



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN OPPOSITION OF EVICTION FILINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a severe economic impact that is placing housing stability at risk for residential tenants throughout Cook County and the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Illinois Executive Order 2020-30 which disallows persons or entities from commencing residential evictions pursuant to or arising under 735 ILCS 5/9-101 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Order calls on all state, county, and local law enforcement officers in the State of Illinois to cease enforcement of orders of eviction for non-residential premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the Order excludes tenants who have been found to pose a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants, are an immediate and severe risk to property, or a violation of any applicable building code, health ordinance, or similar regulation and also does not serve as a relief of the obligation to pay rent; and

**WHEREAS**, over 400 evictions have been filed in Cook County since this Executive Order was issued and it has become clear that there is extensive non-compliance with the Order, putting many Cook County residents in a precarious situation of housing instability and potential homelessness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners urges the Circuit Court of Cook County and the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois to dismiss and seal all eviction filings that have been initiated during the pandemic, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages the Circuit Court of Cook County and the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois to further require any property owners who commence an eviction filing pursuant to the Eviction Act (735 ILCS 5/9) to affirmatively state in the complaint or in a supporting affidavit evidencing that the filing has been initiated due to reasons associated with the exemptions in Executive Order 2020-30.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF PREVENTING DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTHCARE DURING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights in Action issued a bulletin titled “Civil Rights, HIPAA, and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)”; and

**WHEREAS**, the bulletin reiterates the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability per Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the bulletin further states that “persons with disabilities should not be denied medical care on the basis of stereotypes, assessments of quality of life, or judgments about a person’s relative ‘worth’ based on the presence or absence of disabilities or age.”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued a Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment Guidance as it relates to COVID-19, and highlights that it is essential that healthcare institutions operate within an ethical framework and consistent with civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in the delivery of healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDPH guidance urges healthcare providers to consider the following principles: individualized assessments that are not inherently subjective on a person’s underlying disability, reasonable accommodations, effective communication, reduction of racial disparities in healthcare, and financial and language access to healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDPH guidance states that “People with disabilities should be permitted to rely on reasonable accommodations that provide meaningful access to information and equal opportunity to benefit from the treatment. These accommodations may include “the presence of an assistant, aide, or family member”; and

**WHEREAS**, due to COVID-19 being a highly contagious disease, health providers have had to implement certain restrictions and modifications, including visitor restrictions, in order to continue serving patients in the safest way possible; and

**WHEREAS**, modifications implemented by health providers due to COVID-19 should not dismiss the principles of non-discrimination underscored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages the Cook County Health system, as well as other health providers based in Cook County, to continue upholding federal and state-level non-discrimination guidance towards patients with disabilities despite the challenges posed by COVID-19; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages the Cook County Health system to integrate non-discrimination guidance as it relates to COVID-19 into training for medical staff regarding compliance with non-discrimination guidance as well as develop awareness materials for patients.

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**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CALLING UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO PRIORITIZE EQUITY IN CONTACT TRACING**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic poses a significant public health risk, with more than 2.4 million confirmed cases in the United States and more than 117,000 documented fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has reported more than 84,906 confirmed cases and more than 4,189 documented fatalities. According to Johns Hopkins University's most recent report, Cook County has the highest number of cases in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color, in particular Black and Latinx communities in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the ease of transmission and the rate of death associated with COVID-19 pandemic require rigorous and sustained efforts to prevent, track, and treat the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified contact tracing as a key strategy to prevent further spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, many public health experts have stated that success of contact tracing depends on public trust and effective community engagement; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon the local public health authorities including Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) to prioritize the areas listed in this resolution when developing and executing a contact tracing plan including:

- 1) **Cultural Awareness:** The development of a program that is culturally informed and in consultation with the most affected communities to produce an equitable contact tracing plan that

will be key to reach Cook County's diverse communities.

- 2) **Employment:** The hiring of residents from the most affected communities to carry out contact tracing activities where there is the highest need.
- 3) **Language Access:** Local public health authorities should prioritize language access in the hiring process by considering language ability in the top five languages spoken in Cook County in order to facilitate effective communication with individuals. Appropriate translated material should be provided to community members contacted as well.
- 4) **Data Privacy:** Protection of each person's private data. A person's information is strictly confidential and should be treated as the private medical record it is. Local public health authorities should guarantee sensitive information will not be shared with other agencies, including immigration officials.
- 5) **Training:** Local public health jurisdictions should design adequate training plans for contact tracers, case investigators and team leads that include the areas of confidentiality, maintaining trust with contacts, and cultural sensitivity.
- 6) **Information and Resources:** Assurance that contact tracers will fully inform individuals of their rights and options in terms of testing, alternative housing, and other resources available as appropriate, depending on the circumstances and needs of the individual.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recommend the above items to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

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**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **JUSTICE FOR BLACK LIVES**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the United States, policing, criminalization, and incarceration have been used as tools of violence and retribution against marginalized groups seeking safety, especially Black people; and

**WHEREAS**, policing was in part developed as a tool to preserve the institution of slavery in the 1700's, focusing on chasing down runaway slaves and shutting down slave revolts, grew into a weapon to disrupt labor uprisings in the 1800s, and matured in the 1900s to be used as the single most effective tool in repressing the civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, policing has a troubled history in Cook County, most conspicuously visible in the

decades-long collaboration by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and members of the judiciary in prosecutions enabled by disgraced Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and his associates' terrorization, torture, and wrongful conviction of more than 150 Black people over dozens of years, thereby permanently damaging the lives of thousands of accused people, their family members, and Black communities at large; and

**WHEREAS**, all actors in the Cook County justice system, from the State's Attorney's Office to the Chief Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Public Defender have no choice but to collaborate with rank and file law enforcement officers that have successfully resisted calls and efforts to acknowledge the inherent racial bias in policing and reduce the violence experienced by Black people, ending all past efforts at reform unsuccessfully; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic resistance to acknowledge problems in policing was recently illustrated clearly by a number of active duty Cook County Sheriff's Officers threatening social media responses to the peaceful protesting by attorneys in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender on June 12th, and as such remarks included calling for fire hoses to be brought in to quell the march and making thinly veiled threats of physical violence such as "good luck to them when the courts open up,"; and

**WHEREAS**, the brutality of law enforcement highlighted by the above referenced social media comments have become so commonplace in Black life that it has become an ever present cultural rite of passage in Black families to teach their children how to not be killed by law enforcement before they become adults; and

**WHEREAS**, despite centuries