

Lake County Illinois

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



Minutes Report - Final

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

3:30 PM

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82039457143>

18 N County St, 10th Floor, WAUKEGAN

Housing and Community Development Commission

Roll Call

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to make Commissioner Roberts pro tem of today's meeting. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM.

Guests: Dr Mary Roberson with Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization, Marie W Hall with Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization, Amanda Underwood with Clearbrook, and Don Frick with Clearbrook.

Guests via Zoom: Ashley DeGarma with Third Horizon, Gail Weil with CYN Counseling, Laura Craemer with Allendale, and Vicky Tello with NICASA.

Staff: RuthAnne Hall, Eric Waggoner, Dominic Strezo, Penni Raphaelson, Eric Tellez, Yazmin Albino, Courtney Cymerman, Malin Gembra, Liz Nelson, Michele Slav, and Danielle White. Pam Jeffries via Zoom.

Present 9 - Mary Ross Cunningham, Janet Swartz, Billy McKinney, Bethany Williams, Michael Meehan, Gina Roberts, Michael Knight, Stephanie Victor and Mary Dominiak

Absent 8 - Angelo Kyle, Kathleen O'Connor, Linda Pedersen, Dan Venturi, Anne Flanigan Bassi, Ray Rose, Marah Altenberg and Marc Jones

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 [24-1316](#)

Approval of the Housing and Community Development Commission Executive Committee Minutes September 11, 2024.

Attachments: [Minutes Draft 2024-09-11 HCDC Exec.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ross Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye 9 - Commissioner Ross Cunningham, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Victor and Commissioner Dominiak

Absent 8 - Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Chair Rose, Commissioner Altenberg and Commissioner Jones

2.2 [24-1315](#)

Approval of Minutes September 11, 2024.

Attachments: [Minutes Draft 2024-09-11 HCDC.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ross Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye 9 - Commissioner Ross Cunningham, Commissioner Swartz,
Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner
Meehan, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Knight,
Commissioner Victor and Commissioner Dominiak

Absent 8 - Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen,
Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Chair Rose,
Commissioner Altenberg and Commissioner Jones

3. Chair's Remarks

No Chair Remarks.

4. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

No Public Comments.

5. Old Business

No Old Business.

6. New Business

6.1 [24-1317](#)

Presentation - Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy Report.

Attachments: [Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy Report 2024-10 Executive Summ](#)
[Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy Report 2024-10.pdf](#)

Liz Nelson, Opioid Coordinator, presented the Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy Report prepared by Third Horizon.

Based on this report, Lake County developed a funding plan for program year 2025 (PY2025). The first-year funding will focus on the funding categories: harm reduction, case management and system navigation, and recovery services to decrease in fatal overdoses by five percent and non-fatal overdoses by ten percent. Funding for PY2025 will also focus on racial equity to give priority to projects that impact communities with the highest overdose rates in Lake County (Zion, Waukegan, North Chicago, Round Lake Area, Antioch).

This funding plan details a fair and transparent process with quarterly updates on the funding categories and progress on goals and key performance indicators, as well as, developing a process for ongoing community and stakeholder input.

Liz also outlined the scoring criteria geared toward community impact, program quality, and agency capacity where applications will score higher for targeting hot spot communities and black residents and a service design with an evidence-based strategy.

6.2 [24-1318](#)

Joint resolution approving the Lake County 2025-2026 Opioid Response Funding Plan.

- Lake County is receiving a direct distribution of settlement funds under the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement and anticipates receiving approximately \$9 million no later than 2038.

- Lake County developed a Funding Plan detailing a fair and transparent process including formal and informal feedback from people with lived experience and community members.
- Program Year 2025 will be the first round of funding, and will focus investments in harm reduction, case management and system navigation, and recovery services.

Attachments: [Funding plan.pdf](#)

[Final Report_Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy_100724](#)

[Executive Summary_Lake County Opioid Settlement Strategy](#)

[HCS.October 2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Ross Cunningham, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

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| Aye | 9 - | Commissioner Ross Cunningham, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Victor and Commissioner Dominiak |
| Absent | 8 - | Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Chair Rose, Commissioner Altenberg and Commissioner Jones |

6.3 [24-1319](#)

Approval of the Lake County Opioid Settlement 2025-2026 Goals, Remediation Categories and Scoring Criteria.

- Program Year 2025 will be the first year Lake County solicits applications for Opioid Settlement Funds.
- Applications will be accepted between November 2024 and January 2025.
- Goals in the first year include a 5% decrease in fatal overdoses and a 10% decrease in non-fatal overdoses by April 2026.
- Successful applications will pursue the set goals through the application of the following program strategies: harm reduction, case management and system navigation, and recovery services.

Attachments: [Application Goals and Scoring Criteria.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Ross Cunningham, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

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| Aye | 9 - | Commissioner Ross Cunningham, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Victor and Commissioner Dominiak |
| Absent | 8 - | Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Chair Rose, Commissioner Altenberg and Commissioner Jones |

6.4 [24-1280](#)

Joint resolution approving an extension to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Lake County and the Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) for the completion of 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Records (ERRs).

- On October 11, 2022, Lake County and LCHA entered into an IGA for the completion of 24 CFR Part 58 ERRs.
- To continue services an extension is needed under existing IGA terms and allows for four one-year extensions.
- Lake County and LCHA mutually desire to extend all the terms and conditions of the IGA for the period beginning October 11, 2024, through October 11, 2025.

Attachments: [LCHA IGA Environmental Review 2nd RENEWAL](#)

Dominic Strezo requested an approval to extend the agreement between Lake County and the Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) to perform Environmental Review Records (ERR) on LCHA's behalf for a second extension. LCHA does not meet the definition of a responsible entity to be able to prepare these reports and Lake County does.

approved

- Aye** 9 - Commissioner Ross Cunningham, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Meehan, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Victor and Commissioner Dominiak
- Absent** 8 - Commissioner Kyle, Commissioner O'Connor, Vice Chair Pedersen, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Flanigan Bassi, Chair Rose, Commissioner Altenberg and Commissioner Jones

7. Staff Reports

Dominic Strezo announced that grant applications would be posted to the Community Development webpage Friday, October 11.

8. Adjournment