

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/98734029253> or 1-312-626-6799;  
Meeting ID: 987 3402 9253)**

**Lake County Board of Health**

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the June 26, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board of Health President, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference and not in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed public comments received by 8:30 a.m. the day of the meeting will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received or, at the discretion of the Board President, with the agenda item the comment addresses. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. Please note: Public Comment is limited to three minutes per individual or spokesperson pursuant to the Board of Health Bylaws. All comments received will be included in the Board's meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

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- Street Address (Optional)
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- Phone (Optional)
- Organization, agency, etc. being represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois, may provide public comment. Public with no access to email may leave a message

with the Board of Health Office at 847-377-8118.

**1. Call to Order**

**President Sashko called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**Present** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent** 1 - Member Schultz

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**This matter was presented**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3.1**

August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [BOH Minutes 8.26.20 - DRAFT](#)

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Belmonte, that the minutes be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

**4. Public Comment to the Board**

*President Sashko informed the Board that there is public comment to the Board tonight and as per the bylaws the parliamentarian will be the Board's legal counsel, Karen Fox, from the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. Karen informed the Board that Mr. James D'Angelo was on the Zoom meeting. She then informed Mr. D'Angelo that he has the opportunity to make public comment, that she will be timing him, and that he has 3 minutes. Mr. D'Angelo thanked the Board for allowing his participation. He stated that his main comment to get across to the Board today is that he is a parent, he lives in Lake County, and he has a large concern with the school metrics being used to decide when students are allowed to return to full in-person schooling. He understands the metrics, he understands the need for the metrics, his main concern is the incidence rate metric, the 7 per 100,000 being required to be met before a full return to in-person schooling within Lake County. He thinks that's too low. His understanding is that the Phase 4 Restore Illinois plan less than 14 per 100,000, or in the State's numbers 100 over seven days per 100,000, allows schools to be open. He stated we have restaurants open, we have retail stores open, all of the evidence that we have is that schools are not a main spreader of this disease. It's not perfect evidence, that we're never going to have perfect evidence, he understands we don't have perfect evidence. To him the default should be in-person for*

*those that want it, for those that need it, it's so important for the students. The CDC is OK with it, the American Academy of Pediatrics is OK with it, professors, doctors, medical professionals across the country seem to be OK with it. There was just a study that came out in an article today in the Washington Post that says they're not large spreaders. He thinks that we need to do all that we can to get our students back in to school and he asks everybody on the Board to explain if they can, he knows this isn't a back and forth part of the meeting, but he would like to hear what the County is doing to decide when we can proceed with the back to school instruction full-time quicker. He thinks students are falling behind. Some schools are ignoring the metrics advice, which he understands are not binding anyway, many school districts refuse to deviate from them at all. So, he is a parent in Deerfield, who have said that they will not deviate from the guideline metrics under any circumstances leaving his kids without an opportunity for full in-person instruction even though his kids are 5 and 3. He thinks nationwide, kids under the age of 18, fewer than 100 students have died in the last nine months. The influenza, as is his understanding, on any given year kills about 250-500 students. The disease is very dangerous and deadly for a lot of people, it doesn't appear to be so for students. At this point, Karen informed Mr. D'Angelo that he had 30-seconds left. He stated that he is not a denier, that the Health Department is doing great work to keep everybody safe, he would just ask the Board to please consider the alternative for students who really need in-person instruction especially when all of the evidence we have, which isn't perfect, shows that schools are not great areas for spreaders and kids are not at risk. They seem to be more important to get back in than restaurants and retail stores was his closing point. President Sashko thanked Mr. D'Angelo and informed him that he shared many of his comments but some of the recent ones not with the Board as of yet.*

**5. Awards, Recognitions, Appointments and Reappointments**

*None*

**6. Presentations**

**6.1**

*FY2020 Audit Results - Riley*

**Attachments:** [FQHC Year-End Report 11.30.19](#)

*John George, CPA with RSM US LLP, reviewed the highlights of the year-end financial audit process and final results, as outlined in the report provided as part of the agenda packet. Member Maine stated she didn't understand how the Forest Preserves' taxing information was relevant to the report, since they are a separate taxing body. John explained that the Forest Preserves is a component unit of the County itself. So, included within the comprehensive financial report of Lake County are component units and the Forest Preserves falls in as a component unit. That is audited by another audit firm and RSM US LLP includes their information and their reference and opinion, that they issued an unmodified opinion, a clean opinion, as well. But that is a component of the comprehensive annual financial report of the County. Member Maine stated that it is a unit of Lake County, but it is not a unit of Lake County Government. John explained that it is*

