

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:00 PM

3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL

Lake County Board of Health

1. Call to Order

Vice President Ehrlich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

2. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1**

April 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 4.27.22 - DRAFT](#)

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve the April 27, 2022, minutes.

Motion by Member Simpson, second by Member Johnson Jones. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

4. Public Comment to the Board

None

5. Awards, Recognitions, Appointments and Reappointments**5.1**

2022 Model Practice Award - Pfister

Mark Pfister reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet and thanked LCHD's Medical Epidemiologist, Dr. Sana Ahmed, and her team for their hard work and diligence in developing and improving the Test To Stay program. He reminded the Board that the research was done for the CDC who then highlighted it at the White House press briefing on how effective it was. A link to Dr. Ahmed's presentation at the NACCHO conference in July will be shared with the Board when available.

This matter was presented

6. Presentations

None

7. President's Report

None

8. Action Items

8.1

Illinois Department of Human Services 999 Sustainability Grant - Johnson

Attachments: [BH 999 Sustainability](#)

Nick Caputa, Associate Director of Behavioral Health, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Member Johnson Jones. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

8.2

Request for Proposals - Pharmacy and Consulting Services for LCHD/CHC #22006 - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom, Director of Business Operations, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. Member DeVaux asked if this is a new program. Nick Caputa stated it has been part of the residential programs (WRS, ATP, CCP) for the last 5 years so this is a renewal with the existing vendor.

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve. Motion by Member Belmonte, second by Member DeVaux. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

8.3

Request for Proposals - E-Consult Services for LCHD/CHC #22025 - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. Member Belmonte asked if all specialties are represented and where are the providers credentialed. Dr. Zun explained that most, if not all specialties, are represented. The providers are all board certified and qualified by the corporation. They are not consulting directly with the patients, they are directly advising our providers.

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve. Motion by Member Belmonte, second by Member Johnson Jones. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

8.4

Ratify Emergency Procurement for Housekeeping Services - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve. Motion by Member DeVaux, second by Member Belmonte. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

8.5

Provider Appointments and Reappointments - Pollina

Mark Pfister explained that the Credentialing Committee meeting immediately preceding this regular meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Therefore, this item will be postponed and brought back to the Credentialing Committee and the Board on June 22, 2022.

Motion by Member Simpson to suspend this item, second by Member Belmonte. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

8.6

Revised 2022 Board of Health Committee Appointments - Pfister

Attachments: [2022 BOH Committee Appointments - REVISED](#)

Mark Pfister informed the Board that President Sashko has revised the 2022 committee appointments due to the resignation of Member Tracey Schultz. Revised committee appointments will also be brought to the Board at the June meeting due to the recent departure of Member Wendy Rheault.

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to approve. Motion by Member Hagstrom, second by Member Simpson. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 5 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

9. Discussion Items**9.1**

Proposed Revisions to the Lake County Board of Health Bylaws - Pfister

Attachments: [BOH Bylaws 5.25.22 - Draft Changes](#)

Mark Pfister informed the Board that various changes to the bylaws have been reviewed and approved by Board legal counsel Lisle Stalter. The changes on page 6 and 7 are to allow members to attend meetings and vote through video means if there is due cause based on the reasons noted, but in order for that to happen there must be a physical quorum present in the Board Room. The changes on page 4 would move the business of the Board to a consent agenda which is what the County Board uses. The benefit of a consent agenda is that action on all routine non-controversial business items (i.e., minutes, committee appointments, etc.) can be taken through one motion, one second, and one vote. Member Simpson, who is a County Board member, stated that if there is an item on the consent agenda that any member wants to discuss or does not support, they simply need to raise their hand and ask that it be pulled from consent and moved to the regular agenda. Mark asked the Board to review the changes provided in their packet and to contact him or Lisa Kroeger with any questions or additional changes as the bylaws will be presented for approval at the June 22, 2022, meeting.

This matter was presented.

10. Attachments for Board Review**10.1**

Media Placement Highlights - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights April](#)

This matter was presented

11. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Mark Pfister informed the Board that HMA, the management consultant, has met with management staff and are providing recommendations on how we can improve and prepare for moving forward with value-based care thinking and concepts. Ensuring the management team has a good understanding of value-based care is a critical first step in this process. HMA is also going to be making recommendations on job descriptions and roles, and ensuring we have standardization across all of our FQHC sites. The complete results will be brought to the Governing Council for their review as they are in charge of FQHC operations. A presentation on the results can be brought to the Board of Health in July, if that is something the members desire. The entire process has been a very positive experience for staff as well as leadership.

12. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

No update at this time.

13. Added to Agenda Items

None

14. Old Business

Mark Pfister provided the following updates:

Adenovirus: The working hypothesis is that adenovirus type 41 is the possible cause of the recent children's hepatitis cases of which there are none in Lake County. As of May 18, 2022, in the United States there have been 180 persons from 36 jurisdictions under investigation. The racial and ethnic breakdown is unknown. Greater than 90% have been hospitalized, 8% have required a liver transplant, 5 deaths have been investigated, and greater than 50% have been confirmed as related to the adenovirus. The infection is with and without co-factors such as lack of exposure to others during the COVID-19 pandemic, co-infection with another pathogen such as COVID-19 or SARS-COV-2, prior exposure to SARS-COV-2, long COVID, toxins, drugs, or other environmental exposures. This may be a new pathogen. The evidence is that this virus is not a well recognized cause of hepatitis in healthy children, the pathology is not consistent with typical adenovirus hepatitis in immunocompromised children. And the evidence of viral infection is not yet being detected in the liver. There are still a lot of unknowns but it is relatively rare in the United States. At the international level, as of May 13 in the euro-region, there was 232 cases reported from 14 countries.

COVID-19: In Lake County, there are 314 cases per day on a 7-day rolling average which is down from last week's 340 cases. We are starting to see a plateau in reported cases, but we know they are under-reported because people are testing at home and not reporting positive cases. Hospitalizations have seen a slight uptick and the majority of those being hospitalized are unvaccinated. Deaths are down as there has been only six since May 1, 2022. Member Simpson asked about the current vaccination rate in 5 to 11 year olds. Mark stated that this has been a disappointing age group as Lake County has been sitting at 47-48% for two months. While parents may be feeling that the virus isn't going to be harmful to their children, our statement is, "Why take the risk?" The vaccines have been shown to be very low risk and if your child does get COVID-19, why risk being the one to be hospitalized and potentially die. For those age 65 and above, more than 98% have at least one dose and close to 90% have two doses. Now that boosters are available we expect to see more people getting them. And for those fully vaccinated and boosted, the risk of hospitalization and death is extremely low. The omicron variant currently circulating is BA.2 and it is very infectious. Lake County may move to "high" community level on Friday, May 27, due to the number of hospitalizations and not the number of cases. If that happens, we will be strongly recommending that people mask in public places.

Monkey Pox: It is not transmitted through the air like COVID-19 (droplets required) and, at this point, it is mainly in populations where men are sleeping with men. The cases in the United States are linked to individuals that traveled abroad. And it's been reported that a number of individuals connected to two raves that took place in Europe is where the monkey pox is potentially emanating from.

15. New Business

None

16. Executive Session

None

17. Adjournment

Vice President Ehrlich called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Member DeVaux, second by Member Johnson Jones. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.