

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois
Conference Room #3112*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

6:00 PM

**Via Teams: www.lakecountyil.gov/boardofhealthmeeting2022 or
1-224-518-1819, Conference ID 737 171 4#**

Lake County Board of Health

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Written Determination of Need of the Lake County Board of Health President, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference and in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

PUBLIC VIEWING: Participation in the meeting will be via Teams (<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/boardofhealthmeeting2022> or 1-224-518-1819, Conference ID 737 171 4#). Please note that by joining the meeting by video or audio conference your name or phone number may be visible (in whole or in part) to others participating in the meeting. Per the Written Determination of Need of the Lake County Board of Health President, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed public comments received by 8:30 a.m. the day of the meeting will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received or, at the discretion of the Board President, with the agenda item the comment addresses. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. Please note: Public Comment is limited to three minutes per individual or spokesperson pursuant to the Board of Health Bylaws. All comments received will be included in the Board's meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

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- Subject Title: Lake County Board of Health Meeting
- Name
- Street Address (Optional)
- City, State (Optional)
- Phone (Optional)
- Organization, agency, etc. being represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 3rd Floor of the Lake County Health Department at 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois, may provide public comment. Public with no access to email may leave a message with the Board of Health Office at 847-377-8118.

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President's Determination of Need to Meet by Audio or Video Conference.

Attachments: [Determination of Need for BOH Mtgs to be Held by Audio or Video 8.18.21](#)

1. **Call to Order**

President Sashko called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Member Johnson Jones joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and, therefore, was not present for the approval of the minutes. Member Maine had to leave the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and, therefore, was not present to vote on the action items.

Present 11 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

Absent 1 - Member Simpson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1

November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 11.17.21 - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Member Rheault, seconded by Member Belmonte, that the minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Cesnovar, Member Maine and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Johnson Jones Ed.D.

4. **Public Comment to the Board**

President Sashko informed the Board that there is public comment to the Board tonight by Julia Becich, Executive Director for Human Resources, and Lauren McArdle, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, for Lake Zurich School District 95. He then turned the floor over to the Board's parliamentarian and legal counsel, Lisle Stalter from the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. Lisle informed Ms. Becich and Ms. McArdle of the guidelines under which they can make public comment, that they each have 3 minutes to speak, and that she will be timing them. Ms. McArdle provided the following statement:

"First, we want to say thank you for the Lake County Health Department's responsiveness

and willingness to collaborate on COVID-related matters over the course of the past several years. We wanted to give a special thank you to Ms. Pat Brady in particular who has been an excellent resource to our district and has always been willing to consult or to seek out additional information as needed whenever we work with her. As we continue to navigate the COVID landscape as a school district, we are seeking additional considerations and flexibility to support the operation of our system and to maximize in-person learning opportunities for students. We are thankful that test-to-stay has now been extended to students exposed during lunch periods and see this as a significant step in allowing more students to remain in school under this protocol. We believe a next step for consideration could be extending test-to-stay to other exposures, such as non-household exposures outside of school, which would allow even more students to remain in-person. Lake Zurich District 95 would be willing to collaborate with LCHD to pilot a program and collect data to this end, should this option be entertained. We are also seeking considerations for testing requirements for returning to school. At present, we will accept home tests to inform the district of a positive case but will not accept a negative home test. With free home tests now becoming available to families we are concerned that these resources will be effectively wasted, should families still need to get a confirmatory lab test (including using tests within our own District for this purpose, as we are a CLIA facility) in order for the result to be considered "valid." Please consider districts' ability to accept both negative and positive home tests as a means for documenting COVID results so that we can preserve not only testing supplies, but also our personnel resources as our nurses are already overextended."

Ms. Becich provided the following statement:

"Additionally, related to testing, we would advocate that additional testing resources be made available to school districts. As the administrator overseeing testing opportunities, I have been successful in partnering with several labs to provide PCR testing options for voluntary screening as well as for symptomatic testing for staff and families. However, our best opportunities for keeping staff and students in school is the ability to utilize the BinaxNow rapid antigen testing kits. Over the course of the last several months, we have either not received our full test kit order or have not received testing kits at all. If additional testing resources continue to be not available or severely limited, at this time we would strongly advocate and request reconsideration of test-to-stay requirements - to include the number of times students are required to test if remaining symptom-free during this protocol. We would also advocate for the acceptance of home antigen testing for these purposes to reserve the very scarce resources in test kits. It would seem contrary for the federal government and insurance companies to offer for free the same test kits we use to families but not allow districts to accept those tests when conducted at home. This would mean we would be utilizing two tests for each person if the rule of not accepting a negative at home test continues. Lastly, we are advocating for local control over the collection of COVID-related data, review of our data, and decisions related to school operations - to the greatest extent possible. We have experienced difficulty communicating the need for

