

Lake County Illinois



Minutes Report - Draft

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

11:00 AM

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81063584626>

18 N County St, 10th Floor, WAUKEGAN

HCDC Advisory and Recommendation Committee –
Behavioral Health

1. Roll Call

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Sandy Hart attended as ex-officio, allowing a quorum.

Guests: Jennifer Banek with Lake County Coroners Office, Laura Fry with Live4Lali, and Claire West with Erie Family Health Centers

Guests via Zoom: Andi Wojcik with Clearbrook, Amanda Levinson with Arden Shores, Fallon Leyba with TASC, Inc., Sarah Armstrong with Youth and Family Counseling, Dr Mary Roberson with NICRO, JoEllen Erdman with Zacharias Center, Barbara Brown with Trinity AME Community Outreach Program, Rhianna Bunch with Nicasa, Nazneen Saylawala with American Association of Retired Asians NFP, Laura Craemer with Allendale, Liz Thompson with Ampact, Maria Ferfuson with Ampact, and Vicky Tello with Nicasa

Staff: Dominic Strezo, RuthAnne Hall, Penni Raphaelson, Courtney Cymerman, Yazmin Albino, and Danielle White

Staff via Zoom: Eric Tellez, Pam Jeffries, and Michele Slav

Present 4 - Commissioner Altenberg, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Campos and Hart

Excused 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Mckinney and Commissioner Knizhnik

2. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)

No Public Comments

3. Old Business

No Old Business

4. New Business

4.1 25-0330

Program Year 2025 (PY25) Opioid Response and Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Applications Presentation - Discussion and Recommendations.

- The Behavioral Health Advisory and Recommendation Committee (ARC) is responsible for making funding allocation recommendations related to the Opioid Response applications and the VGR applications for the PY25 funding round.
- Recommendations are forwarded for consideration and approval to the Housing & Community Development Commission (HCDC).

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, reviewed the funding sources and process. The available funding sources include Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) and the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Courtney Cymerman, Grant Administrator, presented Video Gaming Revenue grant recommendations. Video Gaming Revenue applications were scored based on the following priorities: assessment, education, and outreach; clinical gambling addiction services; non-clinical gambling addiction services; and behavioral health services.

Penni Raphaelson, Grants Manager, presented recommendations for the Opioid Response Applications. The opioid settlement funds were partially allocated based on meeting the opioid response objectives of reducing fatal overdoses by 5% and non-fatal overdoses by 10% by April 2026 through strategies such as harm reduction, case management, system navigation, and recovery services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Altenberg, that this commission action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Altenberg, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Campos and Hart

5. Staff Reports

No Staff Reports.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.