

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 10 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent 2 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented.

4. Public Comment to the Board

None

5. Awards and Recognition

None

6. Presentations

None

7. President's Report

President Sashko reported the following:

1. North Chicago has officially reopened, and members were encouraged to attend the upcoming open house scheduled for March 18 as an opportunity to engage with staff and observe operations.

2. LCHD hosted Rosalind Franklin University (RFU) senior leadership on February 17. The visit was as successful, and Executive Director Hoff noted that it was part of ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration between the organizations.

3. National Shingles Awareness Week was recognized, and the importance of vaccinations in preventing illness and promoting community health was emphasized.

4. An update was provided regarding senior leadership engagement efforts, with a process survey expected to be distributed next month to gather feedback and support organizational improvement.

5. Members were informed of an upcoming webinar training on Artificial Intelligence and its application within Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), scheduled for March 3.

6. An employee appreciation breakfast is planned for April 24, with additional details to be shared with the Board of Health as planning is finalized.

8. Consent Agenda

President Sashko asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda and approve items 8.1 and 8.2. Motion by Vice President Johnson Jones, second by Member Belmonte. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

8.1

January 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Meeting Minutes 1.28.26 - DRAFT](#)

8.2

Cooperative Operational Agreement - Hoff

Attachments: [BOH GC COA 2.10.26](#)

9. Regular Agenda

9.1

2025 Annual Report - Hargett

Attachments: [Annual Report 2025](#)

President Sashko asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented. Motion by Member Belmonte, second by Member Larson. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

9.2

Sliding Fee Schedule of Discounts February 2026 - Cooper

Attachments: [Sliding Fee Schedules BOH](#)

President Sashko asked for a motion to adopt the updated federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services for the sliding fee scales in Physical Health (FQHC) and Behavioral Health business units to ensure compliance with regulations, effective April 1, 2026, and Family Planning as of July 1, 2026, as recommended. Motion by Member Maine, second by Member DeVaux. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

9.3

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Appointment & Reappointment - Maine

Member Maine motioned to approve the initial appointment and reappointment of the three (3) licensed independent practitioners, as presented, second by Member DeVaux. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

9.4

Joint Lake County Statement - Hoff

Attachments: [Draft Joint Lake County Statement](#)

Board of Health Members discussed the Joint Lake County Statement with a majority of the members not being in agreement with the statement as written currently. A few members suggested that the statement be amended and brought back at a later time.

President Sashko asked for a motion to approve the Joint Lake County Statement as presented. Motion by Vice President Johnson Jones, second by Member Larson. Voice vote, none in favor, motion failed.

Nay: 9 - President Sashko, Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Soulakis Ph.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk and Member Larson Ph.D.

Absent: 3 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S. and Member McDowell M.D.

10. Discussion Items

10.1

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Cooper

Attachments: [BOH Report Preliminary Nov 2025](#)

Director of Finance & Administrative Services presented the preliminary schedule of revenues and expenditures as of November 30, 2025 included in the packet.

10.2

North Shore Facility Closure - Hoff

Executive Director Hoff briefed Board of Health Members on the planned closure of the North Shore facility as well as an outline for the closure, anticipated timeline, and plans to

transition services to ensure continuity of care for patients and minimal disruption to the community.

10.3

Workday Status Update - Johnson

Deputy Executive Director Johnson gave an update on the health department's collaboration with the County on the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, Workday.

11. Attachments for Board Review**11.1**

Media Placement Highlights - Johnson

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202601](#)

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Associate Director of Physical Health, Colleen Santos, reported that Governing Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2026. Associate Director Santos also mentioned that the Governing Council will be briefed on the closing of the North Shore facility closing at their next meeting.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update**14. Added to Agenda Items**

None

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Executive Session**18. Adjournment**

President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.