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#### DeKalb County Government Sycamore, Illinois

#### Health & Human Services Committee Minutes June 2, 2014

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman DeFauw called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mr. Johnson, Mr. Metzger and Mr. Whelan arrived at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Emerson was absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson and Vicky Broos.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Metzger, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from May 5, 2014.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

#### COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – VICKY BROOS

Ms. Vicki Broos, County Director of the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Unit gave an update on her agency to the committee. She shared that the activities associated with Cooperative Extension have been constant and ongoing. There has been a loss of funding in DeKalb County but the programs are going strong and they are actively looking into other funding measures. Ms. Broos also explained how the three Counties (Boone/DeKalb/Ogle) are working together well collaboratively and financially.

Ms. Broos also shared an updated handout that highlighted ongoing programs through the DeKalb County Extension. The handout consisted of statistics regarding Energy & Environmental Stewardship, 4-H Youth Development, Home Horticulture and Nutrition Education Programs. She also shared information from the 2013-2014 Educator Programs that DeKalb County Extension provides to the general public. The newest programs that will be starting up this summer are Cooking Schools for youth using Teens as Teachers and the Latino 4-H initiative.

Mr. Hanson asked how the numbers of members in the 4-H program have been. Ms. Broos answered that they are up to 351 members which has gone up in recent years and she believes that the program is growing in small increments. The important factor for her is to not lose any members, Ms. Broos explained. She also explained what they are trying to do now is be able to reach out and remove the stereotype that 4-H is only for "Farm Kids". Ms. Broos indicated that

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there are programs for robotics, science, art, computer related activities, sewing, cooking, ect. The new initiative and approach to the 4-H programs, is to start these new SPIN Clubs or special interest clubs in an effort to show individuals that if they are interested in certain activities they may be interested in joining 4-H for a longer term experience.

Ms. Broos also handed out multiple fliers of upcoming community events hosted by the University of Illinois. The handouts are attached to these minutes. The committee thanked Ms. Broos for her update and looked forward to her next visit.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairman DeFauw reminded the Committee that July's Health & Human Services Committee Meeting will be cancelled to coincide with the cancellation of the July County Board Meeting.

At the August Committee Meeting, Jan Lux will be present with the Public Health Update and a Food Ordinance Code change and an update from Donna Moulton.

#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hanson announced that Community Services Department is currently undergoing a name change to Community Action. He explained that the new name would be a better fit for the department for the County and for what is going on throughout the Country because it is a more common descriptive name. Mr. Hanson announced if there were no objections from the Committee regarding the name change they will precede forward in changing Community Services to Community Action. No Committee members objected to the change.

Chairman DeFauw mentioned to the Committee that the Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Board has recently left the County.

Mr. Johnson also invited Committee members to any upcoming Zero Waste Task Force Meetings they can attend because it is starting to be crunch time and they are putting actions together. Their goal is still to have a plan together by August and at best case bring something to the Full County Board in October or November at the latest.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Metzger, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally DeFauw, Chairman

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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## DeKalb County Extension Program Highlights for Ongoing Programs

#### **Energy & Environmental Stewardship**

- Programs presented out of Natural Resource Education Center at Russell Woods Forest Preserve in cooperation with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve and DeKalb County Health Department
- Staff remain at the Center for public access when not engaged in programming
- Outdoor education Field Studies Fall and Spring—teachers bring classes for full or half-day—During '13-14 school year, taught 1100 students
- November through March conduct DeKalb County School Recycling Program free to all elementary schools—for '13-14 school year reached 4226 students
- Summer day camps start next week!

#### 4-H Youth Development

- Currently 15 community based 4-H clubs with 351 members
- SPIN (Special Interest) Club for Shooting Sports
- 2 new SPIN Clubs starting soon for cooking and sewing
- 101 adult volunteers assisting with 4-H club programs
- National Youth Science Day Experiments in 11 Classrooms in 5 schools reaching a total of 244 students
- Chick Embryology conducted in 15 schools reaching 555 students

#### Home Horticulture

- 50 Master Gardener Volunteers
- For 2013, Master Gardeners 4219 volunteer hours on over 20 service projects throughout the county
- Hort Help Desk serving clients throughout the growing season

#### **Illinois Nutrition Education Program**

Audiences—Sites Served:

- Two Rivers Head Start and DeKalb School District Pre-K Programs
- Mason Court Apartments Summer Feeding Site and After-School Program
- Hope Haven, Safe Passage, Discovery House
- United Methodist Summer Feeding Program
- Golden Years Plaza
- DeKalb County Health Department WIC Program
- Barb Food Mart, DeKalb Area Food Pantry at Salvation Army, and Feed My Sheep Food Pantry

#### <u>Selected Highlights 2013-2014 Educator Programs</u>

#### **Energy & Environmental Stewardship**

- Working with trained Master Naturalists—Planning for training in DeKalb County for 2015
- Large Predators in Illinois
- Soil & Water Management Workshop

#### **4-H Youth Development**

- Science Siesta and Advanced Science Siesta
- Live It Up! Leadership Development
- 4-H Officer & Leader Training
- Embryology Teacher Trainings
- NEW!! For summer 2014—Cooking Schools for youth using Teens as Teachers (ConAgra Grant)
- NEW!! Starting soon—Latino 4-H Initiative

#### Horticulture

- Master Gardener Training Annually
- 4-Seasons Garden TeleNet Series
- Beginning Vegetable Gardening Series
- Gardener's Pathway at Kishwaukee College
- Youth Programs at Sycamore History Museum

#### **Nutrition**

- Mediterranean Diet
- Healthy Living
- From Garden Gates to Dinner Plates
- Cooking with Fruits & Vegetables
- Yes! You Can
- Work with Live Healthy DeKalb Initiative

#### **Local Foods & Small Farms**

- Putting Small Acreage to Work
- Meet the Buyer (connecting producers to buyers)
- Small Farms-Local Foods Webinar Series
- Farmer's Market Vendors—Marketing & Merchandizing

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## REGISTER NOW at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/mn/

Illinois Master Naturalist training is taught through University of Illinois Extension Office. Classes will be held Monday evenings, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 11th through Nov. 3rd.





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## Back on the Farm

Master Gardener workshop series presents:





Special Guest Speaker

## Candice Miller

U of I Extension Horticulture Educator presenting

## Vegetable Pest and Disease Management

Wednesday, June 11, 10 a.m.

at The Sycamore History Museum at Engh Farm

Various pest and disease problems are common in a vegetable garden yearly. Come learn how to identify the most common vegetable pests and diseases and hear how to manage them using a variety of cultural, non-chemical, or chemical controls. We'll take a walk around the gardens to see what we can identify as well. Feel free to bring samples of pests from your own garden to identify.

The Sycamore History Museum at Engh Farm is located at 1730 North Main Street in Sycamore.

Free and open to the public

donations are welcome

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## and PLANT SALE

Saturday, July 12, 2014 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine Tour unique gardens in DeKalb County

### Plant Sale

With Master Gardener Helpdesk, Garden Boutique

at DeKalb County Center for Agriculture 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, IL 815-758-8194

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the event Tickets available at the University of Illinois Extension Office DeKalb County Center for Agriculture

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Presented by University of Illinois Extension DeKalb County Master Gardeners Volunteer To Make Supper On Wednesday, June 18
And We Will Do All The Work For You!

The DeKalb County 4-H is Sponsoring A Drive -Thru Pork Chop Dinner



At the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West Prairie Drive, Sycamore

## Pick Up Times Will Be From 4:30 - 6:30 pm



Tickets are \$10 per meal which includes: 2 pork chops, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, and a dinner roll.

All orders must be prepaid & tickets must be purchased by June 6.

To order tickets, please call the DeKalb County 4-H office at (815) 758-8194 or contact any 4-H'er.

All Money Raised Directly Supports The DeKalb County 4-H Program.

Thank you for your support!