

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

6:00 PM

In person or via Teams or Phone

**3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL or
www.lakecountyil.gov/boardofhealthmeeting or 1-224-518-1819,**

Lake County Board of Health

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board of Health President, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference and not in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed public comments received by 8:30 a.m. the day of the meeting will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received or, at the discretion of the Board President, with the agenda item the comment addresses. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. Please note: Public Comment is limited to three minutes per individual or spokesperson pursuant to the Board of Health Bylaws. All comments received will be included in the Board's meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

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- Subject Title: Lake County Board of Health Meeting
- Name
- Street Address (Optional)
- City, State (Optional)
- Phone (Optional)
- Organization, agency, etc. being represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois, may provide public comment. Public with no access to email may leave a message

with the Board of Health Office at 847-377-8118.

1. Call to Order

Member Belmonte joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. and therefore was not present for the vote to approve the April 28, 2021 minutes.

President Sashko called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent 1 - Member Cesnovar

2. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1

April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 4.28.21 - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member DeVaux, that the April 28, 2021 minutes be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

Not Present: 1 - Member Belmonte D.O.

4. Public Comment to the Board

President Sashko informed the Board that a public comment was received on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from Kristen LaManna of Wadsworth, IL in regard to agenda item 9.1, COVID Expenditures, and that Assistant State's Attorney Lisle Stalter is on as parliamentarian for the purposes of public comment, per the Board of Health bylaws.

Ms. LaManna was not present so President Sashko read her comment in to the record followed by the response provided by Pam Riley, Director of Finance.

Comment: "What is the breakdown for Account 03- Contractual (72560 "All Other Rentals") for \$9,995.00? Since the grant money for this has appeared to have run out, is this coming from the General Fund?"

Response: "The item charged to 72560 is for two months of tent rental for the drive

through tents and other tents we had at 3010 Grand Avenue earlier this year for mass vaccinations. We requested County Cares to pay for this expense along with the other commodity and contractual expenses on this sheet. As of yesterday, Assistant County Administrator Matt Meyers wants to see if FEMA will reimburse us and not County Cares. Unless we get reimbursed by FEMA, County CARES or County ARPA, the Health fund is paying for all the costs on this sheet."

5. Awards, Recognitions, Appointments and Reappointments

None

6. Presentations

None

7. President's Report

President Sashko reported on the following:

- 1. He attended Spirit Day at the Lake County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 23, 2021. The volume desired was not reached, but he had the opportunity to spend some time with Dr. Amaal Tokars, the new IDPH Deputy Director, and her husband touring the facility. She was very complimentary of Lake County Health Department's success and stated that while the Health Department's numbers were down, it is more successful than other areas of the state.*
- 2. A letter from Village of North Barrington President Eleanor Sweet McDonnell was received by Rebecca Kumar, EMA Specialist, on the great work the Health Department team has been doing in its COVID-19 mass vaccination response.*
- 3. Mark Pfister, Executive Director, received a nice thank you from County Board Member Carissa Casbon in regard to Lake County Health Department's outreach efforts to engage the LatinX community in its COVID-19 mass vaccination response. Member Casbon stated that Dulce Ortiz, Executive Director at Mano a Mano Family Resource Center in Waukegan, was particularly effusive about the work of the Health Department team and their willingness to receive feedback and change course when necessary. As a result, LatinX community members feel heard and respected, and commented that the Health Department approached the COVID-19 issue with an equity lens from the beginning and that it has made all the difference.*
- 4. He and County Board Chair Sandy Hart corresponded via a letter to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) on the status of the Risk Assessment and when to expect results from them relative to what started with the Ethylene Oxide concerns with Vantage Chemical in Gurnee and Medline Industries in Waukegan. He reminded the Board that new state regulations were passed and mitigation efforts have been completed by both of those companies. ATSDR has responded and provided some information as to the status of the Risk Assessment report. Subsequent to receiving that data, IDPH would use it to conduct the Cancer Incidence Study by census track for the areas involved as a retrospective look for major variations that may have occurred in cancer incidence over the past 10 years or more. The cancer incidence study is not a*

vision of the future, but what has happened to-date. He anticipates hearing something in the next coming months with the study being communicated by IDPH closer to late summer or fall and will keep the Board abreast of any changes.

