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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
May 3, 2021**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 3, 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.

Other individuals present via Zoom were Deanna Cada.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Cummings moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Slabon 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**

**Mr. Mohammad moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 and April 12, 2021 Committee Meetings. Ms. Slabon 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.

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD UPDATES**

DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board Director Deanna Cada shared that she will be providing the Committee with her Annual Report in August but wanted to provide them with some brief updates.

- Ms. Cada reported that Judge Stuckert asked the Mental Health Board to host a Mental Health Summit. They had done this a couple years ago and the Judge thought it would be a good idea to have another one. This will be a Zoom meeting on May 11, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- The DCMHB's Grant Year 2022 grant decisions will be made on May 17, 2021. There are \$2,441,900 available funding and \$2,842,200 being requested by agencies. That is a different of \$400,300.
- June 26, 2021 – Community Healing Event Sponsored by the DCMHB's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. The focus of this event will be on self-care and how to stay mentally healthy.
- September 2021 – There will be a Suicide Prevention & Awareness Event-QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Roll & Out and Presentation. This event will be held at the Egyptian Theatre.

Mr. Cada lastly reminded the Committee that Give DeKalb County was only three more days away (May 6, 2021). This 24-hour giving day supports participating nonprofit organizations and allows donors to give back.

**ALLOCATION OF SENIOR TAX LEVY FUNDS**

It was reminded that the purpose of the allocation of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funds is to avoid the premature institutionalization of Senior Citizens. It is the Committee’s job to determine where the tax levy funds should be best allocated in order to provide the best outcome for the entire County.

In the month of April, the Committee heard from all of the agencies who were requesting funding. Their total FY 2022 allocation amount to work with was \$435,000. It was reminded that in 2019 the Committee decided the following: *“The Committee came to a unanimous consensus that over the next 3-4 years they would implement a Planned Spenddown of their Senior Tax Levy Reserve Fund until their Fund Balance was down to around \$10,000.00. This way the Committee could better fund the applicants in the hopes that more Senior Citizens throughout the County could benefit from the services they provide.”*

During discussions at their last meeting, the Committee unanimously voted to utilize the Senior Tax Levy Reserves between \$20,000 - \$25,000 and to not exceed the amount of \$25,000. The new allocation amount for the Committee’s consideration was now between = \$455,000 - \$460,000.

Each Committee Member utilized their worksheets to plug in their suggested amounts. The Committee would then deliberate and make any adjustments that may be needed.

After further discussions and numbers being suggested, the Committee agreed on the following allocations for the 2022 Grant Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022</b>	<b>07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022</b>
	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Barb City Manor	\$16,200	\$10,000
DeKalb County Community Gardens	\$20,000	\$17,000
Elder Care Services	\$70,000	\$59,000
Family Service Agency	\$60,000	\$55,000
Fox Valley Older Adult Services	\$79,598	\$55,000
Hope Haven	\$20,197	\$20,000
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$4,309	\$1,500
Opportunity House	\$25,000	\$25,000
Prairie State Legal Services	\$5,000	\$3,000
Voluntary Action Center	\$233,225	\$214,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$533,529</b>	<b>\$460,000</b>

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**It was moved by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Mohammad to forward the suggested allocation amounts for the FY 2022 Senior Services Tax Levy Funds to the full County Board recommending their approval. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Little, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Little moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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,

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Rukisha Crawford, Chair

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary