

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois
Conference Room #3112*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

6:00 PM

3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL

Lake County Board of Health

1. Call to Order

President Sashko called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 9 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent 3 - Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented

4. Public Comment to the Board

None

5. Awards and Recognition

None

6. Presentations**6.1**

Vectorborne Diseases and Surveillance in Lake County - Bartolai & Meyer

Attachments: [VBD Update_May 27 2026](#)

7. President's Report

President Sashko reported the following:

1. President Sashko congratulated Lisa Kritz and the Prevention Team for their successful participation in the Fire Safety Expo held at Gurnee Mills. The event was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity to engage with community members on fire safety education and prevention efforts.

2. President Sashko thanked Patti Corn and her team for the successful development and implementation of Operation Drop Box, a community initiative designed to collect donations and essential items for veterans. President Sashko commended the team's efforts in supporting local veterans through this program.

3. President Sashko reminded members that the upcoming month recognizes several important health awareness initiatives, including Men's Health Month, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month. President Sashko encouraged continued efforts to promote education and awareness surrounding these important health topics.

4. President Sashko highlighted the recent media coverage of the "Go Waukegan"

initiative and encouraged Board Members to participate in the program by walking with family members, friends, or coworkers. President Sashko noted that increased participation would help build momentum for the program and further promote healthy lifestyles within the community.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1

April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Meeting Minutes 4.22.26 - DRAFT](#)

9. Regular Agenda

9.1

The allocation of Lake County Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) to the Lake County Health Department - Behavioral Health Services Division for stabilizing and sustaining substance use disorder services for uninsured residents - Esser

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 May 2026 OSF HD](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve an allocation of Lake County Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) to the Lake County Health Department - Behavioral Health Services Division for stabilizing and sustaining substance use disorder services for uninsured residents in the amount of \$292,672 is approved, and any unused funds will be reprogrammed for future projects. Motion by Member Johnson Jones, second by Member Larson. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

9.2

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Appointment & Reappointment - Maine

Member Maine made a motion to approve the initial appointment and reappointment of the four (4) licensed independent practitioners, as presented. Second by Vice President Johnson Jones. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 9 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent: 3 - Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.3

FY2027 Proposed Budget Timetable - Cooper

Attachments: [FY27 Proposed Budget Timetable](#)

President Sashko asked for a motion to approve and adopt the Budget Timetable for the purpose of developing the FY2027 budget. Motion by Member Parekh, second by Member McDowell. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 9 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent: 3 - Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.4

Illinois Department of Human Services for the Suicide Prevention Call Center Enhancement Grant Increase - Esser

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation FY26 May 2026 Suicide Prev Call Center Addl fi](#)

President Sashko requested that this item originally on the Consent Agenda be removed and considered under the Regular Agenda to allow for corrections. Specifically, the journal entry amount is to be amended to \$87,533.

President Sashko asked for a motion to approve the increase in funding through the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Suicide Prevention Call Center Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$87,533 and its correction on journal entry to match. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Member Maine. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent: 3 - Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

10. Discussion Items

10.1

Proposed Revisions to the Lake County Board of Health Bylaws - Hoff

Attachments: [BOH Bylaws 5-27-26 DRAFT](#)

Executive Director Hoff reviewed the proposed revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws included in the meeting packet. During discussion, Member Maine suggested additional amendments to Article V, Paragraph E, which currently states, "Special meetings may be held at any time at the written request of two (2) members of the Board." Member Maine recommended revising the requirement to a majority of Board Members rather than two members to ensure fairness and sufficient justification when calling a special meeting.

Additionally, Member Maine proposed an amendment to Article VII, Committees, Paragraph C, Line 3, which currently states, "The Credentialing Committee shall consist of four (4) members." Member Maine recommended increasing the committee membership to five (5) members to provide additional representation and participation.

President Sashko stated that the suggested amendments would be taken under advisement and incorporated into the ongoing bylaw review process. The proposed

revisions, including Member Maine's recommendations, will be brought back to the Board of Health for further discussion and consideration at the June meeting, at which time the Board may take formal action.

10.2

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Cooper

Attachments: [BOH MM Report Feb 2026](#)
[BOH Report Feb 2026](#)

Director of Finance & Administrative Services, Angela Cooper, reviewed the Schedule of Revenues included in the packet.

11. Attachments for Board Review**11.1**

Media Placement Highlights - Johnson

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202604](#)

This matter was presented.

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Director of Healthcare Operations Kim Burke reported that the Governing Council met on May 19 for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Director Burke announced that the Governing Council recently welcomed two new members, Terrek Golliday and David Larsen. Director Burke also noted that recruitment efforts remain ongoing to fill additional Governing Council vacancies and strengthen membership representation.

Director Burke further reported that the request for a change in scope regarding the North Shore Health Center has been submitted to HRSA for review and approval. At this time, we are awaiting HRSA's determination. Additional information and updates will be provided as they become available.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Director of Prevention, Lisa Kritz, reported that the TB Board did not meet and there are no significant updates.

14. Added to Agenda Items

None

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Executive Session

President Sashko announced that no Executive Session would be held during the meeting due to an error in the agenda, specifically the citation of an incorrect statutory exemption

code.

17.1

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation Matters - Sashko

18. Adjournment

President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.