northwestern Memorial HealthCare Thursday at the DeKalb Municipal Building.

those details have yet to be addressed as the deal hasn't been completed.

Executives from both KishHealth and Northwestern said they were committed to providing mental health care and that the proposed merger would fill in service gaps that exist in DeKalb County.

to acquire the DeKalb-based nonprofit mental health provider before the end of the year.

"The Ben Gordon Center, like many other mental health providers across the state, is facing serious financial challenges due to changes and decreases in funding and an increase in need for the services we provide," Flora said. "The pending Northwestern Memorial-KishHealth System affiliation means area individuals and families seeking mental health and substance abuse services will benefit from an organization that has vast experience, expertise and resources."

Mike Vivoda, president of Northwestern's west region, said Central DuPage Hospital is in the process of expanding its inpatient psychiatric facility from 15 beds to 48. The expansion is expected to be completed in October.

"Filling our clinical gaps was the primary reason for pursuing an affiliation with Northwestern Memorial HealthCare," said Dr. Michael Kulisz, KishHealth System's chief medical officer.

Michael Flora, president and CEO of Ben Gordon Center, said he supported the proposed merger. KishHealth is in talks

both adults and adolescents," he said.

The merger would give KishHealth patients access to advanced specialty care and clinical trials at Northwestern Memorial's facilities in Chicago and elsewhere, Vivoda said.

The proposed merger requires approval from the review board, which is tentatively scheduled to consider the change of ownership request at its Nov. 17 meeting.

Northwestern Memorial is set to close on the acquisition of KishHealth System, which includes Kishwaukee Hospital, Valley West Hospital and more than a dozen other area clinics and health facilities, by the end of the year, according to its application.

KishHealth System is valued at as much as \$362 million, but the acquisition price will be zero, according to the change of ownership application submitted to the nine-member Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

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Mental (Behavioral) Health Care About to Deteriorate Further

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Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 25 ...

Call for DeKalb mental unit

Residents: Restore
psychiatric beds
at Kishwaukee

BY AMEET SACHDEV
Chicago Tribune

DeKALB — When residents here need to be hospitalized for psychiatric care, they are often treated a long way from home because the local hospital closed its mental health unit six years ago.

Since then the lack of hospital-based mental health services has been an ongoing concern. The issue took center stage Thursday at a public hearing over Chicago-based Northwestern Medicine's plans to take over ownership of Kishwaukee Hospital and affiliated health care providers.

A handful of residents raised questions about how Northwestern plans to address what they consider a major gap in health care. Some were disappointed in what they heard.

Neither executives with KishHealth System nor Northwestern Medicine mentioned bringing back inpatient psychiatric beds to Kishwaukee Hospital. Instead, Mike Vivoda, president of Northwestern Medicine's western region, talked up the expansion of mental health services at Central DuPage Hospital in suburban Winfield, which is part of Northwestern's network.

The expansion will more than triple the total number of inpatient psychiatric beds at Central DuPage, from 15 to 48, Vivoda said.

"By joining with Northwestern Medicine, KishHealth patients will also have a seamless pathway to access to advanced specialty care and clinical trials at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and access to the specialized care that is offered in the western region," Vivoda said.

Barry Schrader, a DeKalb resident who opposed closing Kishwaukee's six-bed mental health unit in 2009, said he didn't hear anything from hospital executives that made him feel better.

"People are being strapped into ambulances and shipped out of the county," Schrader said after the hearing. "That's not going to change just because Central DuPage Hospital is opening more beds."

Residents who need to be hospitalized for mental health services are often transferred to hospitals in Rockford, Dixon and Hoffman Estates, said Joseph Dant, vice president of business development at KishHealth.

Transferring patients out of the area can lead to a lengthier admissions process and is a hardship on families that have to travel more than 40 miles to visit loved ones, residents said.

Thomas Kirts, a retired psychiatrist who previously oversaw Kishwaukee Hospital's mental health unit, said he hopes Northwestern Medicine will re-evaluate the need for inpatient services in DeKalb County, which has a population of about 104,000.

"I understand it can take 12 hours to find a psychiatric bed for people here," Kirts said. "There's plenty of patients out here."

The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is taking a look at the merger and plans to consider the transaction at its November meeting.

Health Care and Education Cost Comparisons—Compensation Chart

Kish Health CEO Poorten.....	\$1.1 million (2014)
U.S. President Obama.....	\$569,000 (2015)
NIU President Baker.....	\$450,000
Kish Finance VP Foelske.....	\$409,000
NIU Huskies Coach Carey.....	\$400,000 + bonuses
Kish Hospital President Copple.....	\$353,000
Kish Business Dev. VP Dant.....	\$323,000
Kish CIO/VP Bell.....	\$316,000
U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Murthy.....	\$181,000
Kish Hospital Nurses.....	



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Information on Crisis Residential Program

1 message

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To: "Haji-Sheikh, Misty" <mhaji@dekalbcounty.org>

Mon, Oct 5, 2015 at 5:21 PM

Hi Misty,

Per our discussion, here is some information from the Rosecrance Mental Health website regarding alternatives to psychiatric services:

The Crisis Residential Unit is a voluntary, short-term program available to individuals with serious mental illness who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis but who, after assessment, are determined NOT to need inpatient care. These individuals do require services in a voluntary 24-hour supervised setting. The Crisis Residential Unit is located at the Rosecrance Mulberry Center.

Services provided through the Triage Program include crisis intervention, screening, evaluation and referrals and linkages to community providers. Rosecrance Triage utilizes a "living room" concept; instead of a typical clinical or emergency room setting, our program offers a comfortable, safe and welcoming environment. The Triage Program is located at the Rosecrance Mulberry Center.

Rosecrance Mulberry Center



Crisis Stabilization

605 Mulberry Street

Rockford, IL 61103

[Map and directions](#)

[815-391-1000](#)

The Rosecrance Mulberry Center combines two current, closely linked programs – Triage and Short-term Crisis Residential – under one roof.

The Triage Program and the Crisis Residential Unit are closely linked programs that are logically and efficiently offered under one roof. These programs are designed to provide an immediate response to individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis. The goal of both programs is to avoid unnecessary hospitalization or incarceration of individuals in crisis by providing rapid assessment, stabilization and referral to the appropriate level of care. While many Triage clients go home with follow-up services at the Rosecrance Ware Center and others are referred for hospitalization, many are seamlessly moved to a short-term placement in the Rosecrance Crisis Residential Unit.

The next DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board meeting is October 19, 2015 - one of our Board Members, Dr. Kirts, has asked the Board to place Barry's request on the agenda for consideration.

Thank you,

Deanna L. Cada

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