

# Lake County Illinois



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, October 8, 2021

1:00 PM

Via Zoom or Phone (312) 626-6799

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

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

**PUBLIC VIEWING:** Per the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available at 500 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville, Illinois and is limited to the number of persons practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged.

Public comments received by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021 will be read at the appropriate time in the agenda. Please note: A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per public comment. All comments received will be included in the meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

Public comments shall be emailed to [communitydevelopment@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:communitydevelopment@lakecountyil.gov) with the following information:

- Subject title: Housing and Community Development Commission
- Name
- Organization
- Topic or agenda item

Meeting participants will also be able to post written comment in the meeting chat box.

**1. Roll Call**

*The meeting of the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) Public Services Advisory and Recommendations Committee (ARC) was called to order at 1:04 pm.*

*Guest: Deanna Olmem, United Way Lake County*

*Staff: Brenda O'Connell, Dominic Strezo, Damon Coleman, Eric Tellez, Michele Slav, and Joy Rice*

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

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Dominiak

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 [21-1580](#)**

Approval of the March 4, 2021 minutes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Dominiak

**3. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)**

*There were no public comments.*

**4. Old Business**

*There was no old business.*

**5. New Business**

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5.1 [21-1576](#)

Approval of the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Human Services Application.

*Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator*

*Brenda informed the Committee that the Human Services application is for ESG, CDBG-PS (Lake County, Waukegan, and North Chicago) and County Video Gaming Revenue. She also gave an overview of two changes staff is proposing for the 2022 program year to facilitate the process for applicants; multi-year applications and fundable tactics, with the fundable tactics being prioritized and requesting applicants detail how their proposed project(s) align with said tactics.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, that the Approval of the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Human Services Application be forwarded to the Housing and Community Development Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Leonard

5.2 [21-1577](#)

Presentation: United Way Lake County 211 data and community need.

*Presented by Deanna Olmem, United Way Lake County*

*Deanna shared data and statistics from 211's 2021 fiscal year of operation. She reported the total number of calls and texts related to COVID-19 issues equaled 62% of the total calls and texts received in 2021. She noted that the top communities in Lake County that contact 211 are Waukegan, Zion, Round Lake, Gurnee, North Chicago, Antioch, Mundelein, Grayslake, Vernon Hills, and Lake Villa, but that each year, 211 has been contacted by every zip code in the county. Statistics were presented detailing the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of those who reached out for assistance throughout the year as well. In total, 18,423 needs were requested via 10,780 total calls and/or texts in 2021. The majority of needs presented (7,853) were related to housing and shelter needs while utility assistance was second (2,982) and food was third (1,152). The satisfaction rates for 211 were reported as 91% of participants saying their needs were met, 72% learned about a new resource, and 94% would recommend the service to friends/family.*

**5.3 [21-1474](#)**

Discussion: Program Year 2022 (PY22) Public Services (PS) needs, funding, trends and best practices.

*Presented by Brenda O'Connell*

*Brenda explained that there is currently an unprecedented needs in behavioral health, rental assistance and available affordable units, and food security.*

*Brenda gave an overview of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding including the one-time award amount (\$6,025,377), the guidelines for its spending, and the activities eligible to receive award funding. She also noted that projects in all four ARCs may be considered and that the HOME-ARP funds will be an amendment to the PY21 Annual Action Plan. Also a tentative timeline was provided foreshadowing the PY22 application round.*

**6. Staff Reports**

*There was no staff report.*

**7. Adjournment**

*Brenda declared the meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.*