

# **Lake County Illinois**



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**Main Conference Room - LC Dept. of Transportation  
600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL**

**HCDC Advisory and Recommendation Committee –  
Public Services**

## 1. ROLL CALL

*The meeting of the Housing & Community Development Commission's (HCDC) Public Services Advisory & Recommendation Committee (ARC) was called to order at 2:06 p.m. Jodi Gingiss, the Community Development Administrator, welcomed Kathleen O'Connor to the Committee.*

*Guests: Debra Lewis and Mary Roberson of NIRCO; Maya Ziv-El and Katie Pinter of Prairie State Legal Services; Cindy Houser and Christine Kizawa of Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association; Laura Ramirez of A Safe Place; Ashley Styx, Pam Davis and Margie Millar of Catholic Charities; Elizabeth Thielen of Nicasa; Eric Foote of PADS Lake County; Colleen Lennon of Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance; Susan Shulman of North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic; Deanna Olmem of United Way of Lake County; Jackie Lynn of ElderCARE; Megan McKenna and Dulce Ortiz of Mano a Mano; Susan Resko of The Josselyn Center; David Mangus of YouthBuild Lake County; Katie Foster and Donna Maya of Arden Shore; Trisha Blythe of Youth Conservation Corps; Nick Baird and Jess Bonnot of Center for Enriched Living; John Idleburg and Lawrence Oliver of the Lake County Sheriff's Office; Joy Gossman of the Lake County Public Defender's Office; Sandra Hart of the Lake County Board; and Cassandra Torstenson and Donna Jo Maki of the Lake County Administrator's Office*  
*Staff: Eric Waggoner, Jodi Gingiss, Brenda O'Connell, Irene Marsh-Elmer, Eric Tellez and Laura Walley*

**Present** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

**Excused** 1 - Commissioner Leonard

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.1 [19-1003](#)

Approval of the January 25, 2019 Minutes

**Attachments:** [1.25.19 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Dominiak, to approve the January 25, 2019 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

### 2.2 [19-1543](#)

Approval of the May 31, 2019 Minutes

**Attachments:** [5.31.19 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dominiak, seconded by Commissioner**

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**Pedersen, to approve the May 31, 2019 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

**2.3 [20-0373](#)**

Approval of the September 20, 2019 Minutes

**Attachments:** [9.20.19 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Dominiak, to approve the September 20, 2019 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not on the agenda)**

*Susan Resko, of The Josselyn Center, informed the ARC that her agency will soon open a new community mental health center in Waukegan, at 415 Washington Street. The center will offer outpatient therapy, psychiatry and case management, among other services.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 [20-0316](#)**

PY2020 Video Gaming Revenue Applications - Review, Discussion and Recommendations

*Presented by Jodi Gingiss, Community Development Administrator; Irene Marsh-Elmer, Grant Administration Specialist; and Eric Tellez, Planner*

*Laura Ramirez, of A Safe Place, asked that the ARC members favorably consider the two applications submitted by her agency.*

*Elizabeth Thielen, of Nicasa, explained the gambling disorder services offered by Nicasa, which includes education, outreach and addiction therapy.*

*Funding Recommendations:*

*United Way of Lake County – 211 system - \$100,000*

*Arden Shore – Behavioral Health Intern Supervisor - \$75,000*

*CASA Lake County – Behavioral Health Services - \$38,000*

*The Josselyn Center – Behavioral Health Services - \$25,330*

*PADS Lake County – Homeless Outreach - \$27,673*

*A Safe Place – Behavioral Health Services - \$34,000*

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*A Safe Place – Department of Child & Family Services - \$15,000*  
*Zacharias Center – Behavioral Health Services - \$15,500*  
*Nicasa – Gambling Addiction Services - \$58,000*  
*Nicasa – Gambling Outreach & Assessment - \$62,000*  
*Catholic Charities – Behavioral Health Services - \$25,000*  
*ChildServ – Trauma Therapy - \$25,000*  
*One Hope United – Structured Psychotherapy - \$18,000*  
*Youth Conservation Corps – Year-round YouthBuild - \$35,000*  
*Youth & Family Counseling – Behavioral Health Services - \$18,000*  
*Consumer Credit Counseling Services – Financial Literacy - \$5,000*  
*Lake County Health Department – Community Support Services - \$25,000*  
*Total VGR funds allocated - \$601,503*

