



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Health & Hospitals Committee**

**10:30 AM**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Deer asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore Concerned citizen

**23-4891**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/19/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 23-4891. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**23-3564**

**Presented by:** ISRAEL ROCHA JR., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health & Hospitals System

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Department of Public Health

**Report Title:** Cook County Department of Public Health SemiAnnual Health Outcome Disparities Report

**Report Period:** January June 2023

**Summary:** This is the semiannual Health Outcome Disparities Report provided by the Cook County Department of Public Health.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve 23-3564. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**23-3815**

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN P. DALEY and ALMA E. ANAYA,  
Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THEIR COVID19 AND OTHER DISEASES OF CONCERN IMMUNIZATION and MITIGATION PLANS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in treatment protocols and the availability of vaccines, COVID19 continues to be a serious disease across the U.S. and Cook County, and;

**WHEREAS**, as of November 30, 2022, there have been 655,646 confirmed cases of SARSCoV2 in Suburban Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health with 7,309 reported deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2022, the FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID19 Vaccine and the PfizerBioNTech COVID19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines (in individuals in individuals 18 years of age and older for Moderna and 12 years of age and older for PfizerBioNTech) for use as a single booster dose at least two months following primary OR at least two months following monovalent booster vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA has also revised the EUA of the Moderna COVID19 Vaccine and the PfizerBioNTech COVID19 Vaccine to remove the use of the monovalent Moderna and PfizerBioNTech

COVID19 vaccines for booster administration for individuals 18 years of age and older and 12 years of age and older, respectively; however, they continue to be authorized for use for administration of a primary series for individuals 6 months of age and; and

**WHEREAS**, the Novavax COVID19 vaccine is currently approved for individuals 12 and up; and

**WHEREAS**, the everchanging nature of this virus has necessitated routine updates for the benefit of Commissioners and the public to stay abreast of the latest mitigation and vaccine protocols, proving essential to combatting the pandemic and to building back better; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is the Illinois certified local health department for suburban Cook County, Illinois, with the exception of Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney Township, serving 127 municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) working alongside the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security is charged with making the COVID19 vaccines available to people in CCDPH's jurisdiction of suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, CCDPH is continuing to work with partners at all levels, including hospitals, health care providers and community leaders, to develop flexible and responsive COVID19 vaccination programs that can accommodate different vaccines and increase uptake of boosters by informing the public and advertising about the vaccines importance with the Boost Up Cook County COVID and flu vaccination campaign, which is particularly important due to the possibility of a 'Triplememic' of COVID, Flu and RSV this winter; and

**WHEREAS**, equally important has been to ensure the vaccines are distributed in an equitable fashion, prioritizing those areas and residents of the county that have been most impacted by COVID19 as a result of longstanding disparities in healthcare system access and delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, as of November 30, 2022, CCH and CCDPH have administered 1,625,108 million complete vaccine series to suburban residents or 71% of the total population; however, only 14.8% of the population is up to date on recommended vaccines to include boosters.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee convene a meeting to discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health's COVID19 mitigation and vaccination efforts for Suburban Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Department of Public Health and any other identified Cook County entity involved in Cook County's COVID19 response will provide quarterly COVID19 updates to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee starting in September of 2023. This will include but not be limited to their COVID19 vaccine plans, contract tracing and mitigation plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID19 or any other infectious diseases of concern for Suburban Cook County including analyses of the latest data on age, geographic, racial, and other pertinent category impacts.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to defer 23-3815. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)



Chairman



Secretary

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