

APPROVED 3/16/2011

**MINUTES
COUNTY/CITY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AD-HOC COMMITTEE
February 15, 2011
3:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Spears; Andrew Rand; Mary Ardapple; Michael Phelan;
Timothy Riggerbach; Ryan Spain

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Urich - Peoria County Administrator; Greg Chance -
Interim Peoria County Administrator; Jim Smith - Finance Dept.;
Christopher Setti - City of Peoria

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

A motion to appoint William Spears as temporary Committee Chairman, in the absence of Mr. Jacob, was made by Mr. Spain and seconded by Ms. Ardapple. The motion carried.

Mr. Chance, Director of the Peoria City/County Health Department, and Interim County Administrator, was introduced to the Committee. (Mr. Riggerbach entered meeting).

Discussion

- Potential Outcomes
- Models of Service Integration and Collaboration
- PASS Forward

Mr. Spears noted that the original intent for the formation of the Committee was to initiate discussion between the City and County on means of combining services in a logical manner.

Mr. Urich stated the Committee needs to both define and determine desired outcomes. He noted the attached presentation by Virchow Krause, which cites different components of consolidation/service integration efforts. He spoke of several examples of current integration between the City and County, such as joint fuel purchasing, joint electricity purchasing and mutual aid agreements.

Ms. Ardapple stated that a clear communication strategy should be determined before any discussion of desired outcomes, and stressed the importance of including constituents as a part of the dialogue. Mr. Riggerbach agreed that citizens should be made aware of existing City/County cooperation. He also emphasized the need to effectively convey the fact that taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely in the provision of expected services.

A discussion ensued as to the mission of the Committee and the need to be clear as to what that mission will be. Mr. Phelan advised that the Committee should send a clear message from both governing bodies, not just to the County, but to the entire region, of the need to collaborate and work together.

Mr. Rand stated it would be helpful if there was an objective way of understanding taxpayer expectations. He also stressed the importance of defining a specific Committee charter, as well as determining what the Mayor initially hoped to accomplish by the formation of the Committee. He also noted the importance of a brand and how best to articulate that brand.

It was noted that a determination will need to be made as to who could best assist in research and gathering data from pertinent departments, and further discussion ensued on how best to utilize the services of the PASS Forward group. Mr. Urich stated that both the County and City will be presenting status updates to that organization. (Mr. Riegenbach leaves meeting.)

Mr. Setti agreed to work with Mr. Sorrel to update the City/County Cooperation Matrix for distribution to Committee members in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

A motion to invite Doug Crew, of PASS Forward, to the next Committee meeting was made by Ms. Ardapple and seconded by Mr. Spears. The motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Jan Kleffman