MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday February 7, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Jean-Baptiste, Holmes, Fiske, and Tendam

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Johns, Nicola Whyte, Bob Dorneker, Sol Anderson, Doug Gaynor, Chief Richard Eddington, Sergeant Angela Hearts-Glass, Patrice Quehl, Steve Griffin, Tom Anger, and Alisa Dean

Presiding Member: Ald. Grover

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of December 6, 2010
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
It was moved and seconded that the Township of Evanston January 2011 bills be approved. A voice vote was taken and the bills were approved 5-0.

Ald. Grover requested a detailed allocation breakdown of salaries of time spent on programs and administrative duties.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Youth Crime, Part 1
Ald Jean-Baptiste summarized his concerns of the state of Evanston youth. He asked what is being done to the youth that have “fallen through the cracks”, chronically unemployed, or unemployable according to society.

This item for discussion will be covered over a series of meetings to include the Evanston Township High School, the police’s youth advocate, non-profit organizations for youth, and youth advocacy groups.

Sol Anderson, Youth Coordinator gave a brief overview of the Youth and Young Adult Job Training and Employment Program (The Program). The Program is made up of five individual programs:
Career Mentoring (Skilled Trades) Program (CMP)
CMP will be partnered with City of Evanston staff/mentors or find employment with private sector employers. The participants would work in departments such as automotive repair/maintenance or building maintenance to learn the trade.

Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
DAP is a year long program without the direct job placement aspect, they will be mentored by the Parks/Recreational/Community Services staff.

Youth Employment Program (YEP), formerly the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
YEP is a nine week summer program for youth ages 14-18. Pre-employment informational sessions will be held at various locations around Evanston, after applications are submitted, those applicant interested in an available position will be invited to the job fair. The application can be found COE website.

General Referral Program (GRP)
GRP is a year round referral program for employment in Evanston.

Career Pathways Partnership with Evanston Township High School (ETHS).
Career Pathways is an ETHS program that prepares students for career opportunities in broad career strands. Through this partnership the COE will hire 5-8 students per year working 10-15 hours during the school year.

Mr. Anderson will solicit recommendations from school advisors, churches, and the police youth advocate for participants who would benefit from these programs.

The mentor’s program will have quarterly self-evaluations.

In 2010 the City hired 50 people for the Put Illinois to Work Program, it was discovered that young people DO want to work.

COMMUNICATIONS
The committee voiced their concerns regarding the lack of communication between the City and the funded HPRP agencies.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department