

**DeKalb County, Illinois**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**April 5, 2010**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 5, 2010, @ 5:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Jeff Metzger, Sr., called the meeting to order. Members present were Eileen Dubin, John Emerson, Pat LaVigne, Derek Tyson and Vice-Chair Paul Stoddard. Others present were Karen Grush, Elizabeth Carney, Meghan Becker, Tom Scott, Mary Overby, Michael Flora, Ellen Tyne, Val Hinz.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried to approve the minutes from March 2010.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS**

Chairman Metzger, Sr. reminded the committee members that the agencies were only going to be allowed 10-15 minutes each for a question and answer period. After the meeting tonight the committee will then reconvene on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:30p.m. to hear the rest of the senior tax levy hearing and then discuss the monetary awards to the various agencies chosen.

**Barb City Manor – Ms. Ellen Tyne, Administrator**

**Request:** Barb City Manor is requesting \$10,608.00 in funds that would assist an average of 4 residents per month for 1 year of service (48 months or units of service) at an average cost of \$221.00 per service unit. Current Section 8 subsidies vary from \$149.00 per month to \$314.00 per month. Residents must be able to pay for the majority of their monthly cost of living at Barb City manor with an average cost of \$1,277.00 per month. This is all done through monthly social security, pensions, interest or savings. Assistance from Barb City Manor's Resident Endowment Fund may also be requested. Barb City Manor's Endowment Fund is currently at \$170,422. Residents are receiving \$1,275.00 a month from this fund, which is over the amount the Fund is earning in interest. Residents with very low income or those who have outlived an annuity or other investment sometimes need assistance from more than one source.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Tyne, that if the committee had to cut everyone's funds by 25% this year, how would it affect her agency?

Ms. Tyne said that they would still try to help people as much as they could.

In summary, an average of 4 residents a month will be served at an average cost of \$221.00 per month for a total of 48 units of service = \$10,608.00.

**2009 Award    2010 Requested Amount**  
\$10,500.00                    \$10,608.00

**Ben Gordon Center**

**Request:** The Ben Gordon Center is seeking \$58,509.50 for their Older Adult Outreach Program. Right now they provide for a general outpatient service and are asking for an expansion. Mr. Flora said with this expansion, they would be able to provide in-home services for seniors who suffer from severe and persistent mental health illness so that the Center can help prevent the premature institutionalization of these seniors. The project will provide 1200 hours of service to 50 older adult residents living in DeKalb County Housing Authority Facilities, Manor Apartments and other senior independent living facilities. The Clinician will travel to the various program sites to deliver care in the resident's home.

Mr. Stoddard asked Mr. Flora that if the committee had to cut everyone's funds by 25% this year, how would it affect his agency?

Mr. Flora said that it would be less than last year's award and would definitely affect their program.

**2009 Award            2010 Requested Amount**  
\$23,000.00            \$58,509.50

**DeKalb County Health Department – Ms. Karen Grush**

**Request:** DeKalb County Health Department is requesting \$31,000 to subsidize approximately 400 home care medical visits to 50 medically indigent DeKalb County senior citizens. Medically indigent individuals are those not covered under Medicare and who are non-insured or under-insured.

In 2009, the estimated cost and full charges per visit were \$160 for skilled nursing, physical, speech and occupational therapy, \$185 for medical social services and \$85 for home health aide services.

In 2009, the Program provided 15,692 home health visits to 875 individuals (9,043 skilled nursing, 3,623 physical therapy, 800 occupational therapy, 210 speech therapy, 1,979 home health aide and 37 medical social service.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Grush that if the committee had to cut everyone's funds by 25% this year, how would it affect her agency?

Ms. Grush said that this is the first time in the history of Home Health Care that the revenue did not bring in enough to cover the costs. It will impact them down the road, not this year, but if the County continues to cut the requests this way then it will affect them.

**2009 Award    2010 Requested Amount**  
\$30,000                    \$31,000

**Hospice – Ms. Val Hinz**

**Request #1:** Hospice is requesting the amount of \$2,268 to reimburse two class leaders for each 6-session class for approximately 4.5 hours per session at \$21.00 per hour for a Caregivers Class. Their time will be spent preparing, facilitating, doing follow up and referral work with class members for two Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes per year.

<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2009 Requested Amount</b>
\$2,260.00	\$2,268.00

**Request #2:** Hospice is requesting the amount of \$2,640 to support an average of five (5) senior home-based Transitions End of Life care clients per month. The average time spent by the Transitions Coordinator on case management and volunteer supervision per client is two hours per month at \$21.00 per hour. The request also includes \$120.00 for the Transitions portion of the Direct Care Volunteer training (two trainings/year).

