

Minutes of the Health Committee

The Health Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 4:30 PM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairperson Schafer; Members Wendt, Harris, Gordon, Robustelli, Martin and Wollrab

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office; Mr. Don Knapp, Assistant Civil State's Attorney

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator; Ms. Cindy Wegner, Nursing Home Administrator; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services

Others Present: Ms. Laura Beavers, Ms. Phaedra Morris, Ms. Jane Turley, Ms. Rebecca Powell, Ms. Judy Buchanan,

Chairperson Schafer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and declared a quorum. Chairperson Schafer confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Motion by Robustelli/Wendt to approve the February 29, 2016 minutes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer presented on behalf of the Adult/Juvenile Detention Medical Department an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for action. Mr. Wasson stated that this is an end of the year ordinance to make sure all line items are in order.

Motion by Wendt/Robustelli to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the McLean County Tort Judgement Fund 0135; Jail Medical Department 0077/0073.

Motion carried.

Ms. Lori McCormick presented the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center Health Care Report to the Committee. Ms. Harris asked how the tele

psychiatric services work and how many we serve. Ms. McCormick stated services are used as needed and goes as well as any other service we provide. She confirmed that there was only one in the month of February. Ms. Harris asked how they screen to determine who receives these services. Ms. McCormick stated that at intake there are questions asked and based on those questions it is determined which services the youth will need. Chairman Schafer asked if there were further questions for Ms. McCormick, hearing none she thanked her for her input.

Ms. Wegner presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance. Ms. Wollrab asked about the loss and disposal of asset. Mr. Wasson stated it is the transfer of the facility to the Public Building Commission.

Motion by Wendt/Wollrab to recommend approval an
Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County
Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget
Ordinance for the Nursing Home Fund 040.

Motion carried.

Ms. Wegner presented her monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any questions about the general report, hearing none she asked Ms. Wegner to begin her presentation to the Committee.

Ms. Wegner presented a PowerPoint to the Committee regarding Nursing Home Operations, current trends and future initiatives. Ms. Wegner provided history on the nursing home and discussed beds, types and number of rooms, room rates, admissions and services the nursing home provides including the levels of care such as skilled, intermediate, hospice and respite care. She also discussed Medicaid reimbursement rates for the nursing home including what the rate was supposed to cover. She discussed new initiatives including a no lift policy as of February of 2016 that requires that if a resident requires two or more people to transfer them, then they will be transferred by a mechanical lift. She stated this was for the safety of both staff and residents. She stated that sixty staff members have received dementia training. Another initiative is the new electronic medical records system they received approval for and are working to get up and running in the facility. She discussed census challenges and discussed things they are trying to do to get numbers up including increased promotional material on the website and changing the name of the Nursing Home to focus on words like healthcare, rehab care. She stated they take admissions without regard to pay source however some inquiries that we get are very difficult or very expensive cases. She went over initiatives for the future including offering different programs to try to work on staff retention. Ms. Wegner stated that census will be a continuing focus. She stated that impacts on census include changes in healthcare including changes in care levels and the fact that insurance and Medicare are dictating length. She stated that they are working with one of the accountable care organizations

in town to be listed as one of their preferred facilities so that they will refer long term patients to the nursing home. She also went over the 5 star rating and told the Committee that we are currently a 1 star. She stated that our ratings in staffing and the quality measures have gone up to 3's, but the health inspection rating takes 3 years to get through a cycle. She stated that the nursing home staff goal is to make McLean County Nursing Home the facility of choice in the community.

