

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
May 1, 2023**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the Legislative Center's Gathertorium in Sycamore, Illinois. Chair Rukisha Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those members present were Meryl Domina, Savannah Ilenikhena, Joseph Marcinkowski, Chris Porterfield, Amber Quitno, and Rukisha Crawford. A quorum was established with six members present and one absent. Michelle Pickett was absent at the time of the roll call and arrived at 6:32 p.m. Others present included County Administrator Brian Gregory, Administrative Analyst Liam Sullivan, and Mental Health Board Administrative Assistant Heaven Allen.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Savannah Ilenikhena moved to approve the agenda as presented. Meryl Domina seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chris Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 committee meeting and Meryl Domina seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Roberts, a physician assistant, outlined concerns regarding the current process used to screen children for exposure to lead. She suggested increasing the scope of the screening process to include water as a potential lead source.

RESOLUTION R2023-059 – A Resolution Awarding Grant Year 2024 Senior Services Tax Levy Funding

Committee members reviewed the funding requests received from local organizations that were presented during interviews conducted by the Health & Human Services Committee during the previous two meetings.

The committee agreed to supplement the recurring Senior Services Tax Levy funding with an additional one-time allocation of \$50,550 from the available Senior Services Budget Fund. Brian Gregory recommended the committee request that available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be used to cover the one-time allocation of \$50,550 and preserve the Senior Services Budget Fund balance for future use. The committee responded favorably to this suggestion.

Following discussion, the committee agreed to propose the following allocations:

Barb City Manor - \$21,600 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$11,600)*

DeKalb County Community Gardens - \$22,000 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$5,000)*

Elder Care Services - \$64,900 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$5,900)*

Family Service Agency - \$60,000 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$5,000)*

Fox Valley Older Adult Services - \$60,500 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$5,500)*

Hope Haven - \$23,100 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$2,100)*

Kishwaukee Family YMCA - \$1,650 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$150)*

Opportunity House - \$27,500 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$2,500)*

Prairie State Legal Services - \$3,300 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$300)*

Voluntary Action Center - \$227,000 *(includes one-time ARPA contribution of \$12,500)*

Savannah Ilenikhena motioned to forward the funding proposal to the full county board with the recommendation to the Executive Committee to utilize available ARPA funds for the one-time allocation of \$50,550. Michelle Picket seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Brian Gregory mentioned that the State is in the process of reviewing the Certificate of Need in connection with the sale of the DeKalb County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (DCRNC) and that he anticipates the review will be completed in June. Liam Sullivan added that DCRNC Administrator Bart Becker was not able to attend this evening's meeting and that County Administration staff will request he attend the next meeting in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Gregory suggested that the committee invite Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez to the next meeting to address the lead level screening concern that was presented by Michelle Roberts during the public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chris Porterfield and seconded by Savannah Ilenikhena to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Klein, Recording Secretary