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Hinz that if the committee had to cut everyone’s funds by 25% this year, how would it affect her agency?

Ms. Hinz said not too much, they would do fundraising and not deny services.

<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2010 Requested Amount</b>
\$2,640.00	\$2,640

**Elder Care Services – Case Management and Elder Abuse – Ms. Elizabeth Carney**

Elder Care has three applications again this year. They are regarding Case Management, Elder Abuse and Neglect Program and the newly formed Self-Neglect Intervention Program.

**Request:** Elder Care - Case Management is requesting \$39,000 to provide additional case management services in DeKalb County. Other Sources of income include reimbursement from Illinois Department on Aging. For Case Management services, they served 1139 clients in Fiscal Year 2009. Elder Care will be providing 6500 units of case management services to these clients. They are requesting support in the amount of \$6 per unit of service.

Elder Care – Elder Abuse is requesting \$27,000 to provide additional elder abuse and neglect services in DeKalb County. Other sources of income include contractual reimbursement from the Illinois Department on Aging, requests to DeKalb United Way/Sycamore United Fund and DeKalb Township. Their request will be used to support services to 123 elder abuse victims. The funds will be used to provide 1227 units of service to those clients. They are requesting support in the amount of \$22.00 per unit of service.

Elder Care Self-Neglect Intervention (ECS) is requesting \$32,000 to continue support for a Self-Neglect Intervention Program. They will provide 1260 units of services to 65 Self Neglecting seniors. Elder Care Services is requesting \$24.00 per unit at a cost of \$30,000.00. Two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) will be for the purchase of goods and services to assist the client to remain at home.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Carney that if the committee had to cut everyone’s funds by 25% this year, how would it affect her agency?

Ms. Carney said that it would affect their staff and their services.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2010 Requested Amount</b>
Case Management:	\$32,500	\$39,000
Elder Abuse:	\$26,500	\$27,000
Self-Neglect	\$31,000	\$32,000

**Family Service Agency of DeKalb County – Ms. Mary Overby**

**Request:** Family Service Agency is requesting \$92,701.00 for the expansion of senior services for senior residents of DeKalb County. This funding request combines the two new Senior Centers, one in the Genoa Township Park District and the other at the Cortland Lions Club Shelter House plus the current DeKalb location. All funds requested would be used for staffing of the three facilities. Their initial plan is to hold programs twice a week at each new site, Monday and Thursday at the Genoa site, Tuesday and Friday at the Cortland site. The outcomes will be evaluated at the end of six months and the determination made to increase the programs, if attendance is sufficient or to reduce or discontinue a program, if attendance is poor. For programming as well as safety, two persons are needed at each site. To reduce costs and provide employment opportunities for persons over the age of fifty-five, three individuals enrolled in the Experience Works Program will work under supervision. No costs will be incurred for these workers.

Other staff positions include the Director of Senior Services. There is no other funding source for this position since the discontinuation of the Agency's Assisted Living Program. Request for this position is \$50,581.00.

The Receptionist/Assistant was trained through the Experience Works Program and was hired full-time as an employee in December of 2009 with funding as a result of reallocation of senior tax levy funds because of the termination of the Assisted Living Program. This position has no other funding source for the 2011 fiscal year. Request for this position is \$20,538.00.

An additional staff person is needed to travel to the Genoa and Cortland centers to facilitate programming and supervise the students and trainees. Because this individual is blind, the request for this position is \$20,538.00 in wages plus \$1044.00 for transportation costs to the Genoa site.

The total bid amount for this project is \$92,701.00.

At this time there are no other funding sources for the above stated amounts.

The \$92,701.00 that is requested from the Senior Services Tax Levy will pay for 6240 units of service hours at the rate of \$14.85 per hour.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Overby that if the committee had to cut everyone's funds by 25% this year, how would it affect her agency?

Ms. Overby said that it would limit the enhancement of their programs and they would not be able to expand into Waterman with another site nor would they be able to introduce a new program involving high school students and the elderly.

<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2010 Requested Amount</b>
\$90,000	\$92,701.00

Ms. Donna Moulton, Director of the DeKalb County Community Services Department, explained to the committee about the one-time allocation from last year involving the Senior Center. She said that Ms. Overby had purchased Palm Pilots with the money received last year from Best Buy and the Pilots were never used. She tried several times to return the Pilots and finally was successful. The money that she received from the refund she used for other equipment that she needed to purchase for the new sites in Cortland and Genoa. This equipment is the same type that she had purchased for the DeKalb site.

There was no discussion after the last agency made their presentation.

Chairman Metzger, Sr., reminded the committee that the meeting would reconvene on April 12, 2010 at 5:30p.m. to continue with the senior services tax levy hearings in Conference Room East.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger, Sr.