*based on the structure of the organization and how it's been structured under Lake County. There is a component unit determination made and is required from a government accounting standard perspective to include it. Mark Pfister added that this is another strong audit finding again this year and he thanked Pam, Toby Karg, Diane Pelli, and Jean Haag for all the great financial work they do. President Sashko echoed his sentiments.*

## **6.2**

### **Contact Tracing Update - Zamor**

*Sara Zamor, Associate Director of Prevention and Project Director of COVID-19 Contact Tracing, provided an overview of the Health Department's contact tracing efforts to-date. Member DeVaux asked what would have happened to Lake County if contact tracing had not been implemented. Sara stated that the number of cases would be higher. What makes contact tracing work is when you can respond to people as soon as a positive test result is reported. Any delay in responding to a positive test result is the loss of an opportunity to stop the spread of the virus. Contact tracing works when there is adequate testing in the community and adequate staff to respond. Member Ehrlich stated that he would assume that when looking for evidence of older infection, IgG would be used, not IgM, and asked if we're looking for both or just IgM. Sara stated that it is her understanding that it is just IgM. That it is not a test the Health Department conducts, but it is private providers that are sometimes doing this and also for research purposes. Mark added that there is IgG and IgM but that many antibody tests are either just one or the other. There are very few antibody tests that are both. Dr. Belmonte stated that IgG is being used by Advocate because it tells about past infection rather than the immediate exposure, but they are now learning that some people have neutralizing antibodies and that some don't, so it isn't known that even if they have IgG whether it confers any immunity or for how long. Mark added that there are different peaks of both IgG and IgM so the issue is whichever test is being done which peak is being caught depending on the antibody being looked for. Dr. Ehrlich stated that he is surprised that both tests are not being done because IgM peaks earlier so if relatively recent infection is being looked for that's the window for IgM and IgG is a couple of weeks down the line. Mark added that Abbott, which has only IgM, was going to add a separate module so that they had both IgG and IgM, but he doesn't know if that's been done yet. President Sashko stated that people not answering the contact tracer calls has been a difficulty leaving gaps in the chain of events. He also reminded everyone that the drive-thru testing site on Water Street in Waukegan is open 7 days a week, 8:00am to 4:00pm, and that test result turn-around time is down to 2-3 days from 4-7+ when it first began.*

## **7. President's Report**

*President Sashko reported on the following:*

*- Tuesday, September 22, 2020, marked the end of the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation virtual ruck march, RuckUp 2020. The march is done to raise awareness of the unfortunate loss of veterans due to suicide. Support for the program and*

*it's effort can be given at any time.*

*- Virtual stakeholder meetings with Lake County Partners and Lake County Municipal League have been reinstated and now take place the third Wednesday of the month. They were initiated at the onset of the pandemic and took place twice weekly to convey critical information to community partners in the mitigation of COVID-19. An example of the detailed information provided during these meetings was shared with the Board members.*

*- 2-1-1 continues to be an extremely valuable tool within Lake County. Coordinated through 2-1-1 is Lake County Catch, a program that delivers two weeks worth of free food to families in Lake County in quarantine or isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test in the household. There is also Lake County CHRP (Coronavirus Housing Relief Program) that provides rental assistance to families experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.*

*Since it's launch in September 2019, 2-1-1 has received thousands of calls for assistance.*

