

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, April 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 5:45 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent** 2 - Member Aaroneaux and Member Argueta

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

This matter was presented

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1**

March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [GC Meeting Minutes 3.11.25 - DRAFT](#)

**Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion by Member Scheurer, second by Member Ross-Cunningham. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent:** 2 - Member Aaroneaux and Member Argueta

**5. Public Comment to the Council**

None

**6. Executive Director's Report**

*Executive Director Hoff reported the following:*

*1. Director Hoff is currently working on acclimating to the Lake County Health Department and visiting its multiple sites. He hopes to meet the staff, tour the facilities, and gain a comprehensive understanding of the department's operations.*

*2. It is National Public Health Week. Messaging to express gratitude to public health workers will be shared. This year's theme is "It starts with us," so please take a moment to thank any public health worker you may know for their dedication and service.*

*3. Update on Federal Funding Cuts: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has terminated \$11 billion in public health grants. Fortunately, we are not significantly impacted as we do not heavily rely on these grants. However, we are currently assessing the implications of the recent state grant cuts. Our primary focus is to ensure that patients and staff are provided with accurate and factual updates while legal*

*proceedings are underway. Unfortunately, Title X funding has been affected, with funds scaled back statewide.*

*4. HRSA is planning an onsite visit in May. We are working to ensure we are fully prepared and hope that more information regarding funding and Medicaid will be available by that time. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who has contributed to preparing for this visit.*

*5. The North Chicago Health Center's work continues to progress. While the site is not yet open to the public, we are actively working to streamline the opening process and ensure providers are ready to begin as soon as permitted.*

## **7. Action items**

### **7.1**

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Reappointment - Burke

**Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the reappointment of six (6) licensed independent practitioners;**

- Igor Botvinnik, DDS, Dentist
- Landon Brown, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Valentin Cuarto, DDS, Dentist
- Mina Girbes, MD, Pediatrics
- Bindu Mangat, APRN, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Heena Pandya, MD, Psychiatry

**Motion by Member Ross-Cunningham, second by Member Scheurer. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent:** 2 - Member Aaroneaux and Member Argueta

### **7.2**

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging and Credentialing - Burke

**Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the privileging and credentialing of the four (4) licensed independent practitioners;**

- Zeruya Gaddam, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Larry Kaskel, MD, Internal Medicine
- Yasir A Mekki, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Siobhan Romano, APRN, Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner

**Motion by Member Scheurer, second by Member Ross-Cunningham. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent:** 2 - Member Aaroneaux and Member Argueta

7.3

Scope Addition - Service Site: North Chicago Health Center - Burke

**Chair Fornero called for a motion to approve the service site scope addition, adding the NCHC service site to the LCHD/CHC scope as presented.**

**Motion by Member Scheurer, second by Member Ross-Cunningham. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Aye:** 9 - Chair Fornero, Vice Chair Smith-Taylor, Secretary Lara, Member Bejster, Member Chuc, Member Hernandez, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Scheurer and Member Young

**Absent:** 2 - Member Aaroneaux and Member Argueta

**8. Presentations**

*None*

**9. Discussion Items**

**9.1**

Environment of Care (EOC) Plan Update - Smith

**Attachments:** [Environment of Care Plan Annual Review 2025](#)

*Lorraine Harris, Director of Human Resources, presented the Environment of Care (EOC) Plan on Angela Smith's behalf. There were no questions by the Governing Council Members.*

**9.2**

2025 Health Center Annual Needs Assessment - Burke

**Attachments:** [2025 Health Center Annual Needs Assessment](#)

*Kim Burke, Director of Healthcare Operations, presented the 2025 Health Center Annual Needs Assessment included in the packet. There were no questions by the Governing Council Members.*

**10. Director of Healthcare Operations Report**

**10.1**

Director of Healthcare Operations Report - Burke

**Attachments:** [FQHC Healthcare Operations Metric Dashboard 04.25 \(002\)](#)

*Kim Burke, Director of Healthcare Operations, reviewed the report provided in the packet. There were no questions by the Governing Council.*

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

**11.1**

Director of Finance & Administrative Services Report - Cooper

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

*Angela Cooper, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, reviewed the report provided in the packet. There were no questions by the Governing Council.*

**12. Added to Agenda**

*None*

**13. Old Business**

*None*

**14. New Business**

*None*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

**Chair Fornero adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.**