



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

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**12:00 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public -  
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore and K. Morrison (3) (Excused)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to allow for remote participation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (13)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore, Morrison and Suffredin (4)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

No public Speakers

[22-6477](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/18/2022

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 22-6477. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Moore and Morrison (2)

[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 Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for deferral as amended 21-0541. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (13)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore, Morrison and Suffredin (4)

[22-5676](#)

**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:** Fourth 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 Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 22-5676. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (13)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore, Morrison and Suffredin (4)

[22-5293](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health

- Departments of Behavioral Health & Psychiatry
- Cermak Health Services
- Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Health Services
- Cook County Department of Public Health

**Report Title:** Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

**Report Period:** June 2022 - August 2022

**Summary:** This Quarterly Report is to comply with the requirements of Resolution 21-1189 to Assess needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5293. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (13)

**Absent:** Deer, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[22-5574](#)

**Presented by:** THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Sheriff's Office

**Report Title:** Behavioral Health Services Quarterly Report

**Report Period:** June 2022 - August 2022

**Summary:** This quarterly report is to comply with the requirements of Resolution# 21-1189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by the Cook County Government.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5574. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore and Morrison (3)

[22-5702](#)

**Presented by:** KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County State's Attorney's Office

**Report Title:** Quarterly Behavioral Health Services Report

**Report Period:** June - August 2022

**Summary:** This Quarterly Report is to comply with the requirements of Resolution 21-1189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to**

**recommend for receiving and filing 22-5702. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore and Morrison (3)

[22-6119](#)

**Presented by:** SHARONE R. MITCHELL, JR, Cook County Public Defender

## **REPORTS**

**Department:** Cook County Public Defender's Office

**Report Period:** ~~12/2021 - 2/2022 and 3/2022 - 5/2022~~ and 6/2022 - 8/2022

**Summary:** Behavioral Health Resolution Quarterly Report for the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing as amended in the errata 22-6119. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Deer, Moore and Morrison (3)


## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Deer, Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

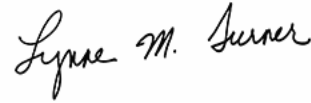
**Absent:** Moore and Morrison (2)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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