



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

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9:30 AM

Virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

No public speakers

[22-5056](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 08/08/2022

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to approve 22-5056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0541](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, DONNA MILLER, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

SUBMITTING A PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE #21-0541

(Health and Hospitals Committee 1/26/2021)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THEIR COVID-19 MASS IMMUNIZATION PLANS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to be a serious threat across the U.S. and Cook County, and

WHEREAS, many hospitals across the U.S. already have a higher load of COVID-19 patients than ever before since the pandemic began, and the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr. Robert Redfield, warned last month that the next few months of the pandemic would be among “the most difficult in the public health history of this nation” and;

WHEREAS, as of January 19, 2021 there have been 194,898 confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Suburban Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health with 3,639 reported deaths; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2020, the FDA approved emergency use authorization of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the FDA authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 18 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the approval has quickly ramped up the federal government’s distribution of the potentially lifesaving vaccine to 64 states, territories and major cities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, initial doses of Pfizer’s vaccine have been limited as manufacturing increases, with priority given to health-care workers and nursing homes first, but with subsequent phases the distribution will become available to a wider portion of the populace; 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 COVID-19 vaccine available to people in CCDPH's jurisdiction of suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CCDPH is working with partners at all levels, including hospitals, health care providers and community leaders, to develop flexible and responsive COVID-19 vaccination programs that can accommodate different vaccines; and

WHEREAS, it is paramount that as the vaccines become more readily available we work together and take advantage of all available resources in order to effectively administer the difficult and complex task of mass immunization so that we can overcome this healthcare crisis and look towards recovery; and

WHEREAS, equally important will be to ensure the vaccines are distributed in an equitable fashion, prioritizing those areas and residents of the county that have been most impacted by COVID-19 as a result of longstanding disparities in healthcare system access and delivery.

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 COVID-19 vaccination planning 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 COVID-19 response will provide a monthly COVID-19 update to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee. This will include but not be limited to their COVID-19 vaccine plans, contract tracing plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID-19 for Suburban Cook County.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for deferral as amended 21-0541. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[22-4694](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) Quarterly Report

Report Period: Third Quarter 2022

Summary: The Cook County Department of Public Health hereby presents its Quarterly Report to the

Cook County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Health of Cook County

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to approve 22-4694. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[22-4516](#)

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

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (“CCDPH”).

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385 of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award allocated to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-3654 further authorized the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund for the ARPA award and other accounting measures to track the acceptance and spending of the federal award; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for ARPA programs approved via Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, Cook County’s Policy Road Map, adopted by Cook County in 2018, is the foundation of the

County's strategic plan with pillars focused on Healthy Communities, Thriving Communities, Sustainable Communities, Vital Communities, Smart Communities, and Open Communities.

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal, the Cook County Health has developed a menu of Healthy Community programs and initiatives which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts, and agreements; and

WHEREAS Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement by Cook County Health to utilize ARPA funding for multi-year terms through Fiscal Year November 30, 2024, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for Cook County Health programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **NAMI Chicago** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,485,000** to implement the **Sustaining Mental Health Hotline for Suburban Residents**, a program to utilize NAMI Chicago's existing mental health and crisis lines within in the city of Chicago to provide support for suburban Cook County residents. NAMI's Helpline will provides phone service Monday - Friday, 9am to 8pm and Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 5pm to suburban Cook County callers. The Helpline is expected to field 3,500 - 4,000 calls per year in suburban Cook County. The Helpline will provide emotional support, information on mental health and substance use, refer callers to appropriate mental health or substance use resources, and assist in connecting to other social services when needed. NAMI will also provide intensive case support for callers with significant needs using their Clinical Support program.

2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFAC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,381,545.00** to implement the Good Food Purchasing Program, a program to direct institutional food purchasing towards five core values: local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare and nutrition. It provides a metric-based, flexible framework to assess the progress of public institutions as they work to become a recognized Good Food Provider. In 2018, Cook County approved a resolution promoting GFPP that requires all Cook County food-procuring departments and agencies to participate, including: Cook County Health, Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, Cook County Sheriff's Office, and Cook County Bureau of Asset Management. CCDPH has partnered closely with Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC) on Cook County's Good Food Purchasing Policy implementation since its adoption in May 2018 (Resolution 18-1650), which specifically identified CFPAC as a key implementation partner. CFPAC is a non-profit organization that co-develops, facilitates, advocates for, and supports implementation of policies that advance food justice and sovereignty for all residents across Chicago and the region. CFPAC specifically focuses on advocacy, network building, resource sharing and cooperative movement to dismantle systemic racism in the food system and uplift Black, Indigenous, Latinx and People Communities of Color who are mobilizing food in community. CCDPH and CFPAC jointly convene the Cook County Good Food Task

Force (which includes all procuring departments and agencies, as well as local leaders in food system change). The task force is working collectively to ensure that GFPP implementation builds a more racially equitable, accountable, and transparent food supply chain. CCDPH and CFPAC will continue to partner with Illinois Public Health Institute/Alliance for Health Equity to expand participation in GFPP across the Cook County region by advancing good food standards in suburban Cook County hospitals. CCDPH and CFPAC have identified areas that require additional capacity to achieve our goals over the next five years including: program evaluation, communications/design, audits for scratch cooking equipment kitchen audit, food waste reduction auditing, scratch cooking kitchen staff trainings, and translation/interpretation services for GFPP-related outreach and events. Over the next five years, CCDPH will build upon existing Cook County GFPP implementation efforts with CFPAC, that which includes continuing to work with County Departments (Cook County Health, Cook County Sheriff's Office, and Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center) and our national partners at the Center for Good Food Purchasing to track and analyze Department's food purchases, create Good Food Action Plans, and tackle plan recommendations. CFPAC will work with CCDPH and the Cook County Office of Chief Procurement Officer to incorporate GFPP in all County food-related solicitations based on latest recommended language and product availability/research. CFPAC will also work with CCDPH and the Cook County Office of Chief Procurement Officer to identify best practices and pilot innovative equity focused procurement and evaluation processes. In years 2-4, CFPAC will manage/monitor the release of micro-grants for suburban Cook County BIPOC food producers, suppliers, and cooperatives to expand their capacity to access Cook County institutional procurement channels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the CEO of Cook County Health or his designee to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outline the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the subrecipients listed above to implement the aforementioned programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the CEO of Cook County Health or his designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to the above identified subrecipients based upon need and utilization.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 22-4516. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Present: Degnen (1)

ADJOURNMENT

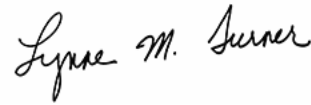
A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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