

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
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Health and Community Services Committee

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application. Individuals may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Health and Community Service Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Danforth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth,
Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Other Attendees:

In Person:

*Abby Krakow, Communications
Damaris Montano, Health Department
Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office
Jenny Brennan, Communications
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Lisa Kritz, Health Department
Mark Pfister, Health Department
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

Electronically:

*Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building, and Development
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development
Esiyah Campos, Board Member
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Liz Nelson, County Administrator's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Nick Principali, Finance
Patrice Sutton, Finance
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. **Chair's Remarks**

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. **New Business**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)

MINUTES

8.1 **23-1747**

Committee action approving the minutes for the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from November 7, 2023.

Attachments: [HCS 11.7.23 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.2 **23-1774**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$2,406 for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [CHP Grant \\$2,406](#)

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.3 **23-1775**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,719 for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [CHP Grant \\$1,719](#)

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.4 [23-1776](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$8,434 for the Cities Readiness Initiative grant.

Attachments: [CRI Grant \\$8,434](#)

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

REGULAR AGENDA

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.5 [23-1771](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Managed Care Organizations payment and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$819,605 for the Directed Payments.

Attachments: [MCO Payments \\$819,605](#)

Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, provided an overview of the Managed Care Organizations funding to improve the Health Department's group home. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.6 [23-1772](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$162,406.38 for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [CHP Grant \\$162,406.38](#)

Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Maine amended their motion to include item 8.7.

Items 8.6 and 8.7 were discussed and voted on together.

Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, provided an overview of the Public Health grant to offset additional salaries and benefits for existing staff.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Maine, that items 8.6 and 8.7 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.7 [23-1773](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$94,246.12 for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant.

Attachments: [CHP Grant \\$94,246.12](#)

Items 8.6 and 8.7 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes in item 8.6.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Maine, that items 8.6 and 8.7 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.8 [23-1793](#)

Presentation and discussion regarding maternal and infant health in Lake County.

Attachments: [Maternal and Infant Health in LC](#)

Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, introduced Lisa Kritz, Health Department Prevention Director, who presented on the maternal and infant health in Lake County. Director Kritz provided an overview of the data for maternal mortality, pregnancy associated deaths in Illinois and Lake County, disparities, chronic conditions, infant mortality, and pre-term births. Executive Director Pfister and Director Kritz also presented on the Lake County Health Department's focus and services. Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, announced Liz Nelson started last Monday and is the new Opioid Coordinator. She will be attending the next Health and Community Services Committee for an introduction and discussion.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Chair Parekh thanked Mark Pfister, Lisa Kritz, and Damaris Montano for their great presentation.

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.