

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented

4. Public Comment to the Board

President Sashko informed the Board that there are representatives present from various animal and cat rescue organizations, and feral cat colony caretakers regarding the Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Ordinance. He then turned the floor over to the Board's parliamentarian and legal counsel, Lisle Stalter, from the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. Lisle stated she has collected five (5) public comment cards, that public comment is limited to three (3) minutes, speakers must refrain from any uncivil, rude, vulgar, or profane language, and the public comment must pertain to the business of the Board of Health. Public speakers were called upon in the following order: Cindy Gaffney, McHenry County Board of Health Member; Susan Davis, Black Dog All Breed Rescue; Gina Ressler, Spay and Stay; Lacy Ranzini, Gutter Cats Rescue; Kaye Larsen Olloway, Fat Cat Rescue.

5. Awards and Recognition

None

6. Presentations

None

7. President's Report

President Sashko reported on the following:

1. President Sashko welcomed Ellie McDowell, daughter of Board member Rachel McDowell, MD, who is doing a school report on the Board of Health and the business it conducts. Ms. McDowell also attended this evening's Credentialing Committee meeting.

2. On Sunday, August 25, 2024, President Sashko attended the 40th anniversary celebration of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lewis Ave., Waukegan. Governing Council member and Vice-Chair Miriam Smith-Taylor was recognized and presented with a future hall of fame award for her hard work in the behavioral health movement in Lake County.

3. *The quarterly meeting with Lake Behavioral Health Hospital (LBHH) was on Monday, August 12, 2024. LBHH reported that their adolescent patient census numbers have been down all summer, but unfortunately, those numbers were back filled by an influx of recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago, and they have been working with the VA as a result. LBHH also reported that they will be moving to electronic health records (EHR) so there will be improved sharing of information with the Health Department. Sam Johnson, the Health Department's Director of Behavioral Health, gave an update on the 9-8-8 mobile response crisis hotline that receives approximately 1,000 calls per month.*

4. *President Sashko recognized Executive Director Mark Pfister as this was his last Board of Health meeting before he retires on September 3, 2024. Mark was presented with gifts from the Board and given a standing ovation.*

5. *President Sashko sent an email to the Board members this morning with a flyer attached for the 8th annual Ruck March scheduled for September 14, 2024, at Rollins Savannah in Grayslake. Board members were asked to post the flyer on their social media, through professional channels, etc., in an effort to recognize those that quietly serve for us and suffer from the stressors of military life, and encouraged to participate by walking, bike riding, jogging.*

6. *This morning President Sashko, Director of Prevention Lisa Kritz, and Dr. Sana Ahmed attended the Lake County Fire Chiefs and EMS Directors meeting to discuss some synergistic efforts between the Health Department, LCFC, and EMS, and post-measles cases. President Sashko also spoke about the Ruck March.*

8. Consent Agenda

President Sashko called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda and approve items 8.1 through 8.6. Motion by Member DeVaux, second by Member Parekh. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

8.1

July 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 7.24.24 - DRAFT](#)

This matter was approved

8.2

Illinois Department of Human Services, Special Supplemental Nutrition, and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program for Women, Infants, and Children, \$97,909 - Grant Increase Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [IDHS SNP BPCP WIC \\$97,909](#)

This matter was approved

8.3

Illinois Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Grants, \$79,989 - Grant Increase Approval - Johnson

Attachments: [IDHS Grant Increase \\$79,989](#)

This matter was approved

8.4

Illinois Department of Children and Family Service, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Services, Intensive Placement Services, \$41,240 - Grant Increase Approval - Johnson

Attachments: [CABS IPS \\$41,240](#)

This matter was approved

8.5

Illinois Department of Public Health, Quality of Life \$25,000 - Grant Increase Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [Quality of Life \\$25,000](#)

This matter was approved

8.6

AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Ryan White B Case Management \$6,936 - Grant Increase Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [AFC RWB MCM - NCM \\$6,936](#)

This matter was approved**9. Regular Agenda**

9.1

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services - Medicaid Match, \$1,730,000 - Funding Approval - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Medicaid Match \\$1,730,000](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,730,000.00. Motion by Member Johnson Jones, second by Member Maine. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.2

Illinois Department of Human Services, Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center, \$575,397 - Grant Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [IDHS RSUPIC \\$575,397](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve grant funding of \$575,397 and emergency appropriate \$239,749. Motion by Member Larson, second by Member McDowell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.3

AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Ryan White A Medical Case Management, \$138,958 - Grant Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [AFC RWA MCM \\$138,958](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the grant funding and emergency appropriate \$138,958. Motion by Member DeVaux, second by Member Johnson Jones. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.4

AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Ryan White A Medical Benefits Coordination \$57,245 - Grant Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [AFC RWA MBC \\$57,245](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the grant funding and emergency appropriate \$57,245. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Member Pollina. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.5

FY2025 Budget Approval - Sashko

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the proposed FY2025 Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center budget. Motion by Member Johnson Jones, second by Member McDowell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

9.6

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging / Credentialing / Reappointment - Maine
Credentialing Committee Chair Maine informed the Board that the Credentialing Committee met prior to this regular meeting to review the three (3) providers presented for privileging and credentialing, and the three (3) providers presented for reappointment. Based on that review and discussion, the Credentialing Committee has deferred the reappointment of Dr. Josephine Dinkha until issues with the information contained in her paperwork are addressed. The Credentialing Committee then recommends the approval of the three (3) providers presented for privileging and credentialing, and the remaining two (2) providers presented for reappointment.

Credentialing Committee Chair Maine made a motion to approve the privileging and credentialing of three (3) LIPs and the reappointment of two (2) LIPs as presented. Seconded by Member McDowell. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Parekh, President Sashko and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

10. Discussion Items

None

11. Attachments for Board Review

11.1

Media Placement Highlights - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202407](#)

This matter was presented

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Toni Steres, Director of Provider Operations, informed the Board that the Health Department's FQHC has been awarded the 2024 Community Health Quality Recognition Silver Badge. Board members were provided a handout that explains the criteria. Toni also informed the Board that the Governing Council met on August 13, 2024.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, informed the Board that the TB Board met on Thursday, August 22, 2024. TB Board Chair Dr. Mukesh Chaudhry has retired so TB Board member Dr. Srikanth Davuluri has been elected Chair. A new TB Board member, Dr. Emmanuel

Njoku, has been submitted to the County Board for appointment. A flex pediatric provider has been added to the TB clinic staff. The TB Clinic is in the process of adding another exam room. Year to date, there have been 11 active TB cases, 91% are foreign born and the majority have been in the US more than 2 years. The countries represented are Philippines, Mexico, India, El Salvador, and Bulgaria.

14. Added to Agenda Items

None

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Executive Session

President Sashko called for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion by Member Maine, second by Member Pollina. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

Not Present: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

17.1

Personnel Matters - Sashko

Discussion was held in Executive Session.

President Sashko called for a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Motion by Member Maine, second by Member Johnson Jones. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

Not Present: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

President Sashko called for a motion to appoint Sam Johnson as Interim Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center.

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

Absent: 2 - Member Belmonte D.O. and Member Cerk

Not Present: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

18. Adjournment

President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.