

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented.

4. Public Comment to the Board**5. Awards and Recognition****6. Presentations**

None

7. President's Report

1. President Sashko introduced the idea of developing and implementing an orientation process for the Board of Health. With daily operations returning to normalcy following the Covid-19 pandemic, this initiative aims to ensure the Board remains aligned with current trends and developments in health governance.

2. Kristi Long, the longstanding President and CEO, will retire effective May 1, 2025. The United Way of Lake County's Board of Directors appointed Quinton Snodgrass as the next President and Chief Executive Officer.

3. President Sashko provided a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 21, which focused on the current status of federal funding and grants. While there have been no significant updates since that meeting, he expressed gratitude to the Board Members who participated and noted that the discussion was productive and valuable for organizational progress.

8. Consent Agenda

President Sashko called for a motion adopt the consent agenda and approve item

8.1. Motion by Vice President Johnson Jones, second by Member Belmonte. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

8.1

February 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2.26.25 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

This matter was approved

9. Regular Agenda

9.1

Proposed Revisions to Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 172, Animals - Mackey

Attachments: [NEW Chapter 172 REVISIONS 2025 DRAFT 2 EHAC approved MARKUP](#)

[Public Hearing Minutes 03.05.2025](#)

[Public Hearing Comments](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the revisions to Lake County Code Chapter 172. Motion by Member Maine, second by Vice President Johnson Jones. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

9.2

Proposed Revisions to the Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Fees Schedule (as authorized in Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 178) - Mackey

Attachments: [ACC Fees Schedule REVISIONS 2025 EHAC APPR](#)

[Public Hearing Minutes 03.05.2025](#)

[Public Hearing Comments](#)

Vice President Johnson Jones inquired about the recent trends regarding individuals surrendering their dogs. Specifically, whether there has been an increase in surrenders and if the implementation of a fee has deterred people from doing so. Larry Mackey, Director of Environmental Health, clarified that the organization works collaboratively with individuals who are unable to afford the fee. Larry further explained that charging a fee is a standard practice.

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the revisions to Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Fees Schedule as proposed. Motion by Member Larson, second by Member Belmonte. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

9.3

Proposed Revisions to the Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Administrative Procedures and Policies (as authorized in Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 172) - Mackey

Attachments: [ACC P&P REV 2025 EHAC APPR](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve the revisions to Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Administrative Procedures and Policies as proposed. Motion by Member Pollina, second by Member DeVaux. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

9.4

FY2026 Proposed Budget Timetable - Cooper

Attachments: [FY26 Proposed Budget Timetable Final \(002\)](#)

President Sashko called for a motion to approve and adopt the Budget Timetable for the purpose of developing the FY2026 budget.

Motion by Member DeVaux, second by Member Pollina. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

9.5

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging / Credentialing / Reappointment - Maine

Member Maine asked for a motion to approve the appointment and reappointment of the licensed independent practitioners:

- Brandon Barrios, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Katelyn Breitenstein, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Evelyn Chou, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Izabela Dlugosz, DDS, Dentist

Motion by Member Maine, second by Member DeVaux. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

9.6

Proposed Revisions to Health Department Employee Policies - Hagstrom

Attachments: [Electronic Communications Redline](#)
 [Electronic Communications](#)

Member Hagstrom asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center employee policy, as presented. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Vice President Johnson Jones. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

10. Discussion Items

None

11. Attachments for Board Review

11.1

Media Placement Highlights - Johnson

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202503](#)

This matter was presented.

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Kim Burke, Director of Healthcare Operations, provided an update on the upcoming HRSA onsite visit, scheduled from May 20 to May 23. Preparations for the visit are underway in collaboration with the Governing Council. During the most recent Governing Council meeting on April 8, 2025, The Governing Council reviewed the Health Center needs assessment to ensure that all Health Centers are adequately equipped to operate efficiently. The Environment of Care Plan presentation was given outlining the annual review of the Environment of Care plan.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, provided a report on the recent Tuberculosis Board meeting held on April 17, 2025. Lisa highlighted two suspected tuberculosis cases currently under investigation and shared updates regarding the tuberculosis exposure incident at Waukegan High School. Out of 156 identified contacts, 146 individuals were successfully tested. 7 of these cases were confirmed as latent tuberculosis infections. Lisa further noted that treatment is underway for 4 of the affected individuals. All contacts will undergo retesting to identify any of the infection and assess further medical requirements.

14. Added to Agenda Items

1. Christopher Hoff, Executive Director, reported that Cook County has confirmed two measles cases in the Chicagoland area, emphasizing the growing threat as case numbers rise. A recent Chicago Tribune article highlighted low vaccination rates in some Lake County schools. While the statistics cited are concerning, the Prevention Department has been proactively working to provide schools with necessary information and tools to help mitigate the spread and improve vaccination rates. Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, shared positive progress, noting that since their last presentation to the Illinois Board of Education, only two schools remain below the 91% vaccination rate threshold. She added that schools have been highly receptive to the resources and educational materials provided by the Health Department, putting the county in stronger standing than the report suggested. Member Belmonte inquired about the possibility of offering on-site vaccinations at schools with vulnerable vaccination rates. Lisa responded that the department is currently directing those schools to our Mobile Clinic Partners. She reiterated the department's primary goal of bringing the remaining "red zone" schools to safe vaccination levels and improving overall community immunity.

2. North Chicago Health Center Update: Angela Cooper and Tracey Campbell are leading efforts to address ongoing issues related to the insurance and vendor handling the flood remediation at the North Chicago Health Center, which experienced severe damage in January 2024. Despite their hard work, the reopening timeline has been delayed by several months. To expedite the process, logistical arrangements are already underway to ensure a swift and efficient move once the site is ready for operations. The department will continue to update the Board of Health with any significant developments regarding the center's reopening.

15. Old Business**16. New Business****17. Executive Session**

President Sashko called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion by Member Pollina, second by Member Belmonte, to enter into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

17.1

Executive Session personnel matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - Sashko

Discussion was held in Executive Session.

18.

President Sashko called for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Member Maine, to come out of Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - President Sashko, Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member McDowell M.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Soulakis Ph.D.

19. **Adjournment**

President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.