

**DRAFT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**June 4, 2012**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 4, 2012, @ 6:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Stoddard called the meeting to order. Members present were Ms. Allen, Mr. Emerson, Ms. DeFauw, and Sr. Mr. Tyson. Mr. Metzger, Sr. was absent. Others present were Jane Lux, Donna Moulton, Jane Dargatz and Jeff Whelan.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. DeFauw, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from April 2012.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD REPORT – MS. DONNA MOULTON**

Ms. Moulton said that they just finished going over allocations and they had more requests for money than what they had in funding. Because of this they had to go into their reserves and allocate \$80,000 from those funds. This is because of the fact that local agencies are experiencing federal cuts to their budgets. Last year they allocated \$1,841,000.00 and this year they have allocated almost \$2,000,000.00 with going into their reserves. In meeting with some of the agencies they told Ms. Moulton that if they had to sustain any more cuts they didn't know how they were going to stay open.

Her office is looking at streamlining the process a little bit more with regards to forms. They are looking at a units of service survey to see what the need is out in the community.

They are also looking at the proposed closing of the Singer Mental Hospital in Elgin, Illinois and how that closing will impact our county.

Chairman Stoddard asked Ms. Moulton how much money was left in her reserves?

Ms. Moulton said just under \$100,000.00.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – MS. JANE LUX**

Ms. Lux, DeKalb County Public Health Administrator, gave her annual report to the committee. She said that administratively, there have been significant changes that have happened with personnel. They are finishing their first round of what is called IPLAN, which is the Illinois Project for Local Assessment Needs, that all local health departments are required to do every 5 years. They are doing this together with Kishwaukee Health Systems and the hospital. They should be finished with the process by the end of the year. They will be posting it on their website.

The community cares clinic helps uninsured people in our community. They were expanding quite rapidly and running out of space. So the Public Health Department entered into a Public Clinic Space sharing plan agreement with them. As they continue to expand, starting this summer, they are working on finalizing a permanent space agreement. The Health Department will continue to do immunizations.

Financially it has been very challenging. They ended Fiscal Year 2011 with a deficit of \$18,000. They are very lean now.

Ms. Lux said that they are very grateful for the County's support that they have shown the Public Health Department.

The CDC will be doing an audit of our Public Health Department this week. The Environmental Health update shows that their revenue is tighter. They are discussing the fact of increasing fees for dog owners.

A point of fact, Ms. Lux pointed out, is that the Hispanic population in the County right now is at 10.1% in 2012 vs. 6.6% in 2008. That is a significant increase, she said.

Before adjourning, Ms. Moulton informed the committee that the Community Gardens, Garden Build, will be held on June 14, 2012 and they will build 4 raised beds. They will be at Lewis Court in DeKalb and there are 14 families that live there.

Chairman Stoddard thanked Ms. Moulton and Ms. Lux for their very informative reports.

Chairman Stoddard said that since we have heard from Ms. Lux with her annual report that there was no need to have a board of health update, because she had covered it.

Chairman Stoddard pointed out that our next meeting date is July 2, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Tyson, and seconded by Mr. Emerson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Paul Stoddard

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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