*- Today, Wednesday, September 23, 2020, was the first day of the by appointment drive-thru employee flu vaccination at 3010 Grand. It will be done on Thursday, September 24, 2020, and Friday, September 25, 2020, as well. It is also being used to test the drive-thru mass vaccination process for when a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to the general population. A COVID-19 vaccine is anticipated for March/April 2021 for the general population, but those tested and approved initial doses will go to frontline workers and the most impacted and vulnerable populations first. Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, added that 153 employee flu vaccinations were given on the first day of the drive-thru which exactly matched the number of appointments scheduled. All of the credit for the success so far goes to Emergency Management, Immunizations and Communications staff. Lake County Health Department is the first to do this and the State of Illinois and McHenry County both had representatives present to observe the process. Member Belmonte asked if there were any big lessons learned. Lisa responded that the main lessons are the number of nurses available for administering the vaccine, the number of vehicle lanes, and getting people to pull over after receiving their vaccine. The rest of it went very smooth and Mark Pfister went through at the busiest point and it took him only 15 minutes. Mark concurred that it went very smooth, but that very large parking lots are going to be needed for a COVID-19 drive-thru vaccination. And another big lesson learned is that even though it was by appointment only, people always want to show up early which resulted in a much longer line of vehicles at the beginning. Lisa Kritz stated she will share more information with the Board members once an after action report is complete, and next steps are to form a COVID-19 vaccination planning team. President Sashko then reminded everyone to get their flu shot by the end of October, if they haven't already.*

*- Lake County, along with County Board Chair Sandy Hart and Mark Pfister, is holding its third live virtual town hall meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.*

*Registration is required. He encouraged Board members to attend.*

*- On Saturday, September 26, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m., IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike is hosting the #YesUCan Youth and Young Adult Virtual Forum for a COVID-19 conversation and statewide mask competition rollout. In an effort to engage teens and young adults, the Communications Strategy Workgroup of the COVID-19 Equity Team has developed a mask design contest. The objective of the contest, which leverages*

*creativity and personal style, is to help young people understand the importance of masking and the impact they can have on their peers when it comes to influencing behavior. He will send the information to the Board members for them to share.*

## **8. Action Items**

### **8.1**

Illinois Department of Human Services, \$194,466 increase to existing Behavioral Health grant contracts, \$110,000 in renewed grant funding for Outpatient Fitness Restoration and \$381,196 in new grant funding for Transition Community Care and Support - Grant Approval - Johnson-Maurello

**Attachments:** [DHS Grant Increases \\$685K](#)

**A motion was made by Member Johnson Jones, seconded by Member Rheault, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

### **8.2**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$10,752 increase for Housing and Urban Development - Grant Approval - Johnson-Maurello

**Attachments:** [HUD \\$10K](#)

**A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member DeVaux, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

### **8.3**

SAMHSA Grants to Benefit Homeless Individuals, Additional \$10,000 - Grant Approval - Johnson-Maurello

**Attachments:** [GBHI Supplemental \\$10k](#)

**A motion was made by Member Belmonte, seconded by Member DeVaux, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.4

Department of Children & Family Services, \$3,231 increase for Child and Adolescent Behavioral Services System of Care Intensive Placement Services - Grant Approval - Johnson-Maurello

**Attachments:** [DCFS SOC IPS \\$3231](#)

**A motion was made by Member Johnson Jones, seconded by Member Cesnovar, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.5

FY 2020 AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part B, \$59,042 - Grant Approval - Zun

**Attachments:** [AFC Ryan White Part B \\$59K](#)

**A motion was made by Member DeVaux, seconded by Member Rheault, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.6

Illinois Department of Public Health, \$25,546 increase to existing Prevention grant contracts and \$175,000 in renewed Prevention grant contracts - Grant Approval - Kritz

**Attachments:** [IDPH Grant Increases \\$190K](#)

*After the vote, President Sashko made a side note regarding disparities by pointing out that at earlier in the pandemic there was a 1:4 White to African American ratio in positive test results, and a 1:8 White to LatinX ratio. That has now come down to 1:3 and 1:6.*

**A motion was made by Member Belmonte, seconded by Member Carlson, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.7

Appointment and Reappointment of Providers - Maine

**Attachments:** [Appt & Reappt of Providers](#)

*Member Maine reported that the credentialing committee met just prior to this regular meeting. Two of the items discussed and changes requested for are: the capture of information on providers already employed, is that being done and documented by HR, and staff will check in to that and report back; new provider appointments have to have a sex offender background check but the committee feels that anyone having patient contact should have it done.*

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Hagstrom, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.8

Proposed Changes to Health Department Employee Policies - Hagstrom

**Attachments:** [Conflict of Interest - Redline](#)  
[Conflict of Interest](#)  
[Performance Evaluations - Redline](#)  
[Performance Evaluations](#)  
[Personal Leave - Redline](#)  
[Personal Leave](#)  
[Selection of Contingent Workers - Redline](#)  
[Selection of Contingent Workers](#)  
[Sick Leave - Redline](#)  
[Sick Leave](#)

*President Sashko asked Personnel Committee Chair Hagstrom to remove the Performance Evaluation policy from approval as he found discrepancies between the redline version and the final version provided in the agenda packet. He would like those discrepancies clarified and the policy brought back for approval at the next regular meeting. Personnel Committee Chair Hagstrom concurred and removed the policy from approval.*

**A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, seconded by Member DeVaux, to approve the remaining four policies. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 8.9

2021 Board of Health Meeting Dates - Pfister

*President Sashko noted that a meeting date for June 2021 was added in case it would be needed, as was done in 2020.*

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Belmonte, that this item be approved. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 11 - Member Cesnovar, Member Maine, President Sashko, Member Carlson, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member DeVaux and Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Member Schultz

## 9. Discussion Items

*None*

## 10. Attachments for Board Review

**This matter was presented**

## 10.1

Media Placement Highlights - Nordstrom

**Attachments:** [Media Placement Highlights - August 2020](#)

**This matter was presented**

## 11. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

*Mark Pfister, Executive Director, informed the Board that last Friday, September 18, 2020, Live Well Lake County met and worked on the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) and CHA (Community Health Assessment) process. Board member Ehrlich was also in attendance. A part of that process is going to be adopted in to the Governing Council Strategic Planning Committee when they meet on the 2nd Thursday of the next two months. Everything is going well with the Governing Council. Mark noted that additional LatinX members are still being sought and encouraged everyone to refer any Health Department LatinX consumers they know for Council membership. President Sashko asked Mark to explain the CHIP and CHA for those newer Board members. Mark outlined that it is something the Health Department has to do every five years for the State of Illinois, that it is also done for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), and sets the 5-year plan for the community. At the next Live Well Lake County meeting, Jefferson and his team will be providing data in regard to the CHA. The CHA will be done every three years to be in line with the hospitals who are required to do their Community Health Needs Assessment every three years. Its all one big part of our certification from IDPH, accreditation by PHAB, as well as using the data for our HRSA and Joint Commission accreditation.*

## 12. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

*Lisa Kritz reported that a prospective new member is on the October 13, 2020 County Board agenda for approval. That new member will be replacing Dr. Geetha Sivasubramanian who resigned as she was moving to California.*

**13. Added to Agenda Items**

*Member Carlson reported that the County Board's Finance and Administrative (F&A) Committee is meeting tomorrow, September 24, 2020, as a result of relaxation of some of the Federal rules regarding COVID-19 funds. They will be discussing reinstatement of the three paid holidays, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and day after Thanksgiving, which were made unpaid through an Ordinance approved by the County Board at their meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Member Maine asked Member Carlson if that means that the cuts made in lieu of taking pay from employees no longer need to be made. Member Carlson stated that he knows that rescinding the previous action is on the agenda, so he assumes that is the case, but he will find out tomorrow. Mark clarified that those cuts have already been made but those Health Department staff still on the payroll would get reimbursed for Labor Day. Some of the cuts are longer term cuts and will still be counted towards the current 2020 budget deficit, so it's not necessarily a bad thing there are just some things done earlier than December 1, 2020. He then thanked Member Carlson and Member Maine for all of their support on the matter and reinstatement of those paid holidays would be a huge boost to staff morale. President Sashko asked Mark if this would need to be an item on the Board of Health's October agenda should the County Board approve rescinding the ordinance. Mark clarified that the Board of Health did not formally vote on this matter, instead they gave their concurrence to the Executive Committee, so it would not be brought back for a formal vote. He recommended there be concurrence again for the acceptance of the change from the County Board's original ordinance.*

**14. Old Business**

*None*

**15. New Business**

*None*

**16. Executive Session**

*None*

**17. Adjournment**

**President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.**