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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**April 12, 2010**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 13, 2009, @ 5:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Jeff Metzger, Sr., reconvened the hearing from April 6, 2009. Members present were Eileen Dubin, John Emerson and Paul Stoddard. Mr. Derek Tyson called in to participate with the committee @ 5:30p.m. Others present were Kevin Chambliss, Cynthia Worsley and Keelie Ernst, Lesly Wicks, Robert Shipman, Tom Zucker and Ellen Rogers..

Moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. Stoddard, and it was carried unanimously to include Mr. Tyson to participate in the committee meeting via the conference phone.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Metzger, Sr., said that we will not have the minutes to approve until the May 2010 minutes and remove the item from the agenda. Moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. Stoddard, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Ms. Donna Moulton, Director of the Community Services Department said that there is an extra \$90,000 in the account. The amount of money that they committee has to work with currently is \$515,000 plus this \$90,000. She said that this does not take into account of what Ben Gordon has requested and the YMCA has requested for the one-time allocations. The committee discussed how much of this extra money they wanted to spend since they want to keep a reserve on hand.

Mr. Stoddard suggested that we start everyone off at the \$515,000 and if it looks like we may hurt an agency then we might dip into the \$90,000 reserve. The committee agreed with him.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS**

Chairman Metzger, Sr. reminded the committee members that the agencies were only going to be allowed 10-15 minutes each for a question and answer period. After the April 5, 2010 meeting the committee reconvened to hear the rest of the agencies applying for the senior tax levy funds and then would discuss the monetary awards to the various agencies chosen.

**Fox Valley Older Adults – Ms. Cynthia Worsley**

**Request:** Fox Valley Older Adults Services Agency, in FY2010, has projected to provide residents of DeKalb County with 16,000 units of adult day care services to 20 DeKalb County residents. The cost of one unit of service is \$2.50.

Ms. Worsley said that Fox Valley was just inspected by the Veteran's Administration this morning and so they may begin accepting Veteran's into their Day Care Program. She said that

they provide services at their Adult Day Care Center in Sandwich and in DeKalb. She also said that their In Home Care Services program is a non-medical care service. In the past they were only able to serve Kendall County and with the new certification being awarded to them, they will be able to serve LaSalle, DeKalb and Kendall Counties. They will begin to hire more staff because of this.

Ms. Worsley said that they have a board member who is very tenacious and has been able to keep up with the State on payments, but they State is still behind in their payments to Fox Valley by about \$130,000. They have a payment left to be made from November 2009, some from December, January, February and March 2010.

Ms. Worsley also mentioned that there were two mistakes in her report that she wanted to correct. She said that they appear on page 4 of her report in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, it should state that "FVOAS received reimbursement for 12,000 units of adult day care services in DeKalb County. We expect to increase Adult Day Care Services by 25% in 2011." The other mistake is found on page 2 of the report under Demographics, paragraph 2, last line, should read "Elder Care Services, we project 16,000 units of services to In Home clients.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Worsley what would a 25% reduction do to your budget if we couldn't supply all of the funding that you have requested?

Ms. Worsley said that the support staff for day care and home makers may be affected. They would not turndown a client, they would try to increase private pay clients and do a lot of fundraising.

<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2010 Requested Amount</b>
\$50,000	\$40,000

**Hope Haven – Ms. Lesly Wicks**

**Request:** Hope Haven is requesting funds for a part-time Case Manager to work with elderly clients residing at their Dresser Court project. Dresser Court is a permanent housing facility for chronically ill people, mostly mental health. They are requesting \$12,688 to cover these costs. If the grant is fully funded they would expend only \$2,537 per client next year to assure they have the needed resources, support and services to remain in their home and live as independently as possible. This \$12,688 includes 1040 units of service and the cost of one unit of service is \$12.20.

Of the 26 residents residing at Dresser Court, 20% are over the age of sixty. Within the next five years, over 50% of the residents will be considered elderly. The case manager designated for this project will work 20 hours a week with elderly people only, which totals 1040 hours a year. The hourly wage of \$12.20 multiplied by 1040 hours equals the total project cost of \$12,688.00 a year.

Mr. Stoddard asked Ms. Wicks that if their funding from the County was cut by 25%, what would this do to their program?

Ms. Wicks said that it would affect the hours the staff works. She will have to scale back the case manager's hours.

**2009 Award**      **2010 Requested Amount**  
\$7,250.00              \$12,688

**Opportunity House –Mr. Robert Shipman**

**Request:** Opportunity House is requesting \$34,900 for their specialized senior program that will help seniors with developmental disabilities to remain in their present living arrangement and prevent or delay referral to a nursing home. The amount that they receive provides for 1100 hours of annual services. They have 15 seniors in their senior room currently. They currently provide 1590 staff hours on an annual basis per person. The cost of one unit of service equals \$17.90.

