

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2012

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board, met on Monday, March 5, 2012 @ 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. Metzger, Sr., and Mr. Tyson. Mr. Emerson was absent. Others present were Linda Mosser, Donna Moulton and Cathy Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Ms. DeFauw, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from February 2012.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

NURSING & REHAB CENTER UPDATE – MS. CATHY ANDERSON

Ms. Cathy Anderson, day-to-day Operations Director of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center, gave a brief update to the committee regarding her department. Ms. Anderson said that the census numbers are down by 2.5% from last year. The bed count is down from 179 beds to 175 beds this year because more and more people are being hospitalized. Midwest Orthopedics has developed a program for joint replacements. The goal for this program is to get the patient home after the operation so they don't need to go to a rehab and nursing center any longer, therefore, their orthopedic referral numbers are down at the County's Rehab and Nursing Center.

Medicare A keeps the Rehab and Nursing Center afloat. Medicaid pays \$122.50 a day when costs at the Rehab and Nursing Center are \$200.00 a day. They were 9 months behind in their payments to the Rehab and Nursing Center too. Ms. Anderson did ask for the Center to be placed on the Expedited Payment Program with Medicaid and so far the state is currently about 2 months behind in payments. The Center has received a \$245,000 payment and a \$772.00 payment so far.

The committee thanked Ms. Anderson for her report.

SAFE PASSAGE UPDATE – MS. LINDA MOSSER, DIRECTOR

Ms. Linda Mosser, Director of Safe Passage, gave a brief update to the committee regarding her office. Ms. Mosser said that the domestic violence program at Safe Passage is the largest program at Safe Passage. Their emergency shelter does not turn away people. The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence said that Safe Passage is one of the top 3 agencies in the State of Illinois.

After a rough two years, they are doing pretty well this year. They had gone through two rounds of layoffs and now employees pay for some of their insurance costs. They are still continuing services and employees are doing well. The State has paid Safe Passage and now the state is only about two months behind in payments. Safe Passage currently has 27 staff members. They've seen just under 1,000 unduplicated clients and they have served some seniors. They also have seen children. Their housing units are usually full.

The committee thanked Ms. Mosser for her update.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROPOSALS DISTRIBUTED – MS. DONNA MOULTON

Ms. Donna Moulton, Director of the DeKalb County Community Services Department, passed out the 2012 Applications for the Senior Services Tax Levy funding. The public hearings will be held in April. She is seeing a \$60,000 difference in requests versus the funding amount for last year.

The committee agreed with the schedule for the two April dates for the Senior Services Tax Levy Hearings.

POSITIONS REVIEW FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – MS. DONNA MOULTON

Ms. Moulton spoke with the committee about the request from last month for a new position classification review for one of her employees. She now has 4 permanent part-time employees working in her department besides Mr. Jess Collins. Ms. Moulton serves also as the Director of the Mental Health Board.

Before discussing this issue further, it was agreed that since Ms. Moulton's review with the Mental Health Board will not be held until March 6th, this issue would be addressed at the next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee in April.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stoddard, Chairman

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