



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Health & Hospitals Committee

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

11:00 AM

Virtual meeting

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W.Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

22-1672

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/11/2022

[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.

Legislative History : 12/17/20 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

Legislative History : 1/26/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - accept as substituted

Legislative History : 1/26/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for approval as substituted

Legislative History : 1/26/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - reconsider

- Legislative History :** 1/26/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral as substituted
- Legislative History :** 1/28/21 - Board of Commissioners - defer as substituted
- Legislative History :** 2/24/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral
- Legislative History :** 3/16/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral
- Legislative History :** 4/13/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral
- Legislative History :** 4/15/21 - Board of Commissioners - no action taken
- Legislative History :** 5/11/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - defer
- Legislative History :** 5/13/21 - Board of Commissioners - no action taken
- Legislative History :** 6/22/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral
- Legislative History :** 7/23/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral as substituted
- Legislative History :** 9/21/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - defer
- Legislative History :** 10/5/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - defer
- Legislative History :** 10/7/21 - Board of Commissioners - defer
- Legislative History :** 11/2/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral as amended
- Legislative History :** 11/4/21 - Board of Commissioners - defer as amended
- Legislative History :** 12/14/21 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral as substituted
- Legislative History :** 12/16/21 - Board of Commissioners - defer
- Legislative History :** 1/11/22 - Health & Hospitals Committee - recommend for deferral as substituted
- Legislative History :** 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - defer as substituted

[22-1212](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health-Department of Behavioral Health Services & Department of

Psychiatry

Report Title: Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

Report Period: September 2021 - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-1206](#)

Presented by: ISRAEL ROCHA JR., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health & Hospitals System, KIRAN JOSHI, M.D., Cook County Department of Public Health, RACHEL RUBIN, M.D., Cook County Department of Public Health

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health-Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)

Report Title: Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

Report Period: September 2021 - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-1217](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health-Cermak Correctional Health Services

Report Title: Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

Report Period: September 2021 - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-1222](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health- Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) Correctional Health Services

Report Title: Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

Report Period: September 2021 - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-0714](#)

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: September 2021 - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-1288](#)

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: September - November 2021

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.

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-0548](#)

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 Quarterly Report

Report Period: September 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021

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

Legislative History : 12/16/21 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-1177](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Public Defender's Office

Report Period: 9/1/2021 - 11/30/2021

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

Legislative History : 1/13/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[22-0737](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION FORMING THE STREET HEALTH INTERVENTION RESPONSE TEAM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, recognizing that there has been an increase in individuals seeking behavioral and mental health services, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in October 2021 declaring mental health a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recent public consciousness and discussion regarding what government entities should be responding to mental and behavioral health emergencies, as well as a recognition of the need for alternative public safety programs; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law the Community Emergency Services and Support Act ("Act"), 50 ILCS 754/1 through 754/65; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires every local unit of government that provides or manages ambulance service or similar emergency medical response to coordinate with mobile mental and behavioral health services established by the Illinois Department of Human Service's Division of Mental Health ("Division of Mental Health"). The Act also requires coordination with a newly established 988 hotline, which connects callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, the Act aims to provide callers seeking mental or behavioral health support with appropriate mental health response, specifically with professionals trained in de-escalation techniques, knowledge of community services and resources, and respectful interaction with those experiencing a crisis while at the

same time diverting callers away from a police response; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that mobile response teams ensure that individuals experiencing a mental or behavioral health crises are diverted from hospitalization and incarceration whenever possible and are instead linked with available appropriate community services; and

WHEREAS, the Act prohibits law enforcement from responding to individuals requiring mental or behavioral health care, with some exceptions, when mobile unit responders are available for dispatch; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective January 1, 2022, and requires local governments to begin coordination with the Illinois Division of Mental Health and its mobile units by January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cook County operates the Emergency System Telephone Board (ETBS) to administer Cook County's 911 system in unincorporated Cook County and Berkely, Blue Island, Dixmoor, Ford Heights, Golf, Harvey, Hometown, Indian Head Park, Lyons, Merrionette Park, Metra, Northlake, Palos Park, Park Ridge and Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, due to its operation of an ambulance emergency medical response service, Cook County must establish a mobile crisis intervention program to address those in a mental and behavioral health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Street Health Intervention Response Team Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this Resolution as a proposed, model ordinance seeking to establish mobile health teams for calls related to mental and behavioral health emergencies. The proposed Ordinance seeks reinforces the Act by developing the availability of mobile behavioral health issue response units; and

WHEREAS, given the recent passage of the Act and the nationwide and local push to maintain an appropriate response to people in crisis while insulating them from interactions with the criminal justice system where possible, with this Resolution, the County establishes a Street Health Intervention Response Team Task Force to set County-led goals to reduce reliance on the criminal justice system, develop a system to support those with mental and behavioral health needs including on-scene crisis assistance, refer people for additional treatment, connect those in need to crisis care and provide follow up support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Street Health Intervention Response Team Task Force is established to ensure continued compliance with the Act, and to make recommendations throughout the operation of the pilot program and devise a continuum of care for those experiencing mental and behavioral health needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force, using the attached proposed Ordinance, finalize the establishment of a Street Health Intervention Response Team program in accordance with the time frame set out in 50 ILCS 754/65.

Legislative History : 12/16/21 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

LYNNE M. TURNER

Interim Secretary

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