

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Mr. Mark Hamilton, Chair

The Health & Social Services Committee met on May 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center. Members present were: Doug Crandall, Shawn Dowd, Mark Hamilton, Alex Regalado. Absent: Brhenan Linke. Other's present: Joel Horn, Amy Robbins, Kurt Studnicki, Major Chuck Yockey, representative from Salvation Army.

1. Mr. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There was no public comment.
2. The Committee reviewed the April 2023 claim reports. Motion moved by Alex Regalado, and motion seconded by Shawn Dowd. Motion carried.
3. Health Department
 - a. Kurt Studnicki presented the 2022 Annual Report (See #51-61).
 - b. Mr. Studnicki updated the Committee about meeting with the remodeling architect, the application of various health department grants, and the no deficiencies health department audit. The COVID -19 national emergency ends this month. The health department will be reviewing the OPOID settlement next month with the Committee.
 - c. The Committee questioned if the Mobile unit is being used. Mr. Studnicki stated school physicals have started so we are using it for that purpose.
 - d. The labor negotiation attorney was hired out of Chicago and the Committee questioned why we were not hiring local. After research, the health department determined the Chicago attorney was the best option. The health department will report on the total cost being spent on negotiations and where the funding comes from.
4. University of Illinois Extension
 - a. Mr. Black distributed and reviewed the University of Illinois Extension's 2022 Annual Report demonstrating the various programs offered and participation numbers for each. A horticulture flyer showing the upcoming programs over the summer session was also distributed.
 - b. Mr. Black discussed his research, blog, and interview with Martha Stewart concerning the pineberry.
 - c. The Extension is interviewing for the family life educator position and hopes to have someone hired by next month. The Snap educator position is the only remaining open position.
5. Senior Citizen funding awards
 - a. Major Yockey, representative from the Salvation Army, reviewed various programs they offer and what funds they are requesting for this upcoming year.
 - b. The Committee reviewed the requests from each facility and discussed how the funds should be distributed. Funding from other donors to the respective facilities were discussed. The Committee recommended the following donation amounts:
 - Lifescape - \$27,227
 - Senior Center - \$146,350
 - Hospice - \$27,227
 - Catholic Charities - \$7,700
 - NICAA - \$55,000
 - Salvation Army - \$8,500

To approve awards totaling \$272,004 to the various agencies serving seniors in the County as presented. Motion moved by Shawn Dowd, and motion seconded by Alex Regalado. Motion approved. (See #62)

MOTION: To approve awards totaling \$272,004 to various agencies serving seniors in the County, as presented.

To adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion moved by Shawn Dowd. Motion carried.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – June 7, 2023 at 6:30 PM in County Board Room

MOTION: To place on file the Health & Social Services Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.