Mr. Wendt asked about the effect of increasing number of Medicaid and Medicare patients and decreasing the number of private patients would have on money the nursing home needs to operate. Ms. Wegner stated that it is difficult to determine how many we have of each on average because many patients transition back and forth between private pay and Medicaid/Medicare. Ms. Wegner stated that the hope is that by partnering with an accountable care organization there will be an increase in long term admissions to the facility. Ms. Harris asked her to clarify new initiatives and whether it was in care or in operations of the nursing home. Ms. Wegner provided the medical records system as an example where we are behind compared with other facilities. Mr. Robustelli stated he has seen growth since she has started with the facility and thanked her for the work she does. He asked her and administration to provide numbers about the Enterprise Fund for the Nursing Home and the net grand total from the Fund for the last 10 years. He stated that the Committee and the Board needs to take this a step further to think about whether we want to be in the nursing home long term and if we do then come up with plan to make an investment in the nursing home. Ms. Harris asked if there was a capital improvement fund for the nursing home. Mr. Wasson stated there was no separate capital improvement fund for the Nursing Home, just the Enterprise Fund. Ms. Harris asked about the amount in the Enterprise Fund. Mr. Wasson stated that Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements from the state can be delayed and reimbursements from insurances also differ and so those funds are used to help offset any delays in payments from other entities. He stated that the balance is there also to make sure there are funds for necessary major capital replacements or renovations.

Mr. Martin asked about the average occupancy rate. Ms. Wegner stated that it fluctuates but there are typically about 105 patients which is about 72% capacity. He also asked her why there seems to be a lack of interest in the two room conversion. Ms. Wegner said they just started offering that this year to see if there would be interest if someone needed to move from an assisted living situation to receive more care but still wanted the privacy and the space. She said that they do not have any specifically set aside, but would make them available if requested. Mr. Gordon asked her to confirm there is not a website for the McLean County Nursing Home. Ms. Wegner indicated that the Nursing Home is on the County website, but there is not a separate web page. Ms. Wegner stated that having a separate website would help with marketing. Mr. Gordon agreed that having information on the website would not cost a lot of money but would be beneficial to the marketing of the nursing home. Mr. Wendt stated that with a 42 year old facility operating at 70% capacity the Committee and Board needs to look at whether we should continue to be in the nursing home business.

He stated that the Committee needed to do an in depth study on either selling the nursing home to another private nursing home or the cost to make the facility an up to date facility. Ms. Wollrab asked if other facilities are taking admissions without regard to pay source. Mr. Wegner stated they were not. Ms. Wegner stated that normally facilities take patients on short term rehab and then discharge them and have continuous turn over. Ms. Wegner stated that after the patient is done with the rehab level of care there is still need for long term care and that is when we get the referrals. Chairman Schafer asked if the Nursing Home was the only long term facility in town that takes Medicaid. Ms. Wegner indicated that others accepted limited Medicaid. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Committee, hearing none she thanked Ms. Wegner.

Mr. Howe presented for approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance. He stated that this was an item to bring budget in line with actual expenses.

Motion by Wendt/Martin to recommend approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the McLean County Health Department Funds (WIC/0103, Preventive Health Program/0105, AIDS/Comm. Disease Fund/0107, Persons Dev. Disability 0110, and, Health Department 0112).

Motion carried.

Mr. Howe presented his monthly report which contained a summary of the programs for the months of January and February of 2016 including total clients, total contacts or total activity for each program. He also went over the annual report that he had sent to all the members of the Committee. He reminded Committee that this is public health week he discussed the events and promotions they have publicized to help promote public health week and increasing public health awareness. Ms. Wollrab asked if they could include contact information for the services they provide in the annual report next year. Mr. Howe stated that was a good idea as it would be another place people could find contact information.

Laura Beavers presented information on Behavioral Health. She stated they are a partner in prevention and have been funding agencies since 1970 when senate bill 553 was signed into place. She stated that the issues they work to assist with are the same now as they were in the past including jail expansion, taking care of those incarcerated and suicide and crisis services. She went over the Funding process including changing Fiscal Year to match the county. She discussed the proposal process that includes the applications posted on line, public presentations and recommendations for funded programs based on criteria established annually. She showed the links where that information can be found. She stated that they cannot fund all of the proposals that they receive, and discussed the breakdown of funding where 18% goes to the criminal justice system, 23% to children, 35% to crisis and 25% to treatment. She discussed quality assurance and working to make sure that they have data and outcomes and work towards a goal. She stated that they conduct site visits and have provider support meetings. She stated that they have a mental health advisory board comprised of 11

members with a background in mental health, one member from the County Board and a member from the Board of Health. She said they have secured several grants in the Mental Health First Aid Program that helps increase awareness and decrease stigma and give basic information to understand what mental health is. She stated they have trained over 500 people in McLean County and their goal is to have one mental health first aid person on each block. She indicated that they work with the Community Crisis Planning group to help collaborate services provided in the community which includes promoting a universal assessment that is utilized by BroMenn, Path and Crisis Team. She indicated that they are working to improve data reporting and working on a collaboration with the Regional Office of Education to focus on children and helping with the communication between providers and public education providers. She stated that they will be hosting a Mental Health Forum on May 19th focusing on a zero suicide approach.

