



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

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

11:40 AM

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

Reconvened from 7/22/2025

ATTENDANCE

Present: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

Absent: Morita (1)

Remote Participation

A motion was made by Commissioner McCaskill, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Moore, Morita and K. Morrison (3)

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1) George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

[25-3443](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/10/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 25-3443. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Moore, Morita and K. Morrison (3)

[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 COVID-19 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 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, despite advances in treatment protocols and the availability of vaccines, COVID-19 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 SARS-CoV-2 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 COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines (in individuals 18 years of age and older for Moderna and 12 years of age and older for Pfizer-BioNTech) 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 COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to remove the use of the monovalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 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 COVID-19 vaccine is currently approved for individuals 12 and up; and

WHEREAS, the ever-changing 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 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 'Tripledemic' 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 response will provide quarterly COVID-19 updates to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee starting in September of 2023. This will include but not be limited to their COVID-19 vaccine plans, contract tracing and mitigation plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID-19 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 Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to defer 23-3815. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Moore, Morita and Morrison (3)

[25-3013](#)

Presented by: THOMAS NUTTER, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

REPORT

Department: Office of Behavioral Health

Report Title: CCH OBH Semiannual Mental Health Report April 2025

Report Period: 12/1/2024 - 4/30/2025

Summary: Semiannual Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 25-3013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

Absent: Gainer, Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (4)

[25-3109](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Office of the Chief Judge

Report Title: Semi-Annual Behavioral Report

Report Period: 1st & 2nd Quarter Reports- December 2024-May2025

Summary: Pursuant to the Cook County Board Resolution 23-0523 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 Cook County Office of the Chief Judge.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-3109. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (3)

[25-3111](#)

Presented by: EILEEN O'NEILL BURKE, Cook County State's Attorney

REPORT

Department: Cook County State's Attorney

Report Title: Behavioral Services Report

Report Period: December 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

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 is a report of behavioral health programs and services related to or arising from operations of the Cook County State's Attorney. Cook County.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-3111. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (3)

[25-3094](#)

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

REPORTS

Department: Cook County Public Defender's Office

Report Period: 1st & 2nd Quarter Report, December 2024- May 2025

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-3094. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (3)

[25-3026](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Report Title: Semi-Annual Behavioral Health Report

Report Period: December 2024 - May 2025

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 Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-3026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (3)

[25-3055](#)

Presented by: ERIK MIKAITIS, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Semi-Annual Utilization Report

Report Period: November 2024 - June 2025

Summary: This CCH Bi- Annual Agency Utilization Report is to comply with Resolution 24-5841 which calls for CCH to provide bi-annual reports to the Board of Commissioners and to make presentation at an annual hearing of the Health & Hospitals Committee. These bi-annual reports will no longer be required once CCH agency utilization does not exceed 20% of the budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE) personnel for each job classification approved in the annual budget by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The resolution sunsets five years after adoption (November 2029).

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-3055. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (3)

ADJOURNMENT

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

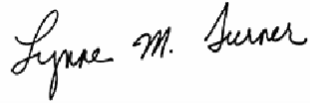
Ayes: Lowry, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Miller, Morita and S. Morrison

(3) Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman



Secretary

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