

## Minutes of the Health Committee

The Health Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 4:30 PM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairperson Susan Schafer, Members: Carlo Robustelli, George Gordon, George Wendt, Randall Martin, Laurie Wollrab and Catherine Metsker

Members Absent: NONE

Other Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant State's Attorney Civil Division, Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director;

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Cathy Waltz, JDC; Michelle Welch, Jail Medical

Others Present: Ms. Kathy Dryer, Ms. Laura Beavers, Mr. Tom Anderson, and Ms. Kim Anderson, Health Department; Ms. Judy Buchanan, and Ms. Sonja Reece, Board of Health

Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and declared a quorum.

Chairman Schafer presented the minutes from the January 4, 2017 meeting for approval.

Motion by Martin/Robustelli to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Chairman Schafer indicated that Ms. Wegner was not present but that her report was in the packet. She stated that she liked the new information added at the end under Inquiries/Admissions. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any questions from the Committee; hearing none, she moved on to the Health Department.

Ms. Cathy Coverston-Anderson and Ms. Cathy Dreyer presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Health Department Fund 0112. Ms. Dreyer indicated these were clean up items for last year's budget. Mr. Gordon asked her to clarify that it was money going from the Full-Time Employee Salary line and to the other lines. Ms. Dreyer confirmed. Ms. Schafer asked

if they lost an employee. Ms. Dreyer explained there were funds there because of positions not filled throughout the year.

Motion by Robustelli/Martin to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Health Department Fund 0112.

Motion Carried

Chairman Schafer indicated that she and Ms. Buchanan had met and discussed creating a report that would satisfy both this Committee and the Board of Health and were still working out the details. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any questions regarding the Health Department reports. Ms. Wollrab stated she had some concerns based on the memo Ms. Beavers provided in the packet. She asked if we have a plan to help providers who cannot continue to provide the critical services in the community because of the lack of State funding. Ms. Schafer said that the Mental Health Advisory Board would be the group to look at that and make recommendations to the Board of Health. Ms. Beavers said they would be discussing funding and priorities with the Mental Health Advisory Board, as they did not have sufficient funds to support all organizations at 100%. Ms. Dreyer provided an example of a provider who had to close their doors, so the Health Department took remaining funding that would have gone to that provider and gave funding to another provider. Ms. Wollrab indicated she was concerned as a lot of time there are not multiple providers in the community providing similar services, so if one closes there would not be another provider to step up and provide those services. She stated that she felt it was the Health Committee's role to discuss what we would do without State funding for these services. Ms. Schafer reiterated that the Mental Health Advisory Board and Board of Health are looking at this and will continue to look at funding. Ms. Wollrab asked if conversations they are having allow enough time for the RFPs to be submitted. Ms. Schafer indicated that these timelines are based on budget and not necessarily dependent on tax dollars.

Mr. Robustelli thanked Ms. Beavers for her memo. He stated that the Board spent two years on the Mental Health Action Plan that was based on inadequate support levels from the State two years ago. He said agencies and non-profits have had to reduce and cut services and are at risk, in some cases, of shutting their doors. Mr. Robustelli asked if someone is looking at the state of the Mental Health Action Plan in this new environment. He stated that information in the news is that these organizations are on the fence and not doing well. Mr. Robustelli indicated that the Chairman is talking with non-profits during his round table meetings but wondered about impact to enhance and build on the local mental health programs if these non-profits are struggling. Mr. McIntyre stated that it depends on the organization. He stated there are several factors that determine how an organization is doing including size, funding from the State, funding from other sources and reserve amount. He stated that the Behavioral Coordinating Council is working with organizations to coordinate services and determine the best way to distribute the funds we have available. Mr. McIntyre indicated that the Health Department is doing what they can and has awarded the funding that they have available.

Mr. McIntyre stated that it is the hope that the State would adopted a budget soon to help many of these organizations. Ms. Wollrab said this is where we were a year or so ago and it does not feel as though there is an urgency in the State to help these organizations. Mr. McIntyre said that it was his position that we should be deliberate in utilizing funds without a plan because that would be stepping in for the State and local providers would then depend on our funding when it should come from the State. He also stated that if we started funding in that manner, we would not have the funding available to initiate other programs to coordinate services. He stated that it is taking time to get data together.

Ms. Wollrab said that she would feel better knowing where these services stand to determine if we are at a point where some of the most critical services are about to go under. She said she felt we should have an action plan because once we lose some of these services we are not going to get them back. Mr. Wollrab stated that if we cannot help the people up front we would have increased costs in areas such as criminal justice and the hospitals. Ms. Schafer said we are not in the same point as other areas because many of the agencies in our community are conservative and remain sustainable.

Ms. Metsker stated she also had concerns regarding the stability of some of the organizations we have given grants as she had not seen information regarding their financial stability. She asked if the Mental Health Advisory Board and Board of Health gathered background information on organizations that submit applications for grants to determine their financial stability. Ms. Schafer confirmed that the Mental Health Advisory Board and Board of Health get the tax information and income information through the application process. She also stated that it was not information this Committee currently receives.

Mr. McIntyre stated that the County Board does not budget money for these organizations, so we do not monitor non-profits' financial status. He asked if the Committee desired to pass Emergency Appropriations for some of the organizations. Ms. Metsker said that was not her intent, she wanted clarification on the process that the Board of Health went through to provide these funds to organizations. Mr. McIntyre stated that it is the individual organization's responsibility to apply for funding and that the Board of Health does examine financial information from them when they do apply. Ms. Schafer reminded the committee they could find information regarding grants provided by Health Department on the Health Department site and were welcome come to the meeting where the Mental Health Advisory Board interviewed these organizations.

Mr. Robustelli stated that he felt a couple of things were getting confused. He said they were not asking to track non-profit budgets and fund their short falls. He stated that because people were suffering we spent a lot of time putting together committees and a plan to try to build on and improve the mental health system in our community. He said that he is concerned because we have spent a lot of time trying to improve mental health and now the things we have built it on are falling by the wayside because of the failure of the State. Mr. Robustelli said he would like to make sure someone is keeping an eye on how the lack of funding is impacting the plan we put together and are trying to put forth. He said we need to be careful about making promises we cannot keep or setting

precedents, but we have role to continue to gather information. Ms. Schafer stated she was going to end the discussion, as nothing could be resolved at the current meeting, but asked the Committee to talk with Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Wasson and others.

Ms. Cathy Waltz presented the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center Health Care Report and Ms. Michelle Welch presented the Adult Detention Center report. Chairman Schafer asked if there were questions for Cathy Waltz or Michelle Welch; hearing none, she thanked them.

Mr. Wasson presented the employee activity report and went over the positions filled under the purview of the Health Committee including seven positions at the Nursing Home. Mr. Wendt asked why the nurses were leaving the Nursing Home and where they are going. Mr. Wasson stated that positions in hospitals, doctor's offices and some other Nursing Homes can usually pay more and provide more modern, clinical settings, and this issue is being seen across the nation not just locally. Chairman Schafer asked if there were any further questions for Mr. Wasson, hearing none, she thanked him.

Chairman Schafer presented for approval transfers and bills in the amount of \$83,340.68 to be paid for the Board of Health.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

PAGE 1 OF 14

AS OF 1/30/2017

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

Health Committee - Board of Health

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0102	DENTAL SEALANT GRANT		\$19,395.94	\$19,395.94
0103	HEALTH DEPT. - WIC		\$8,761.33	\$8,761.33
0105	PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM		\$1,576.46	\$1,576.46
0106	FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT		\$12,741.51	\$12,741.51
0107	AIDS/COMM.DISEASE CONTROL		\$5,992.31	\$5,992.31
0112	HEALTH DEPARTMENT		\$34,873.13	\$34,873.13
			<hr/>	
			\$83,340.68	\$83,340.68

  
 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Metsker/Wollrab to approve the transfers and bills in the amount of \$83,340.68 for the Board of Health as presented.  
 Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer presented for approval bills in the amount of \$60,005.50 to be paid for Jail Medical and JDC Medical.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

PAGE 1 OF 3

AS OF 1/30/2017

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Health Committee - Jail Med & JDC Med**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0135	TORT JUDGEMENT		\$60,005.50	\$60,005.50
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$60,005.50	\$60,005.50

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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

Chairman Schafer presented the bills for the Developmental Disability Board with prepaid total of \$57,039.74 and a fund total of the same for approval.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

PAGE 1 OF 2

AS OF 1/30/2017

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Health Committee - Dev. Disability Board**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0110	PERSONS/DEV.DISABILITY		\$57,039.74	\$57,039.74
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$57,039.74	\$57,039.74

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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

Chairman Schafer presented bills to be paid for the Nursing Home with a prepaid total of \$175,229.98 and a fund total of the same for approval.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

PAGE 1 OF 9

AS OF 1/30/2017

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Health Committee - Nursing Home**

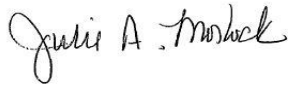
<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0401	NURSING HOME		\$175,195.01	\$175,195.01
0403	NURSING HOME CRAFT FUND		\$34.97	\$34.97
			<hr/>	
			\$175,229.98	\$175,229.98

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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

Chairman Schafer asked if there were any further questions or comments; hearing nothing, she adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie A. Morlock  
Recording Secretary