Again, Mr. Stoddard asked Mr. Shipman that if their funding from the County was cut by 25%, what would this do to their program?

Mr. Shipman said that it wouldn't change anything and that they would still put the staff in the program. They have done some cost cutting measures, fund raising and have cut some positions. The State of Illinois is taking up to 5 months to make their payments to Opportunity House. They have raised about \$20,000 in fundraising.

**2009 Award**      **2010 Requested Amount**  
\$33,900              \$34,900

**Prairie State Legal Services – No One Attended**

**Request:** Prairie State Legal Services is seeking \$3,500 which will fund 45 hours of attorney time in their Senior Citizens Legal Services program. They estimate that at least 45 DeKalb County Senior Citizens will apply for legal services and 40 of them will be found eligible for services after an interview by an attorney. Legal advice will be the primary service provided for approximately half of the clients served. Approximately 10 cases will be completed with legal representation or the drafting of legal documents including seniors at risk of institutionalization and 10 cases will require continuing legal representation. Prairie State will provide 185 hours of legal services to seniors. Legal representation will resolve legal issues for at least 7 DeKalb County seniors with these cases including elder abuse issues and decision-making issues. These funds will also be used as match and supplemental funding for the \$5,576 grant from Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and funding from the Legal Services Corporation.

**2009 Award**      **2010 Requested Amount**  
\$3,000              \$3,500

**Voluntary Action Center – Transportation and Meals on Wheels**

**Request:** Voluntary Action Center – Transportation request is for \$115,000 for FY11 transportation services (Trans Vac and Med Vac). This request will fund 7,201 rides at a cost of \$15.97 per ride. Mr. Zucker said that the demand for services and costs are up and that they have a hiring freeze currently. The cost of gasoline costs more this year than last year and you can't plan for it. They are trying to create more efficient routes because of this.

Voluntary Action Center – Meals On Wheels request is for \$136,500 that will be used to provide 14,000 meals, at a cost of \$9.75 per unit of service. Service will include a combination of noon, evening and weekend meals in addition to dietary supplements. Ms. Rogers said that the Federal



Government has said to give more food to the elderly. The she also said that weather conditions and earthquakes are impacting fruits. They are also impacted by the length of time that the State of Illinois makes its payments. They had to take out a line of credit because of it. Their equipment also impacts their budget. She said that they have re-established the transportation and food services in Sandwich and it is going very well.

Mr. Stoddard asked Mr. Zucker and Ms. Rogers that if their funding from the County was cut by 25%, what would this cut do to their programs?

Mr. Zucker said that it would hurt and that there would be a reduction in services. It also would impact the leverage for State and Federal Grants when a local matching has to happen. It could amount to the fact that they could lose up to \$100,000 in funding if we don't get the funding from the County in matching funds.

Ms. Rogers said that it would not only affect Meals On Wheels, but it would affect the entire community because they are stretched everywhere.

Mr. Tom Zucker, Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center, and Ms. Ellen Rogers, thanked the committee for continued support of their services and for the Senior Services Tax Levy.

	<b>2009 Award</b>	<b>2010 Requested Amount</b>
Transportation:	\$100,000	\$115,000
Meals on Wheels:	\$114,000	\$136,500

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

The awards for the Senior Tax Levy Allocations are as follows: Barb City Manor was awarded \$7,950.00; Ben Gordon Center was awarded \$21,000.00; DeKalb County Health Department was awarded \$28,250.00; DeKalb County Hospice was awarded \$4906.00; Elder Care Services was awarded \$73,500.00 for Case Management, Elder Abuse and for Self-Neglect; Family Service Agency was awarded \$76,500.00; Fox Valley Older Adults was awarded \$67,000.00; Hope Haven was awarded \$12,516.00; Opportunity House was awarded \$26,175.00; Prairie State Legal Services was awarded \$1400.00; Voluntary Action Center was awarded \$214,000.00 for Meals on Wheels and for Transportation. The amount available for this year was \$515,000.00. The committee also agreed to take \$18,197.00 out of the accumulated funds to equal the total award amount of \$533,197.00.

**Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval. There were 4 yes votes and 1 no vote from Mr. Emerson.**

Before adjourning, Mr. Tyson asked if the committee would be discussing the one-time allocation for the YMCA and the stairs for the pool that they requested for \$5,000 tonight?

Chairman Metzger, Sr., said that he would like the committee to think about this request for a month and that they will discuss it in May.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger, Sr.

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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