Ms. Harris stated that the Health Illinois 2021 was a very good presentation. Ms. Harris stated that the Health Illinois 2021 and Ms. Beaver's presentation talk about the same mission to improve mental health in Illinois and discuss the same barriers. She stated that we must promote prevention as a priority in healthcare and we need to face funding obstacles and strategize on how we can get the funds we need to provide the services. She provided an example of the budget for Human Services being cut by 10% and using their reserves now and how it speaks of an urgencies and a concerning aspect where timeliness is vital. She stated that at the public hearing Behavioral health was listed as the first of three items that need to be addressed which included improving opportunities for people to be treated in the community rather than in institutions, and improve response times. She stated that the cut in the budget to service providers reveals a problem with meeting this Healthy Illinois 2021 priority. She stated that the repercussions that will ensue without these services will be an increase in emergency services, hospitalization, jail population, recidivisms rates. The increase in these numbers is a safety issue for those with behavioral health issues as well as for the general public who may also lose their enthusiasm and that in turn may hinder prospects for future public/private partnerships. She stated that the costs incurred are staggering monetarily but if we fail, the cost to the wellbeing of our citizens will far outweigh the price to pay for them. She stated that we can't fail these people and asked that we work on a strategic and radical realignment and we look to both funding allocations as well as reserve funds to meet the goals despite the decline in state funding.

Ms. Schafer asked Ms. Beaver to discuss the program in Livingston County and the realignment of resources. Ms. Beaver stated that Dr. Brenda Huber from Illinois State University worked with the 708 Board in Livingston County where they had a pilot program funded through the Illinois Health Care Foundation that focused on realigning resources within a school district to provide integrated care within the district. She stated that there are people there to provide the services and we need to realign where our service providers are to make sure they are meeting the most needs. She stated

that integrated care is necessary as most behavioral health conditions are treated in primary care settings.

Ms. Wollrab commended Laura on getting the training and getting the insight and collaborating with peers and asked her about where McLean County is on their level of behavioral health services and the behavioral health of the County. Ms. Beavers said that within the State of Illinois many are closing their doors and anticipate many more will close in July because the significant budget cuts. She stated that the affordable care act allowed for behavioral health and substance abuse services to be covered but the rate at which they are covered is not enough to pay for the services. The State of Illinois would like to move forward with Behavioral Health Care clinics that would operate like a federally qualified health center. She said there are areas doing it better than us as they are focusing on prevention and we are a reactive system. Ms. Wollrab asked her about the mental health status of our population and where we might have gaps in services to best target the funding that we have. Ms. Beaver stated they are working to gather more information. She provided the example of the Children's group and how they are completing an inventory of the services provided to show the areas resource rich but also answer the question of whether the activities helpful.

Mr. Howe stated one of the good things to come from the 2021 plan is the recognition that we need to take a preventative approach instead of a reactive approach to mental health services. He stated that they also recognized the need to gather data to help determine the needs and services that need to be put in place to help with the prevention of mental health. Mr. Gordon mentioned Adverse Childhood Experiences and getting more data because the most recent information that they have is from a study done in 1999.

