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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
February 1, 2021**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met virtually via Zoom on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Madam Chair Crawford called the meeting to order. Those Members virtually present were Mr. Scott Campbell, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Neill Mohammad, Ms. Linda Slabon, and Chair Rukisha Crawford. A quorum was established with all seven Members present.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Deanna Cada, Pete Stefan, Kiara Jones, Larry West, and Roy Plote.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Mohammad moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, 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 January 4, 2021 Committee Meeting. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, 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.

**SENIOR SERVES TAX LEVY TIMELINE**

Mental Health Board Director Deanna Cada reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 Senior Services Tax Levy Funding Application Timeline.

<b>Monday, January 11, 2021</b>	Funding Applications Released
<b>Monday, February 22, 2021</b>	Funding Applications Due
<b>Monday, March 1, 2021</b>	Health & Human Services Committee – First Looks
<b>Monday, April 5, 2021</b>	Health & Human Services Committee – Agency Hearings (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) (may be virtual)
<b>Monday, April 12, 2021</b>	Health & Human Services Committee – Agency Hearings (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) (may be virtual)

**Monday, May 3, 2022**

Health & Human Services Committee – Approve  
Funding for FY 2022 Applications

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

Full County Board – Approve Funding for FY22  
Applications

Ms. Cada shared that funding applications were released on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and this year they would be utilizing the online application process. She additionally reviewed a funding spreadsheet. For the FY 2022 Grant Year the Committee would have a projected total of \$435,000 to allocate with the possibility of utilizing some reserves.

Since this is the first year using the online grant process, Mr. Cada asked the Committee if they would like a demo on the program at their March Committee Meeting? All of the Committee Members agreed they would like a demo to overview the online grant application software. Ms. Cada expressed that she would set that up with the vendor and in the meantime, she would email out each Member's log-in information.

### **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD PRIORITIES**

Ms. Cada additionally updated the Committee on what the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board has been focused on and working on lately. She shared that following top priorities:

- The DCMHB was able to fund and support, in partnership with the DeKalb County Community Foundation, a local Crisis Intervention Team Training for 25 local Law Enforcement Officers, who represented six different Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the County. The feedback from the Officers was very positive and it led to some additional discussions. Ben Gordon Center is currently the DCMHB's vendor that provides a Mental Health Social Worker at the City of DeKalb and City of Sycamore Police Departments. Now, after the CIT Training, a couple more Department are now interested in learning more about possibly bringing a Social Worker into their Departments.
- DCMHB has entered into their second partnership with the Regional Office of Education, financially supporting workshops and educational coaching opportunities for parents and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first partnership was to assist teachers and support personnel through virtual workshops. The ROE hosted nine workshops and served 109 attendees.
- They are also hosting self-care workshops for Mental Health Professionals suffering from compassion fatigue and secondary trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The DCMHB has created a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee with community experts on access to behavioral healthcare to plan and implement quality assurance that all DeKalb County residents have access to care.
- Lastly, they are exploring options to provide a County-wide training opportunity on Suicide Prevention and Intervention skills.

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## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND UPDATE**

Local organizational funders have created the DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund and are committed to use their resources either independently or in partnership with the DCCRF to respond to needs in DeKalb County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, these funders include the DeKalb County Community Foundation; DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership (DCNP); Kishwaukee United Way; Douglas C. and Lynn M. Roberts Family Foundation; IDEAL Foundation; Horizons Unlimited Foundation; and the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board. Additional organizational funders are welcome at any time. A DCCRF Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives of the funding partners as well as other key stakeholders, has been established to guide the ongoing efforts of the DCCRF as long as it is needed to be in existence.

The DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Grant program was designed to support the needs of local organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for this grant program is made possible by the DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund (DCCRF), a Pass Through Fund created in collaboration with various local funding partners. The purpose of the DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund is to be a depository for contributions intended to respond to the effects of COVID-19 in DeKalb County by distributing grants that address preparedness, response, recovery, and/or rebuilding efforts.

Ms. Cada shared that the fund just completed Phase 3 of Emergency Funding for DeKalb County Nonprofits. Phase 4 will open in February for local nonprofits and public entities. The proactive funding project for Phase 4 are: Behavioral Healthcare Workforce Development Funding and Local COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rukisha Crawford, Chair

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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