

# Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center  
3010 Grand Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085  
Conference Room #3112*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085**

**Lake County Community Health Center Governing  
Council**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Fornero called the meeting to motion at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 8 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Argueta, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent** 3 - Member Aaroneaux, Member Bejster and Member Ross Cunningham

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

This matter was presented.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1**

June 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [GC Meeting Minutes 6.10.25 - DRAFT](#)

*Chair Fornero requested that the minutes reflect his concerns regarding the wording of the Procurement Policy updates shared by Executive Director Christopher Hoff. Specifically, the statement, "Updates to the Procurement Policy will ensure that minority and female-owned businesses receive preferential consideration," was flagged by Chair Fornero as problematic. Chair Fornero noted that, under current legislation, such preferences are deemed illegal and have been nullified by an executive order issued by the current U.S. President, which directs federal agencies and contractors to terminate any such programs.*

*Deputy Executive Director Sam Johnson clarified that, despite the executive order, HRSA, a federal agency and primary funding provider, had requested the changes to the Procurement Policy. Director Johnson acknowledged the apparent conflict between HRSA's requirements and the broader federal guidelines, emphasizing that the organization must continue adhering to HRSA's established rules and regulations. Director Johnson assured the Council that, until further notice or directives are issued, efforts will focus on aligning with HRSA's expectations to meet their compliance standards.*

**Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the June 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion by Member Chuc, second by Member Hernandez. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Argueta, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent:** 3 - Member Aaroneaux, Member Bejster and Member Ross Cunningham

**5. Public Comment to the Council**

None.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

*Deputy Executive Director, Sam Johnson, presented the Executive Director's report on behalf of Executive Director Christopher Hoff. The report included the following updates:*

*1. Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) Passage: Director Johnson reported that the bill has been passed. While the bill includes provisions that raise concerns for the agency, particularly changes to Medicaid eligibility and funding reductions, most changes will take time to take effect. The agency remains vigilant given the direct impact on its operations as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Chair Fornero noted that some states expanded Medicaid previously, but he expressed concern that these expansions may be reversed.*

*2. Legislative Meeting on Public Health: The Lake County Health Department held a productive meeting with several legislators, including a majority of state representatives and senators that represent Lake County, on the importance of public health. During this session, Dr. Ahmed delivered a presentation on measles and tuberculosis, explaining methods for testing and tracking cases.*

*3. Introduction of New Behavioral Health Director: Director Johnson introduced Michele Esser as the new Director of Behavioral Health. Director Esser received congratulations from the Governing Council, along with well wishes for success in her new role.*

## **7. Action items**

### **7.1**

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Reappointment - Burke

**This matter was postponed to the next Governing Council meeting as the Credentialing Committee did not meet for their scheduled meeting due to lack of physical quorum.**

### **7.2**

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging and Credentialing - Burke

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## **8. Presentations**

*None*

## **9. Discussion Items**

### **9.1**

FY2025 Payor Mix: December 1, 2024 - June 17, 2025 - Burke

**Attachments:** [Payor Mix July 2025](#)

*Director of Healthcare Operations, Kim Burke, presented the FY2025 Payor Mix: December 1, 2024 - June 17, 2025 for discussion.*

*The year-to-date (YTD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 payor mix was as follows:*

- Medicaid/Medicaid MCOs: 61%*
- Uninsured: 24%*
- Medicare: 7%*
- Commercial: 6%*
- Grants (other than 330): 2%*

*FY25 YTD payor mix changes from FY24 include:*

- Medicaid/Medicaid MCOs: -6%*
- Uninsured: +4%*
- Commercial: -1%*
- Medicare: +2%*
- Grants (other than 330): +1%*

## **10. Director of Healthcare Operations Report**

### **10.1**

Director of Healthcare Operations Report - Burke

**Attachments:** [FQHC Healthcare Operations Metric Dashboard 07.25](#)

*Director of Healthcare Operations, Kim Burke, reviewed the information provided in the packet. Director Burke reported that as of June 11, 2025, there are 3,026 individuals on our general medicine new client waitlist, 2,689 adults and 337 pediatrics. The total new client wait list has been increased by 156 individuals, 95 adults and 61 children were added to the wait list since the June 10, 2025, report to Governing Council. There are currently 48 new patient appointment slots/week.*

*Chair Fornero raised a concern regarding the potential threat the Big Beautiful Bill poses to Medicaid, specifically questioning whether consumers removed from Medicaid due to these changes would then be counted as uninsured. Director Burke confirmed that this would indeed be the case.*

## **11. Director of Finance & Administrative Services Report**

### **11.1**

Director of Finance & Administrative Services Report - Cooper

**Attachments:** [FQHC May 25](#)

*Director of Finance & Administrative Services, Angela Cooper, provided an overview of the financials through May 2025 included in the packet. The FQHC is currently reporting a loss of \$333,577.*

## **12. Added to Agenda**

*Member Scheurer raised a concern regarding the condition of the maintenance equipment during a recent visit, noting that many lawn mowers appeared to be outdated and in poor condition. Member Scheurer emphasized that this might pose a safety hazard*

*and suggested allocating budget space for newer, more reliable equipment. Director of Finance & Administrative Services, Angela Cooper, acknowledged the concern and assured Member Scheurer that this matter would be considered during budget planning.*

**13. Old Business**

*None.*

**14. New Business**

*None.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None.*

**16. Adjournment**

**Chair Fornero adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.**