

Lake County Illinois

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

11:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham,
Member Frank and Member Paxton

Absent 1 - Member Martini

Others present:

Carol Calabresa, County Board Member

Linda Pedersen, County Board Member

Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation

Angela Cooper, Workforce Development

Jennifer Everett, Workforce Development

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Celeste Flores, Lake County Resident

Shantel Franklin, Finance and Administrative Services

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Barbara Klipp, Midwest Sustainability

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

Jack Lichar, Lake County Resident

Larry Mackey, Health Department

Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator

Pat Muetz, Lake County Resident

Kathleen O'Connor, Libertyville Township

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Doug Reed, Lake County Resident

Conor Schultz, County Administrator's Office

Ann Taylor, City of Waukegan, Alderman

Robin VanSickle, Health Department

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [18-1333](#)

Minutes from August 7, 2018.

Attachments: [HCS 8.7.18 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hart, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Frank

3.2 [18-1334](#)

Minutes from August 28, 2018.

Attachments: [HCS 8.28.18 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hart, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Frank

4. Addenda to the Agenda

Chair Carlson reported that the discussion regarding ethylene oxide concerns will be included in today's agenda.

5. Public Comment

Barbara Klipp, on behalf of Midwest Sustainability, acknowledged the passing of Henry Hendersen, former director of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Ms. Klipp expressed concern regarding the toxicity of ethylene oxide emissions in Lake County.

(Member Frank arrived at 11:06 a.m.)

Ms. Klipp identified efforts that are occurring on the state and federal level. Sierra Club is requesting that the county support air monitoring, ask the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to review its risk calculations for Lake County, and contact its elected officials to revoke these organizations licenses until further investigation has been conducted.

Celeste Flores, Faith in Place, expressed concern with the level of ethylene oxide emissions in Lake County. She requested the public be educated on the effects of ethylene oxide.

Ann Taylor, City of Waukegan Alderman, Ninth Ward, also expressed concern regarding the health risks of ethylene oxide.

Doug Reed, Lake County resident, expressed his concern regarding the use of ethylene oxide in Illinois, noting that there are other options available that do not have the toxicity level as ethylene oxide.

6. Chairman's Remarks

7.1 [18-1494](#)

Ethylene oxide emissions update.

Attachments: [Ethylene Oxide Emissions in Lake County Update](#)

Chair Carlson indicated that the purpose of this discussion is to gather information and understand the exposure risk of ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions to Lake County. Health Department Director Mark Pfister, indicated that the County was not informed by the Illinois Environment Protection Agency (IEPA) or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) of ethylene oxide emission concerns. He reported the Health Department learned about the situation from a Chicago Tribune article published on November 2, 2018 regarding ethylene oxide (EtO) emission concerns related to Medline Industries, Inc. in Waukegan and Vantage Specialty Chemicals, Inc. in Gurnee.

Mr. Pfister indicated that EtO is a colorless gas used in manufacturing of several industrial chemicals and as a sterilizing agent for medical equipment and supplies. Exposure to EtO can be made through direct inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact. The United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA) updated the risk status of EtO to carcinogenic to humans in December 2016.

The Health Department is working with local, state and federal agencies to obtain more information. A meeting has been requested with the Illinois EPA and the USEPA to determine next steps. A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request has been filed with the Illinois EPA to obtain EtO emissions data for Sterigenics, Medline, and Vantage for the last 10 years, copies of facilities' air operating permits and violations occurring in the past 10 years, and permissible EtO emission levels at these facilities.

Mr. Pfister clarified that the Lake County Health Department does not license these facilities, nor does it have the ability and equipment to test EtO levels through its facilities. The Health Department has requested that the USEPA complete an outdoor air quality monitoring in Lake County.

(Member Frank left the room and Member Paxton left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.)

Substantial discussion ensued regarding whether there is data showing if there is a cancer cluster. Mr. Pfister indicated that individuals with cancer can register themselves in a database, but it is difficult to track how the cancer started, noting that people are more transient. He noted that the cancer data on file is from 2014.

An update by the Health Department was presented.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8.1 [18-1365](#)

Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Job Center of Lake County for Program Year 2018 and authorizing the MOU to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Attachments: [LWIA1 One-Stop Operating Budget.pdf](#)
[Job Center of Lake County MOU 2018.pdf](#)

Jennifer Everett and Demar Harris, Workforce Development, presented a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding for the Job Center of Lake County for program year 2018. Ms. Everett noted the addition of two new partners.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hart, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 4 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa and Member Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.2 [18-1364](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Grant and Rapid Response grant modification and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$47,565.

DeMar Harris, Workforce Development, reported this grant will cover personnel costs. Workforce Development is working with 13 employers and has enrolled 64 impacted workers in training and education programs.

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa and Member Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.3 [18-1328](#)

Joint resolution consenting to both the merger of the former Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH), along with its Lake County Long-Term Affordable Housing Requirements and Grant Funding Commitments with the Lake County Residential Development Corporation (LCRDC) and the transfer of all Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) of Lake County Grant Funding Commitments to a newly merged 501 (c) 3 entity, that retains the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) of LCRDC and the name of CPAH.

Attachments: [Consent Letter #2 for Governmental Agencies \(#4833-0914-7253v1\)](#)
[CPAH Letter to Lake County 10-5-18](#)
[AHC Letter to Lake County 10-2-18](#)

(Member Frank recused himself from this item, citing a possible conflict of interest.)

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development, reported on the merger of the CPAH, LCRDC, and the AHC to new 501(c) 3 entity. The entity will be housed in Libertyville, Illinois. This resolution is to transfer funding commitments from the CPAH and ACH to the newly merged entity and authorize the Interim County Board Chairman to sign a Consent letter.

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa and Member Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.4 [18-1293](#)

Joint resolution approving an update to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Round 1 Substantial Amendment.

Attachments: [2018 NSP 1 Action Plan Amendment.pdf](#)

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development, indicated that items 8.4 and 8.5 are related. She reported there is a need to shift grant funding on projects that were previously approved by the Lake County Board as part of the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) closeout requirements.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Calabresa, that items 8.4 and 8.5 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 4 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa and Member Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.5 [18-1292](#)

Joint resolution approving First Amendment to the 2018 United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Action Plan.

Attachments: [2018 AAP First Amendment_Redline.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Calabresa, that items 8.4 and 8.5 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 4 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa and Member Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.6 [18-1341](#)

Update regarding application to Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning/Regional Transit Authority (CMAP/RTA) Community Planning Program for technical assistance in developing a potential transit focus in Lake County's five-year community development and housing plan.

(Member Frank returned to the meeting at 12:10 p.m.)

Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation, Kathleen O'Connor, Libertyville Township Supervisor, and Jodi Gingiss, Community Development, updated the committee on Lake County Coordinated Transportation Service Committee's (LCCTSC) paratransit study. The study revealed that there are specific gaps in employment transit, particularly to those who utilize paratransit services.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal entitlement can be used on public services, including transit services. Community Development is partnering with the Division of Transportation to apply for a technical assistance grant from the Regional Transit Authority to assist in planning by the Housing and Community Development Commission while LCCTSC, or a new entity, considers which transit gaps to address first.

An updated was provided.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.7 [18-1262](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 for the Vivitrol grant.

Attachments: [DHS SUPR Vivitrol Budget](#)

Health Department Director Mark Pfister indicated that this grant will be used to purchase medication to help individuals combating opioid and alcohol addiction.

Member Cunningham gave a brief update on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Peer Exchange Conference she attended, noting that there are programs that have been created throughout the country to allow individuals to get this medication for free.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Calabresa, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Frank

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

8.8 [18-1355](#)

Joint resolution amending the Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Fees Schedule (as authorized in Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 178).

Attachments: [Revised ACC fees schedule](#)

Larry Mackey, Health Department, and Health Department Director Mark Pfister presented. Mr. Mackey indicated that amendments to the Health Department Animal Care and Control Fee schedule includes a \$10 fee for distemper vaccination, but noted that this is not a mandatory vaccination. The relinquishment fee is being increased to \$50 (from \$25). He also noted that there is a provision in the fee schedule stipulating the parameters in which the County will provide animal removal services. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Hart, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Frank

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

8.9 [18-1371](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Anonymous Foundation grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 for the School-Based Health Center.

Attachments: [Anonymous Foundation 50K](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Frank

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

8.10 [18-1372](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Health Resources and Services Administration grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$119,771 for quality improvement funding.

Attachments: [HRSA QI 119K](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Frank

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

8.11 [18-1374](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$88,155 for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

Attachments: [IBCCP 88K](#)

Health Department Director Mark Pfister indicated that Lake County has received additional grant funding in the amount of \$88,155 which will be utilized for new salary and benefit costs and for costs associated with conducting mammograms.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

8.12 [18-1375](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Health Resources and Services Administration grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$406,176 for expanding access to quality substance use disorder and mental health services.

Attachments: [SUD MH 406K](#)

Health Department Director Mark Pfister indicated that this grant will be used to expand

medication-assisted treatment services related to quality substance use disorder and mental health services.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham and Member Frank

Absent: 1 - Member Martini

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

8.13 [18-1332](#)

Update on the expansion of behavioral health capacity in Lake County.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister reported the County received a SAMSHA grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 over five years. These funds will be used to expand behavioral health capacity in Lake County. Efforts including working with PADs of Lake County to set up mental illness and substance abuse health care teams and housing individuals who are susceptible to mental health issues. A Mental Health Awareness Training grant in the amount of \$375,000 over a three year period will be used to hire one person who will train 30 individuals per year. These individuals will, in turn, train an anticipated 2,250 community members over the lifetime of the grant funding. The County has received \$406,176 for medication-assisted treatment services. Finally, the County has received \$500,000 in grant funding for a comprehensive opioid abuse psych-based program. This funding will be used to hire three additional people to expand capacity to improve speed on assigning people to in-patient/out-patient treatment. Lastly, the County has received grant funding to expand A Way Out Program.

Discussion ensued.

An update on the expansion of behavioral health capacity in Lake County was provided.

9. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

Interim County Administrator Amy McEwan reported that the Rules Committee will meet on November 12 and 14 specifically to discuss county board constituent fund spending.

Ms. McEwan reported on her efforts to contact Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission, to notify him of two grant opportunities through video gaming revenue and Community Development Block Grant funds, which could potentially be utilized to supplement his existing staff.

10.1 [18-1331](#)

Update on the Draft Fiscal Year 2019 Legislative Agenda.

Attachments: [Draft 2019 Legislative Program AHLC 11.7.18](#)

Member Carlson indicated that there have not been any changes to the legislative program since the October 2, 2018 committee meeting.

11. **Members' Remarks**

There were no remarks from members.

12. **Adjournment**

Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Health and Community Services Committee