

Resolution No. 2011- 08

A Resolution from Board of Health Regarding Evaluating Consolidation of Village of Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Services with the North Shore Health Department

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2010, the Village Board passed a resolution directing

- The Board of Health and its Task Force to prepare an analysis of the current capacity of the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department and the North Shore Health Department, and the projected capacities of a combined Health Department with the North Shore Health Department to meet the requirements and mandates of its mission.
- The Village Board to convene the community, including the Village of Whitefish Bay, to assess the community's perception of current services and potential consolidated services via listening sessions, focus groups or other public forms.
- The Village Manager to submit a financial and organizational analysis of the fiscal impact of maintaining a separate Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department and a consolidated department with the North Shore Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health and its Task Force has delivered its analysis of the current capacity of the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department and the North Shore Health Department which

- addresses the current capacity of both departments to meet the requirements and mandates of the mission of public health;
- describes local service and governance needs;
- considers the findings from the community input process; and
- provides a set of recommended criteria to assist the Village in any consolidation discussions or negotiations; and

WHEREAS, through a community survey, focus groups, and listening sessions, members of the communities of Shorewood and Whitefish Bay have expressed their interest in, support of, and concerns about consolidating public health services, and clearly stated their preferences in support of consolidating services and their expectations regarding financial savings and increased capacity in a public health services consolidation, and

WHEREAS, the Shorewood Village Manager has developed a framework for identifying and describing the fiscal impact of alternative consolidation scenarios with which to judge the financial value of each, and

WHEREAS, current state budget actions have increased the importance of local governments developing models of service delivery that achieve cost savings while protecting high levels of quality services, and

**WHEREAS**, the consolidation of the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department with the North Shore Health Department continues to be opportunity to

- Secure a broader financial base to provide the necessary resources to support public health services and needed staffing;
- Provide a larger population base in order to compete for grants;
- Increase capacity to provide for services such as epidemiological investigations, health education, and health data analysis;
- Be prepared to plan and respond to emergencies both natural and man-made;
- Provide the core functions of public health assessment, policy development and assurance;
- Increase the potential for improved public health services to better serve Shorewood residents;
- Be better prepared for future public health service requirements and mandates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Shorewood Village Manager enter into a discussion with the North Shore Health Department to develop the program and financial specifications for consolidating the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department and the North Shore Health Department that

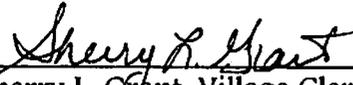
- Targets a 2012 implementation;
- Incorporates the recommendations from the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Board of Health; and
- Produces a demonstrable financial benefit to the Village of Shorewood.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Shorewood Village Manager, based on discussions with the North Shore Health Department, submit a report regarding a proposal for a consolidated health department for further discussion and consideration by the Village of Shorewood Board of Health and the Shorewood Village Board.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Board of the Village of Shorewood, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, this 7th day of March, 2011.

  
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Guy Johnson, Village President

Countersigned:

  
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Sherry L. Grant, Village Clerk