



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

11:00 AM

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Diana Rubakha

221672

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that this Committee Minutes be approve. The motion carried.

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

210541

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, DONNA MILLER, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGREN, 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 #210541
(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 COVID19 MASS IMMUNIZATION PLANS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID19 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 COVID19 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 SARSCoV2 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 COVID19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the FDA authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID19 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 healthcare 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 COVID19 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 COVID19 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 COVID19 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 COVID19 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 COVID19 response will provide a monthly COVID19 update to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee. This will include but not be limited to their COVID19 vaccine plans, contract tracing plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID19 for Suburban Cook County...end

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for deferral as amended 210541. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221212

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 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221212. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221206

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 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221206. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)
Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221217

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County HealthCermak 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 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221217. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)
Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221222

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 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221222. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

220714

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# 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 220714. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221288

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 211189 to Assess Needs and Improve the Quality and Effectiveness of Behavioral Health Care Provided by Cook County Government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221288. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

220548

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 220548. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

221177

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 221177. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

220737

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 deescalation 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 Countyled goals to reduce reliance on the criminal justice system, develop a system to support those with mental and behavioral health needs including onscene 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that this Resolution be accept as substituted. The motion carried.

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

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-0737. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Deer (1) Excused

Respectfully submitted



Chairman

LYNNE M. TURNER

Secretary

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