

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

11:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Health and Community Services Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Present:

Mark Pfister, Health Department Director

Micheal Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **17-1207**

Minutes from October 3, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Cunningham, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

4. **Addenda to the Agenda**

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. **Public Comment**

There were no comments made by the public.

6. **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman made no remarks.

7. **Old Business**

There was no old business to conduct.

8. **New Business**

8.1 **17-1181**

Joint resolution accepting the Affordable Care Act Meaningful Use Incentive Funds grant from the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$63,750.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister presented on the Affordable Care Act Meaningful Use Incentive Funds grant. Mr. Pfister provided a brief explanation on how meaningful use funds are granted. He also reported that the funds will be used for technology improvement related expenditures for risk mitigation and provided details.

Member Frank inquired on what risk mitigation strategies the department currently uses.

Mr. Pfister responded strategies include restricting staff's ability to add printers or update their computers without the administrator's approval. Additional strategies include hiring third parties to monitor the use of protected health information and monitor the training programs provided on protected health information.

Mr. Pfister clarified that three items will be funded with this grant, including a printer software, the data visualization system and a new eligibility interface.

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Hart, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

8.2 [17-1182](#)

Joint resolution accepting a Direct Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Hepatitis C (HIV/HCV) Testing grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$106,050.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister reported on the grant. He indicated this fund will increase screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Hepatitis C (HIV/HCV) for prioritized populations. The funds will also be used for supplies, travel expenses and to offset staff salaries. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hart, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

8.3 [17-1183](#)

Joint resolution accepting a System of Care grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister, noted this is a large grant for \$1,200,000 for the first year and over the next four years it will total over \$3,000,000. The funds will be used to expand staffing to serve Lake County's youth experiencing behavioral health disorders. He noted this is a step down grant and explained that funds will gradually reduce over the next several years. Billing will increase due to the services provided, to match the reimbursements received. He added that there has been an increasing trend in the amount of adolescents in need of behavioral health services.

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this

resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

8.4 [17-1184](#)

Joint resolution accepting a grant from the University of Chicago Medical Center and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Program.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister reported on the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Program. There are select healthcare providers that need to Continue Medical Education (CME) and the ECHO program provides online training services. The grant covers the cost of the healthcare provider's time during the training. Mr. Pfister added that this program has received positive feedback from healthcare providers.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

Health Department Director Mark Pfister presented on the recent changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Recently, the ACA changed the type of insurance options available for Lake County residents. On average approximately five percent of patients have commercial insurance, 62 percent use medicaid, about eight percent are under medicare and about 25 percent are uninsured.

Member Martini asked if the uninsured percentage has increased or decreased. Mr. Pfister responded that the percentage has decreased from 50 percent to 25 percent. He also added that the health center's are not free clinics and uninsured individuals are charged a \$30 co-payment.

As of the latest enrollment period the current managed care organizations include Meridian, Aetna Better Health, Blue Cross Community, IlliniCare, Cigna HealthSpring, and Humana. Harmony and Molina are two additional organizations that have been added and will start as of January 1, 2018. He added that Aetna Better Health did not make the request for proposal for the State.

Member Frank inquired on Meridian's inability to make payment due to the State. Mr. Pfister responded that Meridian owes the County approximately \$1,000,000.

Discussion ensued regarding how the individuals, insurance companies and health providers work together.

Mr. Pfister reported on the Community Health Centers Fund (CHCF) fiscal cliff for the Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence (CHIME) Act and the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS (CHAMPION) Act. He noted that the CHCF provides more than 70 percent of grant dollars for the County's health center programs and it expired on September 30, 2017, requiring reauthorization. If Congress does not fix the fiscal cliff it may impact the 330 Grant award at the start of the of the next budget period. He reported that the CHIME Act contains a five-year reauthorization with increases in funding, and The House Energy and Commerce Committee marked-up the CHAMPION Act, to extend funding for two-years. The CHAMPION Act will be paid for with reductions in future funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which currently funds 12 percent of the budget for the Centers for Disease Control.

He added that the Children's Health Insurance Program's (CHIP) extension, was included in the CHAMPION Act but there is disagreement over how the extension is paid for. CHIP is currently authorized through 2019, but funding expired on September 30, 2017. The State indicated that if congress does not extend, the current federal funding will last until June of 2018. Discussion occurred on how many children in Lake County are covered under CHIP.

Member Frank suggested that the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee request that a letter be drafted on behalf of the County Board or County Board Chairman in support of reauthorizing funding for the 330 Grant and CHIP. Chair Carlson recommended that the Board of Health also provide their support.

County Board Chairman Lawlor noted that with the consensus of the Committee he could send a letter of support. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Health Department draft a letter of support on behalf of the County Board Chairman.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan reported that an invite will be sent to tour the mental health facility and mental health programs at the Health Department.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Cunningham requested an update on Tobacco 21.

Member Martini requested that a report on the Long Lake's toxic levels be added to the Novemeber or December agenda.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Hart, that this item be adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 2 - Member Calabresa and Member Paxton

Next Meeting: November 7, 2017

Minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Health and Community Services Committee