



McHenry County
Public Health & Community Services - Public Meeting
MINUTES

April 27, 2023, 8:30 AM
County Board Conference Room
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Tracie Von Bergen, Pamela Althoff, Gloria Van Hof, Mike Shorten, Louisett Ness, Eric Hendricks

Members Absent: Kelli Wegener

Full comments on all agenda items are included in the audio recording of this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at: 8:33 A.M.

Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Jeffery Poynter, Director of Workforce Network; Laura Crain, Drug-Free Program Coordinator; Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator; Jake Rohn, Director of Workforce Network Board; Anne Marrin, Health Department Director of Planning & Operations; Susan Karras, Director of Nursing; Maryellen Howell, Vet Division Manager.

Mover: Shorten

Secunder: Van Hof

To allow the remote attendance of Ms. Althoff.

Aye (4): Von Bergen, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Abstain (1): Althoff

Absent (2): Wegener, and Hendricks

Recommended (4 to 0)

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Mover: Ness

Secunder: Van Hof

Approve previous minutes from the March 30, 2023 meeting.

Aye (5): Von Bergen, Althoff, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Absent (2): Wegener, and Hendricks

Recommended (5 to 0)

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hendricks arrives at 8:43 A.M.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 8:40 - Darryn Weinstein - Board of Health

Ms. Althoff arrived in person at 9:00 A.M.

Committee members introduced themselves and interviewed Darryn Weinstein for consideration for appointment to the Board of Health. It was noted that Mr. Weinstein meets the requirements as a member for the Board of Health.

5.2 Deliberation and Selection for the Board of Health

Mover: Shorten

Secunder: Althoff

To recommend Darryn Weinstein to the County Board Chairman for appointment to the Board of Health for a term to begin upon appointment and to expire on June 30, 2024.

Absent (1): Wegener

Not Recommended

6. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Mover: Althoff

Secunder: Ness

To approve the remaining item on the Routine Consent Agenda.

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Van Hof, Shorten, Ness, and Hendricks

Absent (1): Wegener

Recommended (6 to 0)

6.1 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Parents Alliance of Lisle, Illinois for Out Of School Young Adult Training in the Amount of \$116,264.91 for McHenry County Workforce Network Youth Program (26)

Mover: Althoff

Secunder: Ness

Authorization to enter into a contract with Parents Alliance Employment Project (PAEP) of Lisle, IL, for the amount of \$116,264.91, for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

- 6.2 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Illinois DCEO 1E Rapid Response Grant #21-651002 and an Emergency Appropriation to the Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (26)

Mover: Althoff
Secunder: Ness

Authorize acceptance of Grant #21-651002 Rapid Response in the amount of \$217,837.41 from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity to the Workforce Network FY 23 Budget

Recommended

- 6.3 Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Appropriation of \$350,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health to the Department of Health's FY2023 Budget for Continued Vaccination Initiatives (51)

Mover: Althoff
Secunder: Ness

Authorize the emergency appropriation of \$350,000 in grant funding to the Department of Health's FY2023 budget to meet vaccination initiatives deliverables.

Recommended

- 6.5 Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of \$2,500 in Scholarship Funding to the Department of Health FY23 Budget for Certification in Infection Control Preparation & Testing Through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (51)

Mover: Althoff
Secunder: Ness

Approve the addition of \$2,500 in scholarship award funding to the Department of Health's FY2023 budget for preparatory classes, exam, and membership in the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) for two public health nurses in the Communicable Disease program.

Recommended

- 6.6 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Jeep Compass to be Utilized in the McHenry County Department of Health, Veterinary Public Health Division (51)

Mover: Althoff
Secunder: Ness

Approve the purchase of one (1) Jeep Compass to replace a previously decommissioned vehicle within the Department of Health, Veterinary Public Health Division.

Recommended

- 6.4 Resolution Authorizing the Addition of a Program Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health's FY2023 Departmental Roster (51)

Pulled for discussion by Mr. Shorten.

Susan Karras, Director of Nursing, joined the committee to discuss the resolution.