5. He updated the Board on the corrective work to be done to the sidewalk at the main entrance of the 3010 Grand building as part of the lobby project. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by end of June.

6. Hannah Goering, Marketing and Communications Manager, is leaving the Health Department. Her last day will be Friday, June 4, 2021. Since joining the Health Department over 4 years ago, her efforts have enhanced our overall presence, and communication in the community has expanded ten fold. Looking back on Health Department annual reports, social media communications, public engagement processes like 2-1-1 and more, the agency has really hit the mark with reaching more of the population it serves, and that is prior to COVID-19. The work she has done with her team, Emily Young and Brian Louie, and during COVID-19 through Joint Information Center (JIC) partnerships with the County and so much more is amazing. Early in the pandemic he worked with her to plan the community stakeholder meetings with Lake County Partners, Lake County Municipal League and Lake County United and she never hesitated and was ready to meet the challenge early on with very important messaging to our partners. Those meetings went on week after week, month after month and always contained so much information that the amount of effort was and has been exemplary. The videos done for marketing, COVID-19 response and more and her dedication to the public health message, have the Health Department much further along than it was and she will be missed very much. Many thanks from the Board of Health on a job well done.

He then turned the floor over to Mark Pfister.

1. Mark informed the Board that June 27, 2012 is the day Lisa Kroeger came to work at the Lake County Health Department after being with the Lake County Clerk's Office for 6.5 years. She started at the Health Department as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Population Health Services, the position he held at that time, and in March 2017 transitioned to the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Lisa has worked with Mark since she joined the Health Department and tonight she is being recognized for 15 years of service to the County. Lisa is exceptional in her role.

2. President Sashko reminded the Board that years of service are recognized annually, usually in the spring, but that due to COVID-19 this year it may be done in the fall. Every year employees with 10, 15, 20 years and more of service are recognized and the milestones and commitment evidenced by those years is very impressive. And those milestones and commitment don't come without good leadership. This year Executive Director Mark Pfister is celebrating 30 years with the Health Department. He started as interim Executive Director in June 2016 and was appointed as Executive Director in January 2017. President Sashko noted that he has had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Health through four Executive Directors who served the Health Department very well, but that Mark has been exemplary in navigating so many different things for the

agency, in what he has brought to the organization, and in the professional and personal friendship he and Mark have developed all of which are critically important to the success of an organization. His work and that of his executive team during the pandemic, the reorganization of the agency and what it represents in public health and primary care, the successes, and the partnerships with outside organizations is impressive. Mark thanked President Sashko for his kind words and added that it is nice to be honored along with Lisa Kroeger as she has been the glue that holds him together day after day.

8. Action Items

8.1

North Chicago Health Center Renovations Bid #21020 - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom, Director of Business Operations, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Belmonte, that this item be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

8.2

X-Ray and Ultrasound Services Request for Proposal #21070 - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member DeVaux, seconded by Member Johnson Jones, that this item be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

8.3

Illinois Department of Public Health, Local Health Protection Grant, Additional Funding \$55,050 - Grant Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [LHPG \\$55K](#)

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Pollina, that this item be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

8.4

Illinois Department of Human Services Lifeline Call Center Stipend, \$5,000 for Behavioral Health - Funding Approval - Johnson-Maurello

Attachments: [LCCS \\$5k](#)

