

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/4kx0Xxi>**

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Knizhnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

Other Attendees

In Person:

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Sam Johnson, Health Department

Penni Raphaelson, Planning, Building, and Development

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Electronically:

Yvette Albarran, Purchasing

Abby Krakow, Communications

Todd Vanadilok, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology

Liz Nelson, Connections for the Homeless

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 (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 25-0391

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from February 25, 2025.

Attachments: [HCS 2.25.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.2 25-0404

Joint resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for technical assistance between Lake County and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

Attachments: [CMAP MOU with Attachments Lake County](#)

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, and Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lake County and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is for CMAP to provide technical assistance and project management services for the Lake County Attainable Housing Task Force.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.3 25-0372

Joint resolution approving the Program Year 2025 (PY25) Video Gaming grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$800,000.

Attachments: [PY25 VGR Funding Recs](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to approve the Program Year 2025 Video Gaming grant funding recommendations. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.4 [25-0429](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with Nicasa located in Round Lake, Illinois, for the treatment of gambling disorders in the amount of \$100,000 of Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Funds.

Attachments: [25204 - Gambling Addiction Services Disclosure](#)
 [PY25 VGR Proposal - Gambling Addiction Services](#)
 [Sole Source Memo - NICASA Treatment](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this contract allocates Video Gaming Revenue funds to Nicasa to support the treatment of gambling disorders.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.5 [25-0430](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with Nicasa located in Round Lake, Illinois, to support community awareness and education of problem gambling in the amount of \$100,000 of Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Funds.

Attachments: [25203 - Gambling Outreach Education Disclosure](#)
 [PY25 VGR Proposal - Gambling Outreach](#)
 [Sole Source Memo - NICASA Outreach](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this contract allocates Video Gaming Revenue funds to Nicasa to support community awareness and education of problem gambling.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.6 [25-0434](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with United Way Lake County located in Gurnee, Illinois, for 211 information and referral services in the amount of \$125,000 of Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Funds.

Attachments: [VGR Vendor Disclosure UWLC SIGNED](#)

[Sole Source Memo - UWLC 211](#)

[PY25 VGR Proposal - 211](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this contract allocates Video Gaming Revenue funds to United Way Lake County to support 211 information and referral services.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.7 [25-0384](#)

Joint resolution approving the Program Year 2025 (PY25) Lake County Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) funding recommendations in the total amount of \$500,000.

Attachments: [PY25 OSF Funding Recs](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, and RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, explained that this is a recommendation from the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) for disbursement of the first round of Opioid Settlement Funds. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.8 [25-0405](#)

Joint resolution approving an agreement between Lake County and Community Works for the completion of an Environmental Review Record (ERR).

Attachments: [Environmental Review CPF The Community Works](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this agreement is for the County to work with Community Works to complete an Environmental Review Record on their behalf.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.9 [25-0424](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$43,579 for fiscal year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health Harm Reduction Community Linkages grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 February 2025 Harm Reducti](#)

Sam Johnson, Director of Behavioral Health, Health Department, and Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, explained that this is a grant for public health harm reduction. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

8.10 [25-0427](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials 2025 Infection Prevention and Control Learning Collaborative Project, Mentor grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 February 2025 IPCLC NEW \(](#)

Sam Johnson, Director of Behavioral Health, Health Department, and Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, explained that this is a grant to bolster the County's work in long-term care facilities pertaining to infection prevention and control.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Casbon

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 29, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on May 6, 2025, by the Health and Community Services Committee.