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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
January 4, 2021**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met virtually via Zoom on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Madam Chair Crawford called the meeting to order. Those Members virtually present were Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Neill Mohammad, Ms. Linda Slabon, and Chair Rukisha Crawford. Mr. Scott Campbell was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Pete Stefan, Mike Neuenkirchen, Gretchen Sprinkle, Tim Bagby, and Larry West.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mohammad seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Slabon moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 Committee Meeting. Ms. Little seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION & AMENDMENT OF DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FY 2021

County Finance Director Pete Stefan shared that the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement (DOAP), if approved, provides funding for the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. The County has been applying for these funds for the past sixteen years and these funds are used for services outside of the DeKalb/Sycamore/Cortland areas. When the grant funds are approved, they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. The proposed DOAP Agreement is for State funds.

Mike Neuenkirchen, Vice President of Operations at Voluntary Action Center of DeKalb County, was also on the Zoom Meeting to answer any questions from Committee Members. He added that the FY 2021 grant amount was for an estimated \$884,260.00.

Mr. Mohammad moved to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

KISHWAUKEE UNITED WAY PRESENTATION

Kishwaukee United Way Executive Director Gretchen Sprinkle joined the Committee via Zoom to provide an overview of what Kishwaukee United Way does and the various programs they have to assist the community.

United Ways operate on the idea of Give, Advocate Volunteer. The mission of Kishwaukee United Way is to improve lives by sharing community resources and they do it through those modalities. The areas in particular that they focus on are education, income, and health. At United Way, they believe those are the pillars of a successful and stable life, which is what they want for all residents of DeKalb County.

Kishwaukee United Way also partners with about 23 different agencies. Partner agencies are vetting on impact, transparency, and financial health. Partners apply for allocation funding on an annual, biannual, or triannual basis. Collaboration is rewarded in “Modern United Ways” and \$0.94-0.96 of every dollar stays local. Ms. Sprinkle additionally provided the Committee with a model of how United Way tries to invest their dollars.

Some of their initiatives are 2-1-1, United for ALICE, bornlearning, Day of Caring, familywize, and Money Smart Week.

Mr. Cummings inquired what portion of Kishwaukee United Way’s funds go to their initiatives versus funds that go to other not-for-profit organizations. Ms. Sprinkle answered that they fundraise separately for the programs she specifically mentioned. If someone were to send a check generally, they would assume that will go to their general campaign, which is what United Ways gives to non-profit agencies. Normal donations do not go to those programs. Their annual campaign is about \$200,000. That money goes back out into the community to organizations. Their operating budget is about \$180,000, half of which comes from an endowment fund.

The Committee thanked Ms. Sprinkle for her dedication and work to the community and for her joining them.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Slabon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rukisha Crawford, Chair

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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