



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

1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1) excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Vice-Chair Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers.

24-5184

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/24/2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve 24-5184. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-4143

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MAGGIE TREVOR, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and STANLEY MOORE,
Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FILE 24-4143

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY BIRTHDAY HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, lack of access to medicine and health care screenings can negatively impact health outcomes of residents, regardless of socio-economic status, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and other categorizations; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Cook County's public health system, including its hospitals, clinics, and myriad of public services, continues to provide medical care to all residents of Cook County, regardless of a resident's socio-economic status, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and other categorizations; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's two hospitals, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County and Provident Hospital of Cook County, along with Cook County's several healthcare clinics, provide more than half the charity care performed in the County. Additionally, Cook County Health, through its hospitals, facilities, and services, provides more charity care than any of the other 70 non-County hospitals throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County allocated approximately \$4.37B of its total \$9.26B FY 2024 budget to public health and health care; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020 Cook County, Illinois has a population of approximately 5,275,541 residents; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020 Chicago, Illinois has a population of approximately 2,696,561; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020, approximately ~~20.9% of Cook County residents are persons under the age of eighteen (18) years old and~~ 16.2% of Cook County residents are sixty-five (65) years old or older; and

WHEREAS, according to 2022 data from CCDPH approximately 9.01% of Cook County residents, not living in Chicago, are uninsured. Of the 9.01% reporting as uninsured, approximately, 16.66% identify as Hispanic, 8.5% identify as non-Hispanic Black, 4.75% identified as non-Hispanic White, 7.9% identified as Asian, and 16.39% identified as Native American; and

WHEREAS, according to 2022 data from Chicago Department of Public Health approximately 9.75% of Chicago residents are uninsured. Of the 9.75% reporting as uninsured approximately: 53.5% (140,581 residents) identified as Hispanic Chicago residents, 25.5% (67,027 residents) identified as non-Hispanic

Black Chicago residents; 13.4% (35,155 residents) identified as non-Hispanic White Chicago residents; 5.5% (14,472 residents) identified as Asian Chicago residents; and 2.1% (5,393 residents) identified as Native American Chicago residents; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, approximately 13.8% of Cook County residents, not living in Chicago, live at or below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, approximately 17.06% of Chicago residents live at or below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, approximately 10.1% of Chicago residents reported being unemployed. Unemployment defined as the percent of residents sixteen and older in the civilian labor force who are actively seeking employment. Moreover, unemployment is a leading factor to many households and residents' inability to secure health insurance, afford healthcare, and/or routinely visit a doctor and/or primary care physician; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2019 study by the New York University School of Medicine, the City of Chicago has the largest life expectancy gap between its residents depending on where in the City of Chicago they live. Specifically, there is a 30-year gap between the Englewood neighborhood (approximately 60 years) and Chicago's Gold Cost (approximately 90 years); and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues to address and expand access to health care for all Cook County residents. For example, Cook County passed several resolutions furthering its commitment to access to healthcare for residents by passing resolutions, including, but not limited to; Resolution 23-2260 "Calling For A Hearing Of The Health and Hospitals Committee to Examine Maternal Health Morbidity and Mortality Rates in Cook County", Resolution 22-1703 "Requesting a Meeting of the Cook County Health & Hospitals Committee to Discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health & Cook County Health Analyses of Health Outcome Disparities in Cook County and Recommended Solutions", Resolution 23-5053 "For Treatment Not Trauma", and Resolution 23-5456 "Food is Medicine"; and

WHEREAS, second to skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women and prostate cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in men; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to healthcare through free prostate and/or mammogram health screenings will:

- 1) promote preventative care throughout Cook County;
- 2) promote wellness and good health;
- 3) promote early detection of any underlying health concerns;
- 4) promote the increased selection of primary care physicians throughout Cook County; and
- 5) promote increasing the life expectancy of all Cook County residents, especially in communities in Cook County with lower life expectancy rates; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF) makes evidence-based recommendations, and there are other national guidelines and evidenced-based testing that is supported by peer reviewed medical literature about preventive services such as mammogram and prostate screenings in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted legislation to support the treatment of metastatic cancer and prostate cancer based upon such evidenced-based recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that Cook County residents with health insurance, including employer-sponsored, Medicare and Medicaid, are eligible for these and many other annual screenings without cost to them as “preventive services,” which federal law requires to be covered at no cost-sharing to patient-enrollees through their respective health plan coverage; and

WHEREAS, insured patients may also seek prostate health screenings and/or mammogram preventative care screenings from Cook County facilities in accordance with their health plan coverage; and

WHEREAS, Cook County also wishes to extend such preventative care services at no cost to uninsured patients; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Cook County shall facilitate the free annual prostate health screening and/or mammogram screening program known as the Cook County Birthday Health Screening Program for (1) uninsured patients who choose seek care at Cook County Health during the resident’s respective birthday month provided the resident is able to provide verification of his, her, or their date of birth through means and/or documentation determined acceptable by Cook County Health and the screening meets the definition of a preventative service under the USPSTF, national guidelines, or other such evidenced-based testing that is supported by peer reviewed medical literature; and, (2) insured patients in accordance with their health plan coverage ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County, through Cook County Health will develop the program, guidelines, and protocol for executing the Cook County Birthday Health Screening Program, notwithstanding final approval of the proposed guidelines and protocols by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County, through Cook County Health,–hereby supports and extends itself and resources to effectively communicate and collaborate with its counterparts across all levels of government, to facilitate effective access to healthcare for all Cook County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will send a copy of this resolution, either a physical or electronic version, to all 135 municipalities comprising Cook County, to the Governor of Illinois and the State Legislature, and to the President of the United States and Illinois’ federally elected officials; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the records and archives of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to accept as amended 24-4143. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval as substituted 24-4143. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-3462

REPORT

Department: The Office of Behavioral Health

Report Title: Report _CCH Semi-Annual Mental Health May 2024

Report Period: 11/1/2023- April 30, 2024

Summary: Semi Annual MH Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-3462. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-3727

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

REPORT

Department: Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Report Title: Behavioral Health Services 1st and 2nd Quarterly Report

Report Period: December 2023 -May 2024

Summary: The following report is intended to provide the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the relevant information about services provided by the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender in order to assess needs and improve quality and effectiveness of behavioral health care provided by Cook County government. This report focuses primarily on the Mental Health Resource Unit within the Public Defender's office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-3727. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-3493

Presented by: TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

REPORT

Department: Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Report Title: Behavioral Services Report

Report Period: December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

Summary: Pursuant to the Cook County Board Resolution to assess needs and improve the quality and effectiveness of behavioral health provided by Cook County government, enclosed are the quarterly reports of behavioral health programs and services provided by the Circuit Court of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-3493. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-3721

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Report Title: Cook County State's Attorney's Office Biannual Behavioral Health Services Report for December 2023 - May 2024

Report Period: December 2022 - May 2023

Summary: In response to Cook County Resolution 23-0523, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) has produced the following biannual behavioral health services report for the reporting period from December 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to address each of the questions outlined in the Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-3721. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-3357

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Report Title: Behavioral Health Report

Report Period: December 2023 - May 2024

Summary: This semi-annual report is to comply with the requirements of Resolution# 23-0523 to Assess the Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-3357. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Vice-Chairwoman



Secretary

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