Mr. Robustelli thanked Laura for the report and the work that she does. He stated that is it reprehensible what is happening at the State level to the services that are provided, especially to those who had no voice in the process. He asked her about continuum of services in the areas of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery if there is a Metrix for which the Board of Health, the Health Department and 377 Board use to track success. Ms. Beavers stated that there is not a standard Metrix. She said that through Community Crisis planning group they have worked to develop standard outcomes and are still working on those because each program is assisting different groups. Mr. Howe stated that closest thing to a Metrix is counts of people who received access to programs, but we are now working with other organizations to gather data. Mr. Robustelli stated that in 30 years he doesn't want them to come in and say we have the same problems that we have now and so we need to be held accountable for where we are going. Mr. Robustelli asked about the premium they put on evidence based practices and the criteria for grants for behavioral health. Ms. Beaver stated that evidence based practice is something that was added to the criteria in the last 2 years to follow some of the evidence based programs that produce results. She provided an example of a program that is an evidence based program but stated that sometimes there is not an evidence based program and they use best practice informed

procedures. Mr. Robustelli asked if they coordinate with the criminal justice and court system, where they fit in the process and how they report what is happening in that area. Ms. Beavers stated that it is hard to connect all of those areas. She said that a priority is toward those incarcerated who have mental health needs. She stated that they fund specialty courts, Labyrinth and the MRT program and also over the last couple of years she has worked to facilitate psychiatric appointments between Center for Humans Services and the jail. She said there are many players coming forth saying it is mental health and working to connect services together.

Ms. Harris stated that we need a long term study. Ms. Beaver said there was a lot of talk about reporting – report cards, dashboards at the national conference she attended. She said that McLean County is comparable in that area and that where mental health first aid is concerned we are actually a little ahead.

Chairman Schafer stated that she addressed the 2021 hearing and gave them our mental health action plan. She stated that our County plan is very similar to what they presented for the State plan. Ms. Schafer stated that long challenging process to realign priorities but it is now happening and starting to change. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any further questions or comments, hearing none, she thanked Ms. Beavers.

Mr. Wasson presented the recent employment activities report. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any questions for Mr. Wasson, hearing none, she thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Schafer presented bills to be paid for the Nursing Home totaling \$397,134.51 with a fund total of the same.

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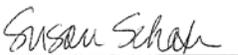
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee - Nursing Home

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0401	NURSING HOME		\$397,134.51	\$397,134.51
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			\$397,134.51	\$397,134.51


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Wendt/Wollrab to approve bills for the Nursing Home as presented.

Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer presented bills to be paid for Jail Medical and JDC Medical totaling \$55,622.55 with a fund total of the same.

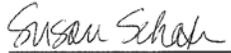
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee - Jail Med & JDC Med

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0135	TORT JUDGEMENT		\$55,622.55	\$55,622.55
			\$55,622.55	\$55,622.55


 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Gordon/Harris to approve bills to be paid for the Jail Medical and JDC Medical as presented.
 Motions carried.

Chairman Schafer presented bills to be paid for the Health Department with appending total of \$3.72, a prepaid total of \$302,146.61 and a Fund Total of \$302,150.33 with a fund total of the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee - Board of Health

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0102	DENTAL SEALANT GRANT		\$23,894.99	\$23,894.99
0103	HEALTH DEPT. - WIC		\$13,976.92	\$13,976.92
0105	PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM		\$4,581.77	\$4,581.77
0106	FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT		\$43,416.45	\$43,416.45
0107	AIDS/COMM.DISEASE CONTROL		\$10,708.23	\$10,708.23
0112	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$ 3.72	\$205,570.25	\$205,573.97
		\$3.72	\$302,146.61	\$302,150.33


 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to approve bills for the Health Department as presented.
 Motions carried.

Chairman Schafer presented bills to be paid for the Developmental Disability Board totaling \$ 55,466.92 with a fund total of the same.

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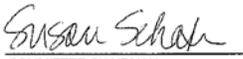
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee - Dev. Disability Board

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0110	PERSONS/DEV.DISABILITY		\$55,466.92	\$55,466.92
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			\$55,466.92	\$55,466.92


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Gordon/Martin to approve bills for the Developmental Disability Board as presented.
Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer presented a transfer from the 112 fund from the Health Department moving from full time salary to overtime for approval.

Motion by Wollrab/Harris to approve the transfer for the 112 Fund through the Health Department as presented.
Motion carried.

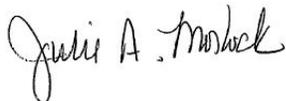
Chairman Schafer asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee.

Ms. Harris announced a presentation in Springfield on June 2nd that she thought the Committee might be interested in.

Chairman Shafer asked if there were any further questions or comments; hearing nothing, she adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary