

# **Lake County Illinois**

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

**10:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at*

**Present** 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

*Others present:*

*Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chair*

*Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator*

*Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office*

*Marc Curan, Lake County Sheriff*

*Ray Rose, Lake County Sheriff's Office*

*Steve Carlson, County Board Member*

*Linda Pedersen, County Board Member*

*Terry Kuss, Planning Building & Development*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The chair led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Approval of Minutes****3.1 [15-0232](#)**

Minutes from February 24, 2015.

**A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hart, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

**4. Added to Agenda**

*There were no items added to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

**6. Old Business**

*Member Calabresa informed the committee regarding a discussion she had with County Chair Lawlor and the heroin legislation that is being introduced. She petitioned a whole hearted support of the committee members and encourage our Lake County legislators to pass these pieces of legislation. Board Chair Lawlor noted the one legislation is regarding the liability issue and it is Lake County's desire for the language to be a little stronger.*

**7. New Business****PUBLIC DEFENDER****7.1 [15-0224](#)**

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of January 2015.

**A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Weber, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

**PROBATION****7.2 [15-0239](#)**

Presentation on the Lake County Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative.

- Discussion on Mental Health and its impact on the Jail and Judicial System.

*Amy McEwan gave a brief introduction on the mental illness challenges presented to the County. Rose Gray, Director of Adult Probation of Lake County presented to the Committee. In 2014 Lake County was awarded a grant. The grant is known as the Lake County Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative. The grant was written by NACASA and it's intent is to address several needs for high need individuals on probation.*

*Steve Fabre, Assistant Director of Probation Department, continued the presentation addressing the heroin problem in Lake County. There is an increase of death from heroin in this county. Drug and alcohol use is affecting 41,000 people in Lake County. Part of the focus of the grant is to get the different service entities to work together in collaboration to assist the probationers who have mental health issues or drug addiction. More stakeholders are continuing to be added to the collaborative to get the system of recovery going and sustaining that system.*

*With this grant Lake County is receiving:*

- dual diagnosis counselors who work with the population who have anti social behavior
- housing advocate
- recovery specialist
- information system to share information across agencies
- comprehensive training
- mapping to divert people away from the criminal justice system and into services

*Amy McEwan shared one thing that has come out in the studies is that this has to be a community solution. It has to be collaborative. It is a challenge but it's a goal to treat the whole patient including housing, employment and transportation.*

*Committee members thanked the Probation Department for their work on this grant and for presenting the information to the Committee.*

**8. Executive Session**

*There was no executive session.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Weber, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart and Member Weber

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Paxton

*Minutes prepared by Terry Kuss.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Law and Judicial Committee*