

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

10:30 AM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Law and Judicial
Committee, whichever is later.**

**Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to
attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3xd4ebm>**

Health and Community Services Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and this Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item.

Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to publicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Legislative (Subject line for written Public Comment)
 - * Name (REQUIRED)
 - * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
 - * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
 - * Phone Number (Optional)
 - * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * * *To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> * * *

0. [21-1171](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Others present:

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Angela Panateri, Communications

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Catherine Sbarra, County Board

Sandy Hart, County Board

Paul Frank, County Board

Mike Danforth, County Board

Christopher Anderson-Sell, Communications

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call of Members**

Present 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

** Electronic Attendance: All Members*

4. **Addenda to the Agenda**

5. **Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

6. **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Simpson stated that Lake County is in the orange for COVID. She asked everyone to stay safe.

7. **Unfinished Business**

8. **New Business**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-1132](#)

Minutes from June 29, 2021.

Attachments: [HCS 6.29.21 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.2 [21-1089](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Human Services stipend and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Lifeline Call Center Stipend.

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

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

Not Present: 2 - Member Barr and Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.3 [21-1090](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$55,050 for the Local Health Protection Grant.

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

Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, gave an overview of the Public Health grant to offset existing staff's salaries and fringe benefits.

Member Casbon joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Member Barr joined the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

Not Present: 2 - Member Barr and Member Casbon

8.4 [21-1117](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the COVID-19 Contact Tracing grant.

Attachments: [COVID-19 Contact Tracing \\$3M](#)

Mark Pfister, Health Department Director, gave an overview of the grant for funding for the Contact Tracing Grant which has been extended to December 31, 2021. A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to the vaccine.

Ann Maine left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

8.5 [21-1118](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 for the HIV/AIDS Quality of Life Program grant.

Attachments: [HIV-AIDS QLP \\$25K](#)

Mark Pfister, Health Department Director, gave an overview of the additional funding for preventing the transition of HIV/AIDS and risk reduction.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

9. **County Administrator's Report**

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. **Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

11. **Members' Remarks**

Vice Chair Altenberg asked Director Pfister questions in regards to the vaccine and mask requirements. Director Pfister stated if someone is still not sure about the vaccine to talk to their health care provider. The individual school districts will decide on the mask requirements. The Health Department has recommended districts to follow the CDC

guidelines.

Member Roberts stated that all of the Committee members need to spread the word about the vaccine.

Member Barr asked a question in regards to the Ambassador's. Director Pfister stated if there are any medical questions the Ambassador's should advise them to consult with their provider. They have been trained not to give any medical advice.

Chair Cunningham stated the virus is affecting young people and encouraged them to get the vaccine.

Member Casbon asked when the date will be approved for kids. Director Pfister stated Pfizer will most likely be the first to get approval. The vaccine would be the same just a smaller dose for children. The vaccine may not be approved until the end of 2021 or beginning on 2022.

Member Danforth stated there are issues with the talking points for the Ambassadors and stated the Ambassadors should tell constituents to consult their medical doctor. Discussion ensued.

Member Frank asked how to combat people from receiving inaccurate information. Director Pfister stated again that people should talk to their health care provider. Constituents will not be forced to get the vaccine.

Chair Hart stated that she is so grateful to Director Pfister and the Ambassadors for all of their work.

Member Altenberg also thanked the call center volunteers with assisting the Health Department.

Director Pfister stated the Delta variance is much more contagious and dangerous than the other COVID-19 variances.

Member Roberts thanked Director Pfister.

12. Adjournment

Chair Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 31, 2021

Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Respectfully submitted,

Health and Community Services Committee, Chair