



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois (Board Room  
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**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**Fourth Set**

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**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HOW PATIENTS GET REFERRED TO SHORT -AND LONG-TERM NURSING HOMES**

**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of knowledge on how to ascertain accessibility to short- and long-term health care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, there are an insufficient number of facilities throughout Cook County to address chronic illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to have highly trained and skilled social workers to aid families and patients on accessibilities to facilities or general health care information; and

**WHEREAS**, several initiatives to include quality care for nursing home patients is a challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to have competitive wages in order to attract and retain social workers, registered nurses, and other professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare fails to cover a broad range of elderly's healthcare needs, such as long-term care, prescription drugs, dental care, basic preventive services, eyeglasses, and hearing aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid provides significant assistance for nursing homes and other long-term care expenses. However, restricted eligibility rules make benefits available to less than half of those with income below \$11,000; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners request a convening of the Cook County Health and Hospitals to conduct a hearing regarding the lack of or inadequate nursing facility in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the hearing shall feature presentations, subject matter experts and individuals with lived experiences..