



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

2:00 PM

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**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, S. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

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

Ayes: Deer, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer and Johnson (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Mary Hartsfield Warriors on the Watch

231775

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/24/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve 231775. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Johnson (1)

231776

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/07/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve 231776. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Johnson (1)

230469

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER and DENNIS DEER, 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 COVID19 IMMUNIZATION and MITIGATION 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, despite advances in treatment protocols and the availability of vaccines, COVID19 continues to be a serious threat across the U.S. and Cook County, and;

WHEREAS, recently Chicago and Cook County have seen an uptick in COVID19 cases prompting a medium risk level designation of community spread, and;

WHEREAS, as of November 30, 2022, there have been 655,646 confirmed cases of SARSCoV2 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 COVID19 Vaccine and the PfizerBioNTech COVID19 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 PfizerBioNTech) 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 COVID19 Vaccine and the PfizerBioNTech COVID19 Vaccine to remove the use of the monovalent Moderna and PfizerBioNTech COVID19 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 up; and

WHEREAS, the Novavax COVID19 vaccine is currently approved for individuals 12 and up; and

WHEREAS, the everchanging 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 COVID19 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 COVID19 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 'Triplememic' 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 COVID19 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 monthly meeting to discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health's COVID19 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 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 and mitigation plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID19 or 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 Miller, to defer 230469. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Johnson (1)

230311

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

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Cook County Health

Summary: Updates CCH Severance Policy to come into compliance with state law and update the positions eligible to match current titles.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for deferral 230311. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Johnson (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

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