Mr. Shorten requested some clarification on funding and the responsibilities of the new position. Ms. Karras stated the funding is through Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) and WISEWOMAN (IWW), two grants that they have had for some time, which provide screening to women who do not have insurance or are underinsured. She stated during the pandemic shutdown no one was getting screened, she stated it is a federal passthrough, the money comes from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) then to the State, and is distributed throughout the State to provide the services. She stated they contract with providers throughout the County and act almost like a third-party insurance company, by creating contracts with providers, identifying women who meet the qualifications, and they are sent to the providers that the County is contracted with and then the County is billed and they get reimbursed for those services. There has been a marked increase in cancers, so they have had to assist women with getting on Public Aid so they can get continuous treatment for those cancers. WISEWOMAN focuses more on cardiac because women tend to present differently with Heart Disease and that program identifies those women who are at risk, teaching them healthy life behaviors, and providing them with resources for that. They have been informed that they are in the process of getting another two-year period grant, they stated that they are going to increase McHenry County by 35% based on what they are seeing and what they anticipate coming. The program is overseen by a coordinator that also sees the Chronic Disease programs which are where diabetic education lives that is growing so large that there are waiting lists for classes. They decided to use part of the grant funding which will fund the coordinator position completely that will oversee the increased activities that they are going to see in the two programs and keep the other coordinator to only oversee the diabetic program.

Mr. Shorten wanted to confirm that the position will be fully funded by the grant, and how often the grant is distributed. Ms. Karras confirmed that is correct and stated the grant is distributed annually but they applied for a two-year period. Mr. Shorten wanted to confirm that the funding has been received by the Health Department previously and what the total funding would be due to the increase of 35%. Ms. Karras confirmed that is correct, and stated the total will be over \$350,000.

Mr. Hendricks inquired about the number of people they are able to serve with the funding. Ms. Karras did not have the exact number with her but stated they roughly screen about 2000-3000 women. Mr. Hendricks inquired if the grant funding fluctuates. Ms. Karras stated after two years they need to reevaluate where they are so the CDC can collect that data, but usually, when they approach the two-year point the discussions will have already begun on what it is going to look like in the County before the next grant funding application and if the position will or will not be needed.

Ms. Ness inquired if someone who was working that did not get health benefits and who was income-qualified could access if they were underinsured or uninsured. Ms. Karras stated if they are uninsured they qualify automatically and the program will try to find them the healthcare coverage that they need.

Mover: Shorten

Secunder: Ness

Authorize the addition of a Program Coordinator to the MCDH roster.

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Van Hof, Shorten, Ness, and Hendricks

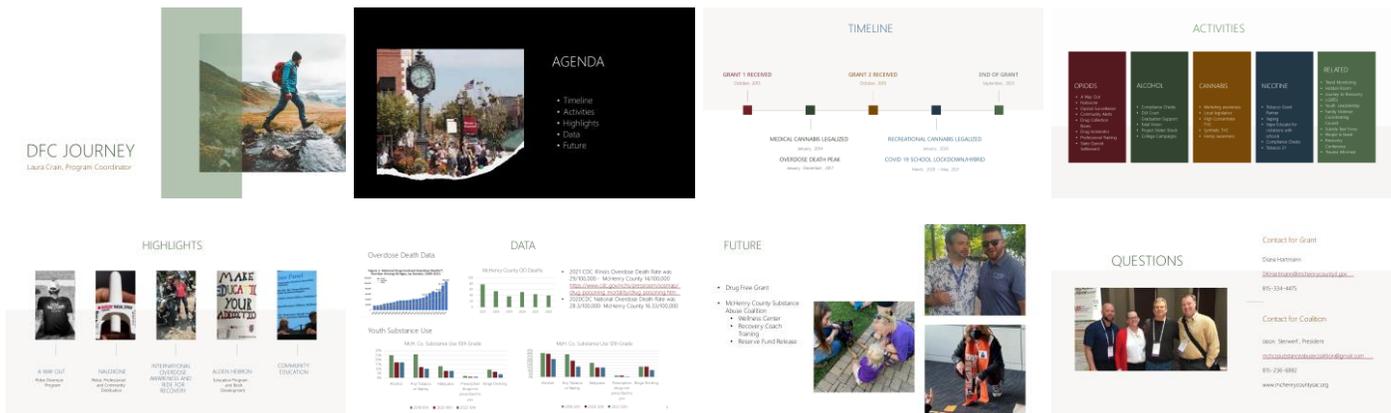
Absent (1): Wegener

Recommended (6 to 0)

7. REPORTS

7.1 McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition

Laura Crain, Drug-Free Program Coordinator, joined the committee to discuss the Report.



8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Discussion

Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator, and Tony Peschke, Lead and Healthy Homes Grant Manager, joined the committee to discuss the Lead Safe Homes Program Update.

Mr. Mach stated they are looking to seek a renewal term on the Lead Safe Homes Program Grant opportunity with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. He stated they are seeking permission from the Committee to apply for the program, it is a four-year grant that does not require any new staff they would use existing staff in coordination with Habitat for Humanity as a sub-recipient for contract work and contractors that specialize in lead remediation. He stated the purpose of the grant is to work in households under the age of 6 with lead-based paint present in the home, roughly 39% of the housing units have lead-based paint from 1978 or earlier. The grant allows for them to go in and remediate the hazards to allow a safe environment for children.

Ms. Althoff inquired about how much money he is looking to receive, and how successful the program was with what he received before. He stated \$1.75 million is the request for the Lead-Based Paint Removal and Healthy Homes Initiative, Healthy Homes are going to be more for a raid on mold, and insecticides, and remove other types of hazards from homes. He stated the program served roughly 40 houses.

There was a consensus of the committee for Mr. Mach to move forward in the application process.

Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator, joined the committee to discuss the Workforce Housing Task Force.

Mr. Hartman stated per the Strategic Plan amendment the topic of Workforce Housing has been elevated to a strategic priority for McHenry County and under that goal it indicates as an action item to create a task force to analyze and study workforce housing needs, availability, and opportunities in the County and now that the strategic plan has been adopted they can move forward with the work of creating the task force and moving forward. He stated members Ness and Althoff have stepped forward to lead the workforce housing workgroup and they are underway with developing the mission and the goals of the workgroup as well as identifying an appropriate participant list consisting of both internal and external participants to help in the analysis and the study. That is being developed and there has been outreach to the participants to ensure they are willing to commit the time and help the County with the goal and once that is solidified the next step in the process will be to present that to the Public Health & Community Services Chair Tracie VonBergen for her review and endorsement, afterward, it will go to Chairman Buehler who will then formally establish the committee as an ad hoc committee of the County. Once that is set the real work will begin, the first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of May with the dates to be determined and once they develop the participant list they will confirm. He stated they can expect regular updates to the PHCS committee on their efforts and what they find, so they will act as a liaison. They anticipate the workgroup to last about a year plus or minus to complete the work because the

project is large and there are a lot of moving parts that go into it and they recognize that McHenry County can only control and influence so much which is why they need to rely on municipal partners for their assistance and cooperation. He stated there is more to come and they look forward to tackling the topic, and he wanted to mention that he met with McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) President Jim McConoughey and the topic of workforce housing came out on his end unsolicited recognizing how important it is for economic development. He stated the residents need this so they have a good place to live, but employers need it as well so they have a workforce that they can draw on and get their work done, not just from a social standpoint but from an economic development standpoint as well.

Mr. Austin wanted to add that they also met with County Coordinator Chalen Daigle earlier in the week and they are under the assumption that they will meet again in late May to get the task force organized and set preliminary goals. He stated they will also be introducing the topic to municipal planners at their next Planners Forum and they will join them to talk about what they are imagining and how the County's municipal partners can help out.

9. PRESENTATION

None.

10. FUTURE TOPICS

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mover: Althoff

Secunder: Van Hof

To adjourn the meeting at 10:07 A.M. -TCMcKinnon

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Van Hof, Shorten, Ness, and Hendricks

Absent (1): Wegener

Recommended (6 to 0)