Sam Johnson-Maurello, Director of Behavioral Health, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. He noted that there is going to be a 3-digit nation-wide suicide hotline number of 988 which is being implemented state by state. The State of Illinois is currently working on it and has asked the Lake County Health Department for its assistance in the planning as it is one of six national suicide hotline affiliates in the state. Member Maine stated that this is a great idea as the Health Department has spent a lot of time promoting other suicide prevention hotlines but asked what the plan is for redirecting calls from those other hotlines to the nationwide one. Sam explained that the existing 800 number suicide prevention hotline is being converted to the 3-digit number so both numbers will work. Currently, only 30% of those calls generated from within Illinois are answered in Illinois, the rest are answered in other states. The Federal Government has said that by July 2022, 100% of the calls generated from within Illinois will be answered in Illinois which is why they have said that states now must increase their crisis continuum. So the State is going to have to invest in more and/or larger call centers which is what the Health Department will be assisting them with. Member Maine stated that more important than who answers the phone calls is a place for the caller to go and asked if that is being looked in to. Sam explained that a grant through Global Crisis was recently applied for to provide more crisis services (therapy, psychiatry, detox, rehab), but not more crisis centers which remains a challenge. Member Maine asked if a call of this nature comes to 2-1-1, does 2-1-1 redirect it, and how many of those calls does 2-1-1 receive. Sam stated that 2-1-1 staff are trained to handle some lower level crisis calls, but if overly complex they will transfer it directly to the Health Department's crisis line. Sam and President Sashko will provide Member Maine with the information pertaining to 2-1-1 call volume. Mark followed up on Member Maine's comment regarding crisis centers and stated that the Health Department has been working on mental health parity for payment and for reimbursement to be the same as medical, which is something that has had a lot of support this legislative session. For more providers to come in we need to have parity or payments higher so that it is just more than our providers serving this clientele.

A motion was made by Member Schultz, seconded by Member Belmonte, that this item be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

8.5

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Reaccreditation - Pfister

Mark Pfister reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. He noted that prior to the meeting of the Board's Executive Committee, he and President Sashko had a meeting with PHAB to discuss with them the value of accreditation because the cost of it has gone up dramatically, unlike The Joint Commission (TJC) accreditation which is actually paid for by HRSA. Additionally, by being accredited by TJC, the Health Department gets TORT immunity and the base level of over \$4M for the 330 grant for the FQHC, as well as TJC assuring we have good patient safety and quality of care when they come to do their site reviews. With PHAB there were several things they said were going to happen when we became accredited, such as we would only be able to apply for certain grants and that CDC would help fund the accreditation, neither of which has happened. PHAB has stated that if the Health Department does not become accredited now, it would have to start over in order to be accredited later. They offered the option of extending our accreditation for one year for a deposit payment of \$1,850 while we decide whether or not to move forward. Member Hagstrom asked that Mark mention how much the reaccreditation would cost. Mark stated that the cost for the last 5 years was \$20K. Currently, the reaccreditation alone is \$16K with an additional annual payment of \$11K for a total of \$71K. He also added that we've created a quality management system and the different methodologies to meet the domains, so it's not that we don't have the evidence to become reaccredited, it's the value add of doing so.

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, seconded by Member DeVaux, that this item be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

8.6

Provider Appointments and Reappointments - Maine

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Ehrlich, that the providers presented for appointment and reappointment be approved. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Member-at-Large Maine, President Sashko, Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D. and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Cesnovar

9. Discussion Items

9.1

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures as of March 31, 2021 - Riley

Attachments: [Finance Report Mar 2021](#)

[COVID-19 Exp as of April 2021](#)

Pam Riley, Director of Finance, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet pointing out that the planned budget deficit is at \$4M. Mark added that he had Pam include the non-grant funded agency COVID-19 expenses for FY2021 so that the Board could see what the expenditures have been that we currently don't have reimbursements for. Some of which may be able to be claimed against FEMA, CARES Act, or ARPA. Member Maine asked if the \$4M budgeted deficit includes the \$1.9M COVID-19 expenditures. Pam stated that it does.

10. Attachments for Board Review

10.1

Media Placement Highlights - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights - April 2021](#)

11. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Mark informed the Board that HRSA will be doing their virtual site review August 3-5, 2021.

12. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

There was no update.

13. Added to Agenda Items

President Sashko announced that the Board of Health regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 will be cancelled. Lisa Kroeger, Executive Director Assistant, will send out a cancellation notice and inform Communications so that they can update the Board of Health web page and notify media.

14. Old Business

None

15. New Business

None

16. Executive Session

None

17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Maine to adjourn the meeting. President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.