

**Minutes of the
Health & Human Services Committee
June 6, 2011**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 6, 2011, @ 6:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Stoddard called the meeting to order. Members present were Ms. Allen, Ms. DeFauw, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Metzger, Sr., and Mr. Tyson. Others present were Donna Moulton, Kathy Ostdick and Cynthia Luxton.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Mr. Emerson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from April 4, 2011.

Mr. Metzger, stated that he found a couple of mistakes on the April 11, 2011 minutes. Moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended minutes from April 11, 2011.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Stoddard informed the committee that Mr. Michael Flora will not be present this evening but that he has sent a written copy of his report to the committee tonight. We will try to fit Mr. Flora into our annual reporting schedule at a later date, he said.

Moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD UPDATE – MS. CYNTHIA LUXTON, PRESIDENT

Ms. Cynthia Luxton, President of the Mental Health Board and Ms. Kathy Ostdick of the Mental Health Board Office gave their annual report to the committee.

Ms. Luxton briefly reviewed the report and shared two other handouts with the committee regarding the history of the mental health board and the GY12 Allocations Summary of all programs funded and approved for GY12.

Ms. Luxton explained to the committee that the Mental Health Board, in 2007, made a commitment of looking at the process of funding and to look at the community needs. They did a needs assessment and it gave them new direction. She explained that during the time that they implemented the assessment (2009) they then lost their director. They did not fill the position right away. They waited until the assessment was finished. They felt that they wanted direction for the board and that they knew where they wanted to go. In 2010, as a result of doing that assessment, they identified priorities. They also decided that they needed a new process to hold the agencies more accountable.

Ms. Luxton also informed the committee that the Mental Health Board gave a loan to Safe Passage to allow the agency to remain open during a time of crisis in funding. The loan was fully repaid in November of 2010, (Please see handout attached to these minutes).

Chairman Stoddard said that Ms. Luxton's annual report states that the Mental Health Board cut funding to all agencies by 10% in 2010, which would be just under \$200,000. Yet he noticed that their expenditures are about \$200,000 less than their revenues last year.

Ms. Luxton said that sometimes what happens is that there are some agencies that do not use all of their funds. They put that money aside for the Ben Gordon Center building. She said that they keep almost \$200,000 in reserves for that building.

Chairman Stoddard thanked Ms. Luxton for her report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE – MS. DONNA MOULTON

Ms. Donna Moulton, Director of the DeKalb County Community Services Department, updated the committee on her office. She said that the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program will end in September 2011. They have allocated all of the funds for this program.

They have started implementing their new Family Self-Sufficiency and Family Economic Development Programs. These programs are focused on the long-term solution and a little bit less on the crises intervention. Hopefully, they will hear from FEMA soon and be able to place more money into those programs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paul Stoddard

Mary C. Supple, Secretary