

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
<https://bit.ly/3VQpnHv>**

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Altenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent 1 - Member Casbon

** Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth and Member Knizhnik*

In Person:

Sandy Hart, Board Chair

Sam Johnson, Health Department

Larry Mackey, Health Department

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Electronically:

Jennifer Clark, Board Member

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Emanuel Zoberman, Lake County Law Library

RP, Public

Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office

Ruby Bahena, Finance

Angela Cooper, Health Department

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Abby Krakow, Communications

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

Brea Barnes, Finance

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Mike Adam, Health Department

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no amendments or additions to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Parekh stated he was excited to start the new year and welcomed everyone back.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)

MINUTES

8.1 25-0085

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Joint Budget Hearing meeting minutes from October 15, 2024.

Attachments: [HCS Budget Hearing 10.15.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.2 25-0086

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee meeting minutes from October 29, 2024.

Attachments: [HCS 10.29.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.3 25-0098

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$5,593 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health

Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [Tick Surveillance EA \\$5593.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.4 [25-0100](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$15,613.36 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the HIV Prevention grant.

Attachments: [HIV Prevention EA \\$37472.06.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

8.5 [25-0118](#)

Discussion of a recently awarded grant to the Regional Office of Education from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$9,999,845.

Dr. Michael Karner, Lake County Regional Superintendent of Schools, provided a summary of the Education Innovation and Research grant. Discussion ensued.

Chair Parekh asked for talking points and quarterly updates from Dr. Karner.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.6 [25-0096](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$51,722 for fiscal year 2024 accepting additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part B grant.

Attachments: [Aids Foundation of Chicago EA \\$51722.pdf](#)

Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part B grant.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.7 [25-0097](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$15,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting a new grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant for opioid overdose prevention.

Attachments: [IDPH CHP Opioid Overdose Prevention \\$15000.pdf](#)

Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Comprehensive Health Protection grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.8 [25-0099](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$142,393.50 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [Comprehensive Health Protection Grant EA \\$142393.50.pdf](#)

Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.9 [25-0101](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$25,050 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting a new grant from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago

Routine HIV Screening Development grant.

Attachments: [PHIMC EA \\$25050.pdf](#)

Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Routine HIV Screening Development grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

9. County Administrator's Report

RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, stated the process has started to hire a new Opioid Coordinator and provided an update of the Opioid Settlement grant.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an update on the recruitment for the new Health Department Executive Director.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

A discussion on 2-1-1 was had among members. RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, will follow up on concerns.

A request was made to have staff continue to work with the Illinois Department of Public Health to gather aggregated data as it relates to future decision making for the distribution of funds for the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Chair Hart and Member Danforth left the meeting and 9:32 a.m.

Member Danforth rejoined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 28, 2025