restrictive mitigation measures with some of our stakeholder groups - as our internal data has consistently suggested a low rate of transmission in schools. We do value our partnership with LCHD and other health agencies, but we have also found that blanket requirements set forth for the county have not met the needs of our community. I would also add that as a parent of two students in our own district, I want to stress the importance of not only the physical well-being of our students but also their social-emotional health as well. It is incredibly critical that we do everything possible to stay in person for students, offer them opportunities to connect with teachers - but also with their friends and peers. Local control of mitigations would allow us to focus on the unique and specific needs of our students and staff (as noted above). Thank you in advance for your consideration, and for the opportunity to share during public comment. We continue to be willing to share our data and to participate in pilot programs (as has been the case in the past), if it would support your decision-making process with some of the matters outlined above. We look forward to further updates from our LCHD liaisons following this meeting."

5. Awards, Recognitions, Appointments and Reappointments

None

6. Presentations

6.1

Health Informatics and Technology (HIT) 5-Year Blueprint - McMillan-Wilhoit

Attachments: [HIT Five Year Road Map 2022](#)

Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Director of Health Informatics and Technology, reviewed his presentation as provided in the agenda packet. President Sashko congratulated the HIT Team on their accomplishments as a result of the pandemic and in spite of it. Member Johnson Jones gave kudos to Jefferson and his team for pivoting during the crisis and understanding the importance of the critical need for information technology as IT is critical to the organization and is the first area we should be looking at to ensure we continue to move forward. She also noted the critical need for IT staff and the salary necessary to retain and sustain those individuals.

This matter was presented.

7. President's Report

President Sashko reported on the following:

1. He has been working with Executive Director Mark Pfister on Mark's 2021 evaluation and will be getting it out to the Board for review and comment very soon. He asked the Board to be mindful of the time for returning comments and ratings so that he can complete the evaluation in concert with the Governing Council and have the approval set for the Board's February 23, 2022, meeting. He informed the Executive Committee members that there will be a special meeting or two prior to the regular February meeting.

2. On the legislative front, Board members need to pay close attention to HB4238 (HCA1)

and SB3935 covering the creation of the Rebuild Illinois Mental Health Workforce Act.

- a. Currently, Illinois has a very low rating with only half the national average in use of community health care.
- b. Nearly 800,000 Illinoisans have substance abuse disorders.
- c. The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that only 23% of these people can get any kind of care.
- d. Prior to the pandemic, the workforce was already declining and now it is worse given the impact of COVID, the great resignation, and more.
- e. There are literally thousands of open positions statewide.
- f. We still suffer from the disproportionate impact on our residents of color in receiving services due to workforce shortages.
- g. Both Bills support modernizing community-based, outpatient funding to retain and recruit staff and shrink the wait list surge.
- h. The coalition supporting this legislation includes over 50 partners, with names we all know like NAMI, Catholic Charities, Transitions, Thresholds, Illinois Association for Behavioral Health, and more.

The Senate Bill has been referred to the Assignments Committee with no further action other than Co-Sponsors being added. The House Bill has over 60 co-sponsors, one of the largest he has ever seen, and has been assigned to the Appropriations-Human Services Committee, so it will likely have a hearing in the House Committee before the Senate Bill would move. He asked the Board to stay tuned for legislative alerts from him when the time comes, and he will send them a cut sheet on the Bills tomorrow.

3. He attended the IDPH training today on TB and it became a little technical, but was somewhat informative and he believes he will have some documentation to send out to the Board that is being provided post event.

4. There is a lawsuit filed against 146 school districts/schools across the state, and against ISBE, the Governor, and IDPH to get a judge to rule against the executive order of masking in schools and quarantining contacts that would invalidate those Executive Orders. Eight school districts in Lake County could be impacted based on the parents who supported the lawsuit financially. If the judge rules for a temporary restraining order (TRO), the plaintiffs attorney would like it to apply to all parents, staff and students in that district. He will keep the Board abreast of what is going on and anticipates potential action this Friday. He also expects the Attorney General to appeal.

8. Action Items

8.1

Illinois Department of Public Health, COVID-19 Mass Vaccination, \$1,436,200 - Grant Increase and Extension Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [BOH-PRE-COVID-19 Mass Vaccination-1b](#)

Larry Mackey, Director of Environmental Health, reviewed the information provided in the

agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Rheault, seconded by Member Belmonte, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.2

Illinois Department of Human Services, Family Case Management, \$142,180 - Grant Increase Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [BOH-PRE-FCM-1b](#)

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet for action items 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4.

President Sashko announced that action items 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, will be bundled and addressed under one motion, second, and vote.

A motion was made by Member Belmonte, seconded by Member Johnson Jones, that items 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4 be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.3

Illinois Department of Public Health, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, \$55,996 - Grant Increase Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [BOH-PRE-PrEP-1b](#)

This matter was approved.

8.4

Illinois Department of Public Health, Influenza Vaccine Promotion, \$25,000 - New Grant Approval - Kritz

Attachments: [BOH-PRE-IVP-1b](#)

This matter was approved.

8.5

FY 2021 HRSA ARP Health Center Construction & Capital Improvements (C8E) - \$927,053 - Grant Approval - Nordstrom

Attachments: [HRSA C8E \\$927K](#)

Jerry Nordstrom, Director of Business Operations, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet and modified the Suggested Motion to be, "To approve the grant funding of \$927,053 from the Health Resources and Services Administration and to approve an emergency appropriation in that amount and to recommend to the County Board an emergency appropriation in that amount be added to our FY 2021 budget."

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, seconded by Member Rheault, that this item be approved as modified. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.6

FY 2022 Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation - Grant Approval - \$200,000.00 - Zun

Attachments: [ILCHF & DDILF \\$200K](#)

Dr. Les Zun, Medical Director, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet. Member DeVaux asked if the 37 case managers and case workers were part-time and if that is where the money is going. Dr. Zun explained that the case managers and case workers are currently funded by the Pandemic Health Navigator grant which only goes until June 2022, but we are hoping there will be an extension. If it is not extended, the program will have to be redesigned to use fewer community health care workers. Mark Pfister added that we do have other grants we will be able to use to fund some of those workers, just not the same number of them.

A motion was made by Member DeVaux, seconded by Member Johnson Jones, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.7

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Solid Waste Enforcement, \$31,902 - Contract Increase Approval - Mackey

Attachments: [BOH-EH-SWEC-1b](#)

Larry Mackey, Director of Environmental Health, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member DeVaux, seconded by Member Rheault, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.8

Ratification of Crisis Care System Program, \$2,295,984; \$1,906,759 replacement, additional and new Illinois Department of Human Services funds and \$389,225 in new program income to Behavioral Health - Grant/Program Income Approval - Johnson

Attachments: [CCS \\$1.867M](#)

Sam Johnson, Director of Behavioral Health, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Pollina, seconded by Member Hagstrom, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.9

Ratification of Illinois Department of Health and Family Services - \$74,000 - Additional Medicaid Match Funds Approval - Nordstrom

Attachments: [MM EA LMS \\$74K](#)

Jerry Nordstrom, Director of Business Operations, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Belmonte, seconded by Member Johnson Jones, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.10

Ratification of Learning Management System Award of Request for Proposal #21110 - Nordstrom

Jerry Nordstrom, Director of Business Operations, reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Member Rheault, seconded by Member Hagstrom, that this item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.11

Ratification of Provider Appointments and Reappointments - Maine

In the absence of Credentialing Committee Chair Maine, Credentialing Committee Member Belmonte reviewed the information provided in the agenda packet for action items 8.11 and 8.12.

President Sashko announced that action items 8.11 and 8.12 will be bundled and addressed under one motion, second, and vote.

A motion was made by Member DeVaux, seconded by Member Rheault, that items 8.11 and 8.12 be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

8.12

Provider Appointments and Reappointments - Maine

This matter was approved.

8.13

2022 Board of Health Committee Appointments

Attachments: [2022 BOH Committee Appointments](#)

A motion was made by Member Hagstrom, seconded by Member Belmonte, that this

item be approved as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Member Rheault Ph.D., Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Vice President Ehrlich M.D., Member Belmonte D.O., Member Schultz, Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member Johnson Jones Ed.D., Member Cesnovar and President Sashko

Absent: 1 - Member Simpson

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

9. Discussion Items

9.1

Annual Review of Cooperative Operational Agreement - Pfister

Attachments: [BOH GC COA 2.23.22](#)

Mark Pfister, Executive Director, asked the Board to review the attached document and to submit the changes they feel are necessary to either him or to Lisa Kroeger prior to the February 23, 2022, regular meeting as it will be on the agenda for approval.

This matter was presented.

10. Attachments for Board Review

10.1

Media Placement Highlights - Nordstrom

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202112](#)

This matter was presented.

11. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Mark Pfister informed the Board that one new Governing Council member was added at the Council's meeting on December 14, 2021, but that unfortunately another member resigned as of January 24, 2022, giving the Council a total membership of 9 which is the minimum required by HRSA. Recruitment efforts continue as he would like no less than 10 members to avoid going below the HRSA minimum should another member leave.

12. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, noted that the TB Board met on Thursday, January 20, 2022. They did a budget and end of year review. Closing stats for 2021 are: 10 active cases, 61 suspect cases, 1249 Illinois' National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) cases reviewed, and 1000+ tests performed of which 5% (50) were latent. New TB staff have been hired and we are still looking to add more TB providers.

13. Added to Agenda Items

None

14. Old Business

None

15. New Business

None

16. Executive Session

None

17. Adjournment

President Sashko called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Member Rheault. President Sashko adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.