
RESOLUTION 2010-28

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department with the North Shore Health Department may present an 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; and

WHEREAS, an informed decision regarding the impact of such a consolidation on the service delivery system and the community requires thorough understanding of:

- The financial advantages and disadvantages of such a consolidation and benefits to the community;
- The current capacities of each department;
- The projected capacities of a combined health department and the community's perception of current services and a proposed consolidation; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to have a determination of the merits of a consolidation in time to make any decisions that may impact the current and upcoming annual Villages of Shorewood and Whitefish Bay budgets, budgets of the North Shore Health Department communities, and personnel and organizational planning for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by February 15, 2011,

- The Board of Health and its Task Force will 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 will 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 will 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board will carefully review and consider all submitted information as the result of the above-mentioned tasks, and make a determination if public health services should be maintained as a Shorewood/Whitefish Health Department, if consolidation should be pursued with the North Shore Health Department, or if there are other alternatives that may be discovered during the study period; and

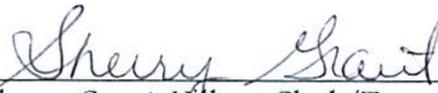
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board will make this determination no later than March 7, 2011.

Dated this 6th day of December 2010.



Guy W. Johnson, Village President

Countersigned:



Sherry Grant, Village Clerk/Treasurer