

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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 order at 5:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Present 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Member Aaroneaux, Member Argueta, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Scheurer and Member Young

Absent 2 - Secretary Lara and Member Ross Cunningham

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

This matter was presented

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1

June 11, 2024, Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [GC Minutes 6.11.24 - DRAFT](#)

Chair Fornero commented for the record that the wording in the third paragraph under item 10.1 was not clear but did not ask for any changes to be made.

Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024. Motion by Member Chuc, second by Member Hernandez. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Member Aaroneaux, Member Argueta, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Scheurer and Member Young

Absent: 2 - Secretary Lara and Member Ross Cunningham

5. **Public Comment to the Council**

None

6. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mark Pfister reported on the following:

1. Welcome to Angela Cooper, the Health Department's new Director of Finance and Administrative Services. Angela was previously with the Health Department for a number of years, was promoted to the position of Finance Director for Workforce Development, and then moved to the Circuit Court where she was Director of Administration. All of this growth and knowledge within various County department's will benefit the Health Department.

2. Donna Young and Allen Scheurer, the Governing Council's two newest members, met separately with Mark Pfister on June 21, 2024, for their onboarding. They both asked great questions and are going to be an excellent addition. Their membership is also going to be compliant with HRSA as it brings the Council's consumer membership to 67%.

3. HHS has authorized five states, Illinois, Kentucky, Oregon, Utah, and Vermont, to extend Medicaid and CHIP coverage for adults and youth transitioning out of incarceration, whose health care needs from substance-use disorder treatment to chronic physical health conditions, have historically gone overlooked. These five states join California, Massachusetts, Montana, and Washington.

7. Action items

7.1

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging and Credentialing - Burke

Kim Burke, Director of Healthcare Operations, informed the Council that the Personnel Committee met prior to this regular meeting where they reviewed the five LIPs and recommend approval of their privileging and credentialing.

Member Argueta asked which locations the five LIPs will be assigned to and if there are any plans to retain the three residents upon completion of their residency. Kim explained that the three psychiatry residents see clients out of the 3010 Grand Avenue location. Mercedes Jasso, APRN, will be working in Women's Health at the Belvidere Medical Building (BMB) and once she is fully competencied she will be traveling to other FQHC locations, and Christine Reynolds, APRN, will be seeing clients via telehealth. Member Argueta stated that as a behavioral health patient with the Health Department for the last 9 years, interfacing with the psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, and front desk staff at the Libertyville location, she has overcome behavioral health obstacles and is very grateful to the Lake County Health Department for helping her find her way and thrive.

Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the privileging and credentialing of Dr. Obaada Elhomsy, Mercedes Jasso APRN, Dr. Pragati Mamtora, Dr. Sidra Parveen, and Christine Reynolds APRN. Motion by Member Smith-Taylor, second by Member Bejster. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Member Aaroneaux, Member Argueta, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Scheurer and Member Young

Absent: 2 - Secretary Lara and Member Ross Cunningham

8. Presentations

None

9. Discussion Items

9.1

FY2024 Payor Mix: December 1, 2023 - June 24, 2024 - Burke

Attachments: [Payor Mix July 2024 Attachment](#)

Kim Burke reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

Member Argueta asked what types of services are included for uninsured patients and are specialized services, such as MRI, included. Kim explained that the payer mix is all encounters that occur within the FQHC's which is pediatrics, internal medicine, and family practice, dental, and behavioral health. Specialty services, such as radiology, are not provided within the FQHC's. Those services are referred out and are available to the uninsured patient population. Some to those contracted specialty providers also offer discounts to the uninsured patient population. The Health Department also works closely with Lake County hospital systems and their charity care programs. Another avenue available to the uninsured patient population is Access Lake. Mark Pfister reminded the Council that Access Lake was formed as an Illinois not for profit corporation through the collaboration of Lake County hospital system presidents and will assist eligible and uninsured Lake County residents in receiving low-cost specialty healthcare services and other medical assistance, and by 2025 Access Lake is going to be up and running in a meaningful way.

This matter was presented

10. Director of Healthcare Operations Report

10.1

Director of Healthcare Operations Report - Burke

Attachments: [FQHC Healthcare Operations Metric Dashboard 07.24](#)

Kim Burke reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet and noted that the FTC Deeming application was submitted last month. HRSA did have some questions so the revised application will be resubmitted by Thursday, July 11, 2024.

This matter was presented

11. Director of Finance Report

11.1

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Report - Cooper

Attachments: [FQHC May 24](#)

Angela Cooper, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

This matter was presented

12. Added to Agenda

None

13. Old Business

None

14. New Business

Member Argueta asked why insured clients are asked to provide proof of income at every visit. Kim Burke explained that it is a HRSA requirement and HRSA looks for proof that it

is being done when they come for their audit.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Chair Fornero adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.