*There was a discussion on the \$100,000 in funding that had not been designated within the initial award recommendations. Staff asked the ARC if it wished to hold a second application round for the \$100,000 or to award increased funds to the currently recommended applicants. The ARC's instructions to staff for allocating the funds is detailed within the motion that follows.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Dominiak, to forward the Video Gaming Revenue funding recommendations, once staff fully allocates the available \$701,503, per ARC instructions of fully funding the Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications, maintaining the Tier 3 allocation of \$5,000 for Consumer Credit Counseling Services and presenting vetted allocation increases to Tier 4 applicants to the Housing & Community Development Commission (HCDC) at its next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

**5.2 [20-0361](#)**

Public Services Responses to Call for Five-Year Projects - Presentations

*Presented by Jodi Gingiss, Community Development Administrator*

*The developers or agencies of the 5-year project applications each gave a short presentation of their projects. The ARC members then asked questions about the projects.*

*Funding Recommendations:*

*Crisis Drop-off Center – Seed Capital - \$50,000*  
*Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization – Seed Capital – \$25,000*

**A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to forward the Call for Five-year Projects funding recommendations, as**

noted above, to the HCDC for approval, with instructions to staff to locate funds to increase the award for the Crisis Drop-off Center from \$50,000 for consultants to 80% of the purchase price of the \$190,000 property discussed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

**5.3 [20-0404](#)**

PY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Applications - Review, Discussion and Recommendations

*Presented by Jodi Gingiss, Community Development Administrator; Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator; Irene Marsh-Elmer, Grant Administration Specialist; and Eric Tellez, Planner*

*The Five-year applicant agencies that presented brief overviews of their proven housing programs were Catholic Charities, the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic and Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS), each for their agency's homelessness prevention program. PSLS also presented its Fair Housing Services program, which uses public services funding. These specific programs will not have to apply annually, but only every fifth year.*

*Jodi Gingiss asked Eric Foote, of PADS Lake County, to address this ARC about his agency's Five-year project, which had been reviewed by another ARC, so that the Public Services ARC would be aware of the project, which could help meet gaps addressed within the Gaps Analysis. He spoke about a proposed fixed-site homeless shelter, for which the agency is recommended to receive funding for capacity building.*

*Colleen Lennon, of Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA), thanked the ARC for her agency's current funding, which allowed them to improve their services and to reach additional people. She then spoke about AAHAA's founding, purpose and growth. The current application would help to fund the transportation needs of their patients.*

*Jackie Lynn, of ElderCARE, informed the ARC about the increasing number of senior citizens that utilize ElderCARE's services for transportation to medical appointments and grocery stores and for friendly home visits to help decrease senior isolation. She thanked the ARC for her agency's ongoing funding.*

*David Mangus, of YouthBuild Lake County, said that his agency had applied for transportation funding so that they could recruit students from the western area of Lake County, where they had found a definite need for their training program.*

*Dulce Ortiz, of Mano a Mano, spoke of the classes that are provided to recent immigrants, helping them increase their skills and, thereby, their educational or employment opportunities and to help them to lift themselves from poverty. She thanked the ARC for*

*helping to fund these programs.*

*Funding Recommendations for Five-year proven housing programs:*

*Catholic Charities – Homelessness Prevention - \$140,000*

*North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic – Homelessness Prevention - \$20,000*

*Prairie State Legal Services – Homelessness Prevention - \$20,000*

*Prairie State Legal Services – Fair Housing Services - \$39,700*

*Funding Recommendations for annual Public Services programs:*

*PADS Lake County – Uber - \$10,000*

*Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance – Healthcare & Transportation - \$15,809*

*Center for Enriched Living – Adaptive Equipment - \$6,542*

*ElderCARE @ ChristChurch – Age in Place - \$25,000*

*Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association – Transportation - \$12,500*

*Arden Shore – Positive Parenting – \$30,449*

*Mano a Mano – Productive Parenting - \$30,000*

*Partnership for a Safer Lake County – Diversity Study Circles - \$10,000*

*YouthBuild Lake County – YouthBuild - \$25,000*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to forward the Public Service funding recommendations, as shown above, to the Housing & Community Development Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

*There were no staff reports.*

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Dominiak, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Connor