



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

1:10 PM

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1) excused

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1) excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Lena Colon
2. Raven Reynolds

24-1044

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/12/2023.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 24-1044. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

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 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 'Tripleemic' 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 Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to defer 23-3815. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0578

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

REPORT

Department: Behavioral Health

Report Title: Behavioral Health Semi-Annual Report

Report Period: June- November 2023

Summary:

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to receive and file 24-0578. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0523

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: June 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

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 Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0523. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0595

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

REPORT

Department: Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

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

Report Period: 3rd & 4th Quarter Report - June 2023-November 2023

Summary:

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0595. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Deer, Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0020

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

REPORT

Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Report Title: Behavioral Health Report

Report Period: June 2023 - November 2023

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 Quezada, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0639

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 June 2023 - November 2023

Report Period: June 2023 - November 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 June 1, 2023, to November 30, 2023, to address each of the questions outlined in the Resolution.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0639. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Deer

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne M. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.