

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2009

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

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Banks

SUPERVISORS: LaPointe, Wilbur, Lindsay, Trinkle

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

Doug Cosey, PV Administrator

Tina McDougall, Fiscal Officer - PH

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health

Tom Quinlan, PV Comptroller

Barb Winchell, Personnel Director

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes - January 28, 2009
3. Department Request/Reports:
  - A. Pleasant Valley
    1. State Budget Update
    2. Long Term Capital Plan
    3. County Nursing Home Data
    4. Employee Survey
    5. Fiscal Report
    6. Miscellaneous
  - B. Public Health
    1. Fiscal Report
    2. Agency Updates
    3. Miscellaneous
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting, was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mrs. N. Hall and adopted.

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

- ✓ State Budget Update - There is not a lot of information yet on the medicaid spending plan. A majority of PV residents are paid for by medicaid which is state and federally funded. In 2006 a new reimbursement methodology for nursing homes went into effect. The Governor is proposing to eliminate that reimbursement methodology and replace with a new one called regional pricing. This new methodology would help Pleasant Valley by about \$900,000 this year. However, if they take away the rebasing money it would be a wash. The rebasing funds were eliminated for the first quarter of 2009. Kevin stated that for 2010, there could be the availability of IGT funds. These funds would have to be matched. Doug stated that Mike McCarthy is looking for ways to legitimately get IGT funds back to the county general fund. Kevin stated that Phyllis Cooper and he met with Mike

McCarthy regarding indirect cost allocation and are looking to maximize what we get as far as Pleasant Valley, Public Health, Social Services and Sewer District. As Doug gets more information he will pass it along to the committee.

- ✓ Long Term Capital Plan - Doug doesn't have the plan finalized yet but will have it ready to present at PV's budget meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>. It's a three year capital plan. For the committee's information, Doug found out recently that all nursing homes will be required to be fully sprinklered by 2013. The last estimate they had was \$700,000. Doug will look into any grant or stimulus funding.
- ✓ County Nursing Home Data - Doug distributed Public Nursing Home Data packet (on file).
- ✓ Employee Survey - Near the end of last year they felt a need to identify areas that they can improve and decided to do an employee survey. Doug distributed a blank survey (on file). Barb Winchell and Phil Spiezio were instrumental in developing this survey. The results have been tabulated and the information will be presented to the employees over the next several weeks. It is very important that the employees realize that information from this survey will be used for something positive. There are some things that came out of it that they can act on quickly at little or no expense. This is a positive step for facility. The results will be presented at the next Health Committee meeting.
- ✓ A handout of Washington County Medicaid Eligible Nursing Home Placements was distributed (attached).
- ✓ Fiscal Report - Tom Quinlan, Comptroller distributed and reviewed budget to actual report as of January 31, 2009 (on file).

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

- ✓ Fiscal Report - Tina McDougall, Fiscal Officer distributed budget to actual reports for 2008 and 2009 (on file). 2008 - Due to higher than anticipated patients towards the end of 2008, a budget amendment is needed for Hospice. They are requesting a resolution to amend the 2008 budget by \$120,000, increasing expenses and revenue for Hospice. This should be enough to cover all outstanding expenses. A motion to amend the 2008 budget for Hospice by \$120,000 and forward to the Finance Committee for consideration, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Shay and adopted. The issue with medicaid billings has been resolved. They were contacted by DOH that they can re-bill for services going back to August of 2008, which will generate approximately \$50,000. They are having another issue with medicaid. DOH is paying us for visits we never billed. The software vendor is working with DOH to straighten this out. Every year they receive an award (HIV grant, Ryan White funds) from Hudson Headwaters. They have received a check for \$3,000 and request a resolution to amend the 2009 budget, increasing the disease control account and revenue by \$3,000. A motion to amend the 2009 budget by \$3,000 for HIV grant, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Nancy Hall and adopted. Tina distributed Washington County Public Health Governor's Reform and Deficit Reduction (attached). The grand total impact from state reductions (CHHA/LT) -\$116,439.25 for April - December 2009. The total net impact from all proposed changes is -\$73,109.
- ✓ Agency Updates
  - WIC - They need a letter from the Board of Supervisors offering support to

reapply for WIC funding. A motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support to reapply for WIC funding, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Shay and adopted. Each year they have the WIC Fit program, which is part of the state's initiative to reduce obesity. As part of that initiative they are given funds specifically for physical activity, nutrition and encouraging families to be active. Marge is planning a giveaway with a beach theme, beach towels, beach balls, mesh bag and sun safety. The total cost for these promotional items is \$4,950. This has been approved by the State through their work plan. A motion to approve purchase of these promotional items, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Suprenant. Discussion. Kevin asked if these funds could be used to somehow bring in funds for the county parks. Gayle asked if the plan can be revised. A motion to table this item until next month, was moved by Mr. Suprenant, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted.

- Reorganization Update - They have received applications from within however, Patty wants to put it on hold. The legislation that affords the spousal impoverishment piece in the long term program sunsets on March 1<sup>st</sup>. They don't know if the State will renew this. If this is not renewed, the long term program may cease to exist as we know it. Patty was advised by the Personnel Officer that the employees who qualify for the new positions could be bumped from their new positions by other employees with more seniority. She is hoping to know more by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee concurred with holding off on the reorganization.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.