

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, June 24, 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 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 8 - President Sashko, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent 4 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

President Sashko asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Mary Ross Cunningham.

4. Public Comment to the Board

None

5. Awards and Recognition

None

6. Presentations**6.1 [26-0796](#)**

Health Policy Update - Emily Gelber-Maturo

Attachments: [LCHD Policy Update BOH June 2026](#)

President Tim Sashko introduced Public Policy Strategist, Emily Gelber-Maturo and her presentation on the Health Policy and stated there will be trainings available on this topic.

Executive Director, Christopher Hoff stated it is an important time to talk about what happened post session but this is work that goes on all year round. Executive Director Hoff also stated how lucky the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) is to have Emily on the team leading this work.

Public Policy Strategist, Emily Gelber-Maturo presented on the Health Policy update, including what health policy is, why it matters, and the levels of policy. Ms. Gelber-Maturo provided an overview of how the LCHD engages in policy and the highlights of the Legislative Session. Members inquired about the new Legislation and Ms. Gelber-Maturo addressed their questions.

Members inquired about the new Legislation for one home health visit for women who deliver a baby and the \$10 million funding for primary care. Ms. Gelber-Maturo and Director of Prevention, Lisa Kritz addressed their questions.

Ms. Gelber-Maturo also provided an overview of the Legislation that didn't go through.

President Sashko asked Board members how much they new about Legislation and policies and stated there will be trainings in the future for Board members to be ready for the Spring session.

Member Pollina joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

7. President's Report

- 1. President Sashko announced Jean Haag is retiring this Friday.*
- 2. President Sashko stated a notification will go out once the information is confirmed for the services for Dr. Mary Ross-Cunningham.*
- 3. President Sashko thanked Director of Prevention, Lisa Kritz and her department for all the hard work with the safety expo and operation drop box which had a 68% increase this year. Now that Veterans for Hope are affiliated with McHenry and Lake County, the organization is able to do more for veteran's.*
- 4. President Sashko announced Dr. McDowell will be leaving the Board and moving to Montana. President Sashko wished her all the best. Member McDowell thanked everyone and stated she referred a doctor for her replacement.*

8. Consent Agenda

President Sashko called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda and approve items 8.1 - 8.4. Motion by Member Parekh, seconded by Member Belmonte, D.O.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - President Sashko, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent: 4 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine and Member Soullakis Ph.D.

8.1 [26-0791](#)

May 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Meeting Minutes 5.27.26 - DRAFT](#)

8.2 [26-0793](#)

Emergency appropriation of \$20,000 for fiscal year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Tobacco Free Communities grant. - Kritz

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 June 2026 TFC](#)

8.3 [26-0803](#)

Emergency appropriation of \$12,880 for fiscal year 2026, accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Psychiatric Medications Grant. - Esser

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 June 2026 Psych Meds](#)

8.4 [26-0804](#)

Emergency appropriation of \$745,850 for fiscal year 2026, accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Fixed Rate Substance Use Disorder and Gambling Disorder Grant. - Esser

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 June 2026 Fixed Rate SUD](#)

9. Regular Agenda

9.1 [26-0794](#)

Revised Board of Health Bylaws - Sashko

Attachments: [BOH Bylaws 6.24.26 - DRAFT](#)

[BOH Bylaws 6.24.26 - FINAL](#)

President Sashko stated the language was revised for article 5, paragraph E, which is in regards to meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The language was also revised for Article 7, paragraph C, which is in regards to the standing committees, changing the Budget Committee name to Finance Committee and adding more responsibilities.

A motion was made by Member Belmonte, D.O., seconded by Member Cerk, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - President Sashko, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Parekh, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member Larson Ph.D. and Member McDowell M.D.

Absent: 4 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

10. Discussion Items

None

11. Attachments for Board Review

11.1 [26-0795](#)

Media Placement Highlights - Johnson

Attachments: [May Media Placements](#)

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Director of Physical Health, Kim Burke, stated Governing Council met on June 9. In addition to the regular agenda items, the Council also reviewed and made changes to the Bylaws which will be approved at the July meeting. Continuing preparation and education on the Joint Commission as the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) anticipates a visit this calendar year. Director Burke also stated LCHD received HRSA approval to close the North Shore location with a deadline of October 15.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Director of Prevention, Lisa Kritz, stated the Board did not meet but wanted to announce there have been only five Tuberculosis cases identified in 2026, which is trending lower.

14. Added to Agenda Items

None

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Executive Session

None

18. Adjournment

President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.