

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2009

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Scribner, G. Hall, Shay, N. Hall, Campbell

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Banks, Suprenant

SUPERVISORS: LaPointe, Lindsay

Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health

Tom Quinlan, Comptroller PV

Tina McDougall, PH Fiscal Manager

Phil Spiezio, Safety Officer

Doug Cosey, Administrator PV

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2009
- 3) Department Reports/Request
 - A) Public Health
 - 1) Fiscal Report
 - 2) Agency Program Reports
 - 3) Miscellaneous
 - B) Pleasant Valley
 - 1) State Budget Update
 - 2) Sprinkler Funding
 - 3) Employee Survey
 - 4) Fiscal Report
 - 5) Miscellaneous
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairman Scribner called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mrs. N. Hall and adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Fiscal Report – Tina McDougall, Fiscal Manager, distributed and explained the 2008 and 2009 budget to actual figures, handouts on file. Most expenses are in for 2008 except for the Hospice program. Tina reported that the number of children in the 3-5 Children 08-09 school year increased 13 from the previous month totaling 208, and EI children increased 6 from the previous month totaling 92. She is working on the state aid application.
- Public Health Program Updates:
 - Out posting at the Sheriff Substation – Buildings and Grounds will construct a cabinet for the nurses' laptops and cell phones. Public Health has three nurses that live in that area and will commence starting their day from the substation. The aides are already using the substation.
 - Testing with Home Health Aide Mileage Calculations – import mileage data directing from cell track phone into voucher. They are in the process of comparing actual to cell track program and working this matter through CSEA. CSEA will be requesting to amend the contract for the Home Health Aides to reflect the County's increased mileage rate.
 - Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant – This grant is in conjunction with the Traffic Safety Board and it allows Public Health to purchase and distribute child car

seats to low income families and provide an educational component. The grant covers the annual educational conference fee for the Health Educator. A motion to reapply for Child Passenger Safety Seat grant, \$12,800.00, was moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

- Annual Reporting – She is requesting permission to post the annual report on the County's website rather than print copies. She will go over a summary of the report with the committee. A motion to approve posting annual report on County's website rather than print copies was moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- Annual Wellness Celebration – The 3rd Annual Wellness Celebration is scheduled for May 21st. This program has over achieved their performance goals for 2008. They are monitoring the usefulness of programs. The monies come from chronic disease and nutrition budget lines that are state aid eligible. A motion to request repeat of items from last year's event, i.e. message therapist, protect your skin in the sun - sun screen, chair exercise guide, easy brown bag lunch guides, 50 lunch containers, wellness magnet was moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- WIC Request Tabled from Last Month's Meeting – Healthy Lifestyles funding grant materials includes specific deliverables and purchases that are allowable. Allowable items are listed in the grant such as beach balls, hula-hoops, toys, jump ropes, planters, and yarn. There has been demonstrated success with this type of program outreach. If funds are returned, they will go to another county. She is open to ideas regarding incorporating use of the county parks for activities. A motion to approve \$4,950.00 in WIC program incentives was moved by Mrs. N. Hall, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Joint Meeting with Pleasant Valley, Mike McCarthy, G. Hall – Budget Officer, Kevin Hayes, County Administrator – A meeting was held last Friday with Mike McCarthy to discuss potential options regarding the delivery of home care services and Pleasant Valley nursing home services. Mr. McCarthy felt it would be worthwhile to do some additional analysis and then bring back numbers to the committee to see if the county wants to continue to deliver these services. Mike McCarthy has submitted a proposal to do in phases: 1) \$3200 – \$4200 where these agencies stand financially and benefits to County. Mrs. G. Hall stated that her concern is that it does not include Hospice and it should be included. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated possibly including WIC. Public Health is the only certified home health agency in the county. 2) feasibility study of their worth, an additional \$1500 – \$2500 and 3) \$3000 – \$6000 for RFP. A motion to move forward with this study, exploring potential options regarding the delivery of home care services and Pleasant Valley nursing home services, to the Finance and Personnel Committee was moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Campbell and defeated. Messrs. Banks and Suprenant absent and Mr. Shay and Mrs. Mrs. N. Hall abstained. Mr. Lindsay asked how are we going to move forward and look at this.

PLEASANT VALLEY – Doug Cosey, Administrator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- State Budget Update – Doug updated the committee on state revenue scenarios for 2009-2010: rebasing \$1M value to PV and the alternative is regional pricing system, benefit PV \$1.2M. They budgeted under rebasing scenario. Either way is positive for Pleasant Valley. He is unsure which method the State will move forward with.
- Sprinkler Funding – By 2013 all nursing homes will need to have a sprinkler system throughout their facility. This project and fire hydrants were submitted in the stimulus package, estimated to cost \$680,000. These projects are ranked second and third. There is no idea of the time frame for notification.
- Employee Survey – With the help of the Personnel Director and Safety Officer, an internal employee satisfaction survey was compiled due to a moral problem at the facility. The outcomes from the survey are described in the attached handout. Phil Spiezio, Safety Officer, stated the employees want to see changes. He will continue to be a resource for Doug.
- Fiscal Updates – Tom Quinlan, Comptroller, distributed and discussed the attached handouts: Update to 2008 Net Gain as reported at January's meeting, Update on the 2009 Medicaid Rate, Budget to Actual as of December 31, 2008 and Cash Flow summary.
- Miscellaneous -
 - Leach Filed - Small water spots in the leach field were noticed. Willy Grimmke, Superintendent of Public Works, has been informed. Fields four and five have temporarily been shut down.
 - Water – An engineer was hired about a year ago to look into feasibility of connecting with the Village of Argyle water treatment plant. He is willing to come meet with the committee. Garry Robinson, Engineer, will report out to the committee next month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Roger Wickes, County Attorney, and Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health, reported on the notification process if the recent meningitis case resulting in the death of a County employee, had been contagious. If there is a reported contagious incident, there is a process in place for notification to Public Health. They are working on a consistent reporting system in the event employees would need to receive notification.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 P.M.