

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois
Conference Room #112*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

6:00 PM

3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL

Lake County Board of Health

Call to Order

President Waxman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Absent 3 - Member Carlson, Member Manning D.D.S. and Member Stout

Approval of Minutes**1 08-0797**

Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2008 Meeting

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2008](#)

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, D.D.S., seconded by Member DeVaux, R.N., that the regular session minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members approved the executive session minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting by signature.

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Public Comment to the Board**Awards, Recognitions, Appointments and Reappointments****Introduction of Sarah Allen**

Irene Pierce, Executive Director, introduced Sarah Allen, the newly appointed Director of Primary Care Services.

2 08-0800

George O'Neill Leadership Award - Waxman

President Waxman informed the Board that Irene Pierce was the recipient of the 2008 George M. O'Neill Leadership award presented by the Illinois Primary Health Care Association. President Waxman congratulated Ms. Pierce on behalf of the entire Board.

This item was presented.

3 08-0756

Karyn Lyons, Immunization Program Coordinator - Mays

This item was presented.

4 [08-0758](#)

Recognition for the partners of the Kids 1st Health Fair, 2008 - Mays

This item was presented.

Presentations**5** [08-0802](#)

Therapeutic Intensive Monitoring Court Presentation - Schanding

Mike Falk, Coordinator of Case Management Services, provided the Board with a brief presentation on the Therapeutic Intensive Monitoring (TIM) court, which is composed of Drug Court (began operation in July 05) and the Mental Health Court (began operation in March 07). Mr. Falk reported that to date, the drug court has had 38 cases with 7 graduates, and the mental health court has had 32 cases with 4 graduates. He stated that the typical length of participation before graduation from drug court is 30-36 months, and 12-24 months for mental health court.

Mr. Falk detailed the various requirements for participants to complete either program, noting that the process is very intrusive and requires a lot of dedication from the participant. He noted that most of the people who are sentenced to TIM Court are career criminals that have committed crimes due to their addiction and/or mental health. The goal of the program is to break the cycle of addiction and mental health and to reduce recidivism. While the program is not yet old enough to be able to fully evaluate, there is anecdotal evidence of success.

This item was presented.

Grants, Awards, Applications, Donations, and Updates**6** [08-0711](#)

New Grants and Donations for Primary Care Services - Koppit

Attachments: [Item #1a 10-15-08 Target ROR 5K](#)
[Item #2a 10-15-08 10k IBCCP TICKET](#)
[Item #2b 10-15-08 14583K IBCCP TICKET](#)
[Item #3a 10-15-08 Salsa 6250](#)
[Item #3b 10-15-08 18750 Kraft Salsa](#)
[Item #4a 10-15-08 330 250k](#)

A motion was made by Member Spielman, seconded by Member Sashko, that this Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

7 [08-0759](#)

New Grants and Donations for Community Health Services - Mays

Attachments: [CHS New Grants & Donations](#)

A motion was made by Member Axelrod, seconded by Member Hagstrom, D.D.S., that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

8 [08-0781](#)

Donations for Women's Residential Services Recreational Equipment-Schanding

Attachments: [WRS Donation](#)

A motion was made by Member Sashko, seconded by Member Crawford, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

President's Report

President Waxman congratulated the staff that have been recognized for thier hard work, and thanked Mr. Falk for the TIM Court Presentation.

He noted that the agency held a Groundbreaking ceremony for the new building on October 1, 2008.

Priority/Action Items**9** [08-0713](#)

Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Line Item Transfers - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Line Item Transfers -Oct 2008](#)

A motion was made by Member Axelrod, seconded by Member Puller, M.D., M.B.A., that this item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

10 [08-0792](#)

Adoption of Diversity Policy - Nordstrom

Attachments: [LCHD Diversity Policy 2008](#)

A motion was made by Member Spielman, seconded by Member Axelrod, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Spielman, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

11 [08-0663](#)

Proposed Amendments to Lake County Board of Health Ordinance Article XIII, Environmental Health Services Fees Schedule - Smithson

Attachments: [08 fees schedule ELIM LATE FEES feb 1](#)

Anthony Smithson, Director of Environmental Health Services, presented a request to amend Article XIII of the Board of Health Ordinance in order to eliminate compounding late fees, which often applies to late payment of food facility permits. He explained that food permit fees are due December, and licensees are currently assessed a 25% late fee on February 15th, 50% late fee on March 15th, and 100% late fee on April 15th, with enforcement action being taken in May. Mr. Smithson explained that the current ordinance allows food service licensees to operate without a permit into the month of May because they keep getting invoices with higher fees, however operating without a permit is an imminent health hazard.

Mr. Smithson explained a proposal to eliminate the assessment of the 50% late fee on March 15, and the 100% late fee on April 15th, and instead proposed an assessment of a 25% late fee on February 1st, with enforcement action being moved to February 1st instead of May.

President Waxman noted that this proposal does not predict a significant loss of revenue, and Mr. Smithson confirmed that the estimated revenue loss would be about \$2,500, and emphasized that the principle of the ordinance is difficult because the ordinance says you must have a permit to operate, but it technically allows it by not allowing enforcement until May.

Member Spielman agreed with Mr. Smithson that this seems to be an appropriate change to the ordinance. Mr. Smithson noted that it will require County Board approval.

Member Bornstein inquired as to why this penalty couldn't be applied on January 1st, immediately after it's due? She suggested that perhaps the late fee could be assessed on January 1st and due by February 1st. Mr. Smithson explained that the ordinance also applies to other contractors, while the largest contingent that it applies to is food service providers.

Member Sashko added that the grace period is more for our purposes, that staff needs that time to process through late fees and payments. Moving the enforcement date up could create a logistical problem for staff.

Jim Bakk, Board of Health Attorney, agreed that creating a January enforcement date could create 1,400 ordinance violators, and would make effective enforcement very difficult. The ordinance requires notice of the violation and 15 days to correct the violation before enforcement action could be taken.

Member Sashko inquired as to why the same principle couldn't be applied to vending

machines, and Mr. Smithson agreed that it could.

The Board agreed that it made sense to apply the same requirements to the vending machine permits.

A motion was made by Member Crawford, seconded by Member Hagstrom, D.D.S., that this item be approved with a change to the ordinance requiring the same 30 day late fee provision for vending machines, charging a 25% late fee on July 1st with enforcement beginning in July . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

12 [08-0672](#)

Request for N.P.D.E.S. Permit for Lake County Wastewater Discharges - Smithson

Attachments: [NPDESFinalforBOH_2](#)
[IEPA Willhite 101508](#)

Mr. Smithson explained a request seeking authorization from the Board to request that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) begin the process of establishing a General NPDES permit that applies only to Lake County, Illinois.

President Waxman asked how many residents this issue applies to, and Mr. Smithson stated that it affected approximately 120 Lake County residents.

A motion was made by Member Puller, M.D., M.B.A., seconded by Member Crawford, that this request be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

13 [08-0794](#)

2008 Emergency Appropriation- Animal/Rabies Control Tag Fees - Smithson

Attachments: [EMERGENCY APPROP TO BOH October](#)

A motion was made by Member Axelrod, seconded by Member Crawford, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

14 [08-0714](#)

Appropriation of Additional Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Revenue of \$839,949 for FY 2008 - Koppit

Attachments: [Item #5a 10-15-08 839K FQHC](#)

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, D.D.S., seconded by Member Axelrod, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

15 [08-0795](#)

Proposed 2009 Board of Health Meeting Dates - Pierce

A motion was made by Member Crawford, seconded by Member DeVaux, R.N., that this item be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

Discussion Items**16** [08-0757](#)

LCHD/CHC Mass Prophylaxis Exercise - Mays

This item was presented.

17 [08-0779](#)

LCHD/CHC Corporate Compliance Report Jan-Jun2008 - Schanding

This item was presented.

Policy Discussion Items**Information Items for Board Review****18** [08-0676](#)

Summary of Media Coverage - Nordstrom

Attachments: [BOH Agenda Item Oct08](#)

This report was provided for Board review.

19 [08-0751](#)

Finance Reports July & August 2008- Nordstrom

Attachments: [Aug Finance Report2008](#)

[July Finance Report2008](#)

These reports were presented for Board review.

Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Added to Agenda Items

Old Business

New Business

Ms. Pierce informed the Board that Barbara Martin, CEO of Vista Health System, has requested that Ms. Pierce testify before the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board in support of Vista's application for a Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Lindenhurst. Ms. Pierce stated that she would like the Board's approval and direction before agreeing to represent LCHD/CHC at the public hearing.

Ms. Pierce suggested that an appropriate approach would be to discuss how a hospital in northwest Lake County increases access to care and that the community is in need of a hospital in that location.

Member Bornstein expressed concern that last time there was a request for support, which was for Condell Hospital's Certificate of Need application, the Board discussed its role in supporting individual hospitals and agreed it was inappropriate. She stated that she thinks the Board needs to be aware that this is a very politically contentious issue, and it's important to be careful of supporting one hospital. She stated that all of the area hospitals have an interest/issue with Vista's request for a new hospital.

President Waxman noted that when Condell and Advocate decided to merge, they pulled out of the application process for a facility in northwest Lake County. Member Bornstein stated that Condell is no longer competing for a new facility, but they are still competing for patients. She told the Board that she would only feel comfortable supporting one system over another if it can be justified by public health reasons.

Member Sashko stated that he agreed with Member Bornstein's comments, and also stated that the Board should support the concept of a hospital in northwestern Lake County.

Member Puller stated that he will be at the public hearing speaking strongly and passionately about this project. He noted that all of the hospitals in Lake County are on the eastern and southern edge, and that there is large growth/sprawl in the northwest part of the county. He said that there is truly a public need for a hospital to serve people in that part of the county. He added that paramedics talk passionately about the long distance they travel to hospitals with patients, and that some patients are even taken across state lines because of travel issues. He added that the citizens deserve access to health care, and he strongly endorsed the Board to speak on Vista's behalf for the sake of public health.

President Waxman noted that since only one hospital system is seeking approval to build in the northwest, it's implied that if we support a hospital out there, we support Vista's application.

Member Bornstein agreed and said that we need to be careful of our presentation, that our position should be "we support a hospital in northwest Lake County, no matter who does it" not "we support Vista", which she felt is an important distinction to make.

The Board agreed and gave Ms. Pierce direction to speak at the public hearing in support of a hospital in northwest Lake County.

Executive Session

20 [08-0803](#)

Executive Session to Discuss Potential Real Estate Acquisition - Pierce

Discussion was held in executive session.

A motion was made by Member Axelrod, seconded by Member Sashko, that the Board go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss a potential real estate acquisition and personnel matter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

22 [08-0801](#)

Appointment of Primary Care Services Director - Pierce

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, D.D.S., seconded by Member DeVaux, R.N., to approve and concur with the appointment of Sarah Allen as the Director of Primary Care Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman

Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Sashko., seconded by Member Axelrod, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Axelrod, Member Crawford, Secretary DeVaux R.N., Member Puller M.D. M.B.A., Member Sashko, Waxman M.B.A. and Member Bornstein M.D.

Not Present: 1 - Spielman