

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

**8:30 AM**

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

**Health and Community Services Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Parekh called the meeting to order 8:30 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Vice Chair Altenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth,  
Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**Absent** 1 - Member Casbon

*\* Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth and Member Knizhnik*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*

*Sam Johnson, Health Department*

*Larry Mackey, Health Department*

*Lisa Kritz, Health Department*

*Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Jennifer Clark, Board Member*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office*

*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*

*ShaTin Gibbs, Finance*

*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*

*Emanuel Zoberman, Lake County Law Library*

*RP, Public*

*Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office*

*Ruby Bahena, Finance*

*Angela Cooper, Health Department*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Mike Adam, Health Department*

*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no amendments or additions to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Parekh stated he was excited to start the new year and welcomed everyone back.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 25-0085**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Joint Budget Hearing meeting minutes from October 15, 2024.

**Attachments:** [HCS Budget Hearing 10.15.24 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

**8.2 25-0086**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee meeting minutes from October 29, 2024.

**Attachments:** [HCS 10.29.24 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

**8.3 25-0098**

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$5,593 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

**Attachments:** [Tick Surveillance EA \\$5593.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by**

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**Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

**8.4 [25-0100](#)**

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$15,613.36 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the HIV Prevention grant.

**Attachments:** [HIV Prevention EA \\$37472.06.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION\***

**8.5 [25-0118](#)**

Discussion of a recently awarded grant to the Regional Office of Education from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$9,999,845.

*Dr. Michael Karner, Lake County Regional Superintendent of Schools, provided a summary of the Education Innovation and Research grant. Discussion ensued.*

*Chair Parekh asked for talking points and quarterly updates from Dr. Karner.*

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.6 [25-0096](#)**

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$51,722 for fiscal year 2024 accepting additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part B grant.

**Attachments:** [Aids Foundation of Chicago EA \\$51722.pdf](#)

*Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part B grant. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

8.7 [25-0097](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$15,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting a new grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant for opioid overdose prevention.

**Attachments:** [IDPH CHP Opioid Overdose Prevention \\$15000.pdf](#)

*Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Comprehensive Health Protection grant. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

8.8 [25-0099](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$142,393.50 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

**Attachments:** [Comprehensive Health Protection Grant EA \\$142393.50.pdf](#)

*Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Public Health Comprehensive Health Protection grant.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

8.9 [25-0101](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$25,050 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 accepting a new grant from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Routine HIV Screening Development grant.

**Attachments:** [PHIMC EA \\$25050.pdf](#)

*Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, provided a summary of the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Routine HIV Screening Development grant. Discussion ensued.*

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

**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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Casbon

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, stated the process has started to hire a new Opioid Coordinator and provided an update of the Opioid Settlement grant.*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an update on the recruitment for the new Health Department Executive Director.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Member Remarks and Requests**

*A discussion on 2-1-1 was had among members. RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, will follow up on concerns.*

*A request was made to have staff continue to work with the Illinois Department of Public Health to gather aggregated data as it relates to future decision making for the distribution of funds for the Opioid Settlement Funds.*

*Chair Hart and Member Danforth left the meeting and 9:32 a.m.*

*Member Danforth rejoined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2025**