



KANE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

County Board Room

Minutes

9:00 AM

Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134

1. Call to Order

Chairman Surges called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Clifford Surges	Chairman	Present	
Bill Lenert	Vice Chairman	Present	
Deborah Allan	Board Member	Present	
Theresa Barreiro	Board Member	Absent	
Mark Davoust	Board Member	Present	
John Hoscheit	Board Member	Present	
Anita Lewis	Board Member	Present	

Also present: Co. Bd. Chairman Lauzen, Co. Bd. members Koppie, Martin; HRM Exec. Dir. Wetzel; Finance staff Ramer-Holmes; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; ITD staff Peters and members of the press and public.

2. Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2019

Minutes approved as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Clifford Surges, Bill Lenert, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Anita Lewis
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

3. Public Comment

None

4. Monthly Financial Reports

Staff Ramer-Holmes reported there were no General Fund expenditure concerns at this time. The Insurance Liability Fund was trending slightly higher than recommended. Staff will continue to monitor. Questions were answered from the Committee.

5. Veteran's Assistance Commission

VAC Sup. Zimmerman reported statistics from the monthly reports included in the agenda packet noting claims filed through his office were processed 9 days faster than the average Illinois VA claim. The total Illinois VA claims pending for the month of June were 7,879 with 177 from our County's office. In June, Kane County claimants received over \$226,000 in new benefits. There were no financial assistance expenditures. Zimmerman noted County veterans have received over \$2M in benefits fiscal year to date. Congress changed a law allowing additional Vietnam veterans that were previously excluded to gain benefits. This change may delay claim processing and increase filings.

6. Department of Human Resource Management

A. Monthly Staff / Applicant Changes Report

The monthly report was included in the agenda packet. HR Exec. Dir. Wetzel reported there were 10 terminations, 225 applications and 18 new hires.

B. Kane County Monthly Medical Premiums

The total invoice from BCBS for the medical premium through July 31, 2019 was \$435,507.44.

C. Monthly MERP Report

Dir. Wetzel reported that as of August 5, 2019 there were 51 employees enrolled in MERP. The annual open enrollment for medical benefits will be August 19 through October 21, 2019. Wetzel mentioned participants enrolled in MERP do not qualify for the biometric screening program. Wetzel answered questions from the Committee.

D. Monthly NACo Prescription Drug Plan Report

Referencing a report included in the agenda packet, Dir. Wetzel discussed the NACo Prescription Discount program. Co. Bd. member Lenert mentioned a program called Good Rx noting this program could benefit employees as an alternative if NACo's program does not cover a specific prescription.

E. Monthly Training Report

As of August 8, 2019, there were several training webinars. Staff is streamlining trainings by providing employees with the ability to register for webinars from their desktop computers at work. Also in August, there were 13 participants at the flexible spending account event.

F. Monthly WC Report

Referencing a report included in the agenda packet Wetzel discussed the claim count total. She reported a decline in claims and noted CCMSI has added a new claim adjuster. Chair Surges commented on the decrease in claims and the positive upward trend. Brief conversation occurred.

7. Compliance

Dir. Wetzel provided a verbal report noting a new law passed in Illinois that does not allow employers to ask for the salary of applicants on the applications. Staff has corrected the County's applications to be in compliance. Brief conversation occurred.

8. Old Business

Chair Surges discussed the guiding policy guidelines and the necessary steps to move the resolution forward. There was significant discussion regarding the County Code and the drafted guidelines. Committee members felt the County Code would be a more suitable source to review rather than the policy guidelines. Chair Surges presented the following resolution:

A. **Resolution:** Adopting Kane County's Guiding Policy for Board and Committee Members

RESULT:	TABLED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Board Member
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust, Board Member
AYES:	Bill Lenert, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Anita Lewis
NAYS:	Clifford Surges, Deborah Allan
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

9. New Business

None

10. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	PLACE WRITTEN REPORTS ON FILE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan, Board Member
AYES:	Clifford Surges, Bill Lenert, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Anita Lewis
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

11. Executive Session (If Needed)

None

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Davoust, Board Member
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis, Board Member
AYES:	Clifford Surges, Bill Lenert, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Anita Lewis
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

This meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Gabriella Figliozzi
Recording Secretary