

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3Ku5Lpu>**

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Knizhnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Other Attendees

In Person:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Jennifer Banek, Coroner

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Ashley Watson, County Administrator's Office

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Chris Hoff, Health Department

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Electronically:

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Penni Raphaelson, Planning, Building and Development

Abby Krakow, Communications

Courtney Cymerman, Health Department

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

John Muellner, Public

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Pamela Jeffries, Planning, Building and Development

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [25-1189](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from September 2, 2025.

Attachments: [HCS 9.2.25 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Casbon, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.2 [25-1183](#)

Joint resolution approving the first amendment to the Program Year 2025 (PY25) United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Attachments: [PY25 AAP 1ST AMENDMENT](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is for the first amendment to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP). Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member 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

Abstain: 1 - Member Casbon

8.3 [25-1356](#)

Presentation on the Completion of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA/ERA2) Programs.

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, and Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, provided a presentation regarding the completion of

the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA/ERA2) Programs. Discussion ensued.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.4 [25-1178](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$40,355 for Fiscal Year 2025 and accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 August 2025 Comprehensive](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.5 [25-1179](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 and accepting additional funding from the Greater Chicago Food Depository Women, Infants, Children Navigator Project grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 July 2025 WIC Navigator NEW](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Greater Chicago Food Depository Women, Infants, and Children Navigator Project grant. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.6 [25-1324](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Substance Use Prevention Services grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 September 2025 SUPS](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Substance Use Prevention Services grant.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.7 [25-1325](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$129,822 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Child and Family Connections grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 September 2025 CFC](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Child and Family Connections grant.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.8 [25-1326](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$413,800 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Better Birth Outcomes grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 September 2025 BBO](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Better Birth Outcomes grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative

Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.9 [25-1327](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Steans Family Foundation iGrow grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 September 2025 Steans](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Stearns Family Foundation iGrow grant. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.10 [25-1180](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$6,250 for Fiscal Year 2025 and accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant, Opioid Overdose Prevention grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation for FY25 August 2025 CHP Opioid Overdose Pre](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant, Opioid Overdose Prevention grant.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.11 [25-1181](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$11,958 for Fiscal Year 2025 and accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant, Tuberculosis Prevention Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 August 2025 TB Prevention I](#)

Items 8.4 through 8.11 were voted on together.

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is for the acceptance of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection Grant, Tuberculosis Prevention Grant. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8.12 [25-0910](#)

Joint resolution approving a subaward amendment agreement with the College of Lake County for Workforce Development to provide services under the Climate Equity Jobs Act (CEJA) Workforce Hub Project authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$697,862 and increasing the authorized full-time headcount for the Workforce Development Department by three positions.

Attachments: [CEJA Workforce Hub Program Grant Sub Grantee Addendum Final](#)
[Workforce Development CEJA Budget_October 2025](#)
[Workforce Development CEJA Grant August 2025](#)

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, explained that this item is to increase the authorized full-time headcount for the Workforce Development Department by three positions. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8.13 [25-1087](#)

Presentation and Update on Lake County Opioid Settlement Funds.

Attachments: [Opioid Settlement Funds Update Presentation](#)

Ashley Watson, Opioid Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding an Update on Lake County Opioid Settlement Funds. Discussion ensued.

8.14 [25-1306](#)

Committee action for the permanent destruction of Executive Session recordings for the Health and Community Services Committee from October 2, 2012, through February

26, 2019, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and as recommended on the attached document.

Attachments: [HCS ES Recording Log with Recommendations](#)

RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, explained that this item is for the permanent destruction of Executive Session recordings for the Health and Community Services Committee from October 2, 2012, through February 26, 2019, as recommended.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

9. County Administrator's Report

RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, provided an opportunity for the Committee to ask questions of staff regarding the local impact of the Federal government shutdown. Discussion ensued.

10. Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Maine, that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

The Committee entered Executive Session at 10:11 a.m.

10.1 [25-1332](#)

Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

10.2 [25-0923](#)

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

The Committee returned to Regular Session at 10:40 a.m.

11. Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)

11.1 [25-1333](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Executive Session minutes from September 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Casbon, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

11.2 [25-1334](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Executive Session minutes from August 5, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Casbon, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

12. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or requests.

13. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 (Joint Budget Hearing)

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on November 4, 2025, by the Health and Community Services Committee.