

Lake County Illinois



Minutes Report - Draft

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1:00 PM

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87802402276>

600 W Winchester Rd, Libertyville, IL (DOT Conference Rm A)

HCDC Advisory and Recommendation Committee –
Behavioral Health

1. Roll Call

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

In person attendees:

*Dominic Strezo, Community Development
Penni Raphaelson, Community Development
Courtney Cymerman, Community Development
Eric Tellez, Community Development
Yazmin Albino, Community Development
Pamela Jeffries, Community Development
Michele Slav, Community Development
Danielle White, Community Development
Ashley Watson, County Administrator's Office
Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office
Olivia Stueben, Clearbrook*

Virtual attendees:

*Eric Foote, PADS Lake County
Sarah Armstrong, Youth & Family Counseling
Vicky Tello, NICASA
JoEllen Erdman, Zacharias Center (Z-Center)
Eugenia Astudillo, Arden Shores*

Present 4 - Commissioner Altenberg, Commissioner Mckinney, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Knizhnik

Excused 1 - Commissioner Pedersen

2. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)

No public comments.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

4.1 26-0241

Presentation, Discussion, and Approval - Program Year 2026 (PY26) Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) funding renewal requests totaling \$405,000.

- The Behavioral Health Advisory and Recommendation Committee (ARC) is responsible for making OSF funding recommendations.
- Program Year 2025 (PY25) grantees were invited to submit renewal applications to continue implementation of their efforts.
- Recommendations are forwarded for consideration and approval by 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 (OSF).

Ashley Watson, Opioid Coordinator, presented scores and recommendations for the Opioid Settlement Fund programs for the first PY2026 funding round. There will be a fall application round in November 2026 open to any interested organizations. Ashley also provided the PY2025 program evaluation and accomplishments.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Altenberg, Commissioner Mckinney, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Knizhnik

4.2 26-0181

Presentation, Discussion, and Approval - Program Year 2026 (PY26) Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) funding renewal requests

- The Behavioral Health Advisory and Recommendation Committee (ARC) is responsible for making Program Year 2026 (PY26) VGR funding recommendations.
- A total of \$825,000 of VGR funds were made available for over \$1,300,000 in requests in PY26.
- Recommendations are forwarded for consideration and approval to the Housing & Community Development Commission (HCDC).

Courtney Cymerman, Grant Administrator, presented Video Gaming Revenue scores and grant recommendations.

Eric Foote with PADS Lake County, via Zoom, wrote to give his appreciation to the Commission and thank them for the funding recommendation.

This matter was approved

5. Staff Announcements

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.