

Lake County Illinois



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, September 25, 2020

11:00 AM

Via Zoom or phone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89785565931>

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 897 8556 5931

**HCDC Advisory and Recommendation Committee –
Homelessness**

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the August 21, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

PUBLIC VIEWING: Per the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available in the Public Works Conference Room at 650 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville, Illinois and is limited to the number of persons practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements.

Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Public comments received by 9:00 am on Friday, September 25, 2020 will be read at the appropriate time in the agenda.

Please note: A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per public comment. All comments received will be included in the meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

Public comments shall be emailed to lwalley@lakecountyil.gov with the following information:

- Subject title: Housing and Community Development Commission
- Name
- Organization
- Topic or agenda item

Meeting participants will also be able to post written comment in the meeting chat box.

1. ROLL CALL

The Housing and Community Development Commission's (HCDC) Homeless Assistance Advisory and Recommendation Committee (ARC) meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Guests: Laura Sabino of Lake County Haven; Eric Foote of PADS Lake County; and Cassandra Torstenson of the Lake County Administrator's Office

Staff: Eric Waggoner, Brenda O'Connell, Michele Slav, Dominic Strezo, Irene Marsh-Elmer, Eric Tellez and Laura Walley

Present 4 - Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Altenberg

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 [20-1306](#)

Approval of the May 22, 2020 Minutes

Attachments: [5.22.20 Draft Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Venturi, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the May 22, 2020 minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Cunningham and Commissioner Altenberg

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Wilhoit

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 [20-1291](#)

Discussion and Recommendation - Emergency Solutions Grant - Corona Virus Funding (ESG-CV2) Homeless Assistance Application Presentation, Deliberations and Allocations.

Attachments: [Homelessness ARC Memo September 2020_2](#)

Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator

Eric Foote, of PADS Lake County, stated through the Chat Box his thanks to the Commission "for assembling and dedicating time to this process. PADS continues daily to provide shelter in hotels to people in Lake County who fall into homelessness. The

future is very uncertain. We're spending about \$100,000 in hotels each month and are unsure how far into the future we'll need to keep this going or whether our expenses will increase as a result of the economy, the virus and the willingness of our volunteer corps to return to church-basement sheltering situations. These funds will go a long way to ensuring shelter for individuals well into 2021, which will provide a helpful and safe option for people and ensure a strong safety net for Lake County residents during the pandemic and beyond. I am happy to answer any questions you have about PADS and our current operations and our projections for the future. And thank you again for your service."

A motion was made by Commissioner Venturi, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to forward the Emergency Solutions Grant – Corona Virus Funding (ESG-CV2) recommendations, as presented, to the Housing and Community Development Commission for approval. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Altenberg

6. STAFF REPORTS

Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator, said today's recommendations would advance to the October HCDC meeting for approval and then move forward through the steps of the County Board and HUD approval process. If all proceeds smoothly, staff anticipates ESG-CV2 contracts being sent to providers in December or January. She added that \$2,000,000 of State ESG-CV2 funds will be distributed through the Homeless Coalition. Lake County's HUD contracts were just signed by Chairman Hart and she reminded the members that a new application round will begin shortly for PY2021 funds.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Venturi, to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Wilhoit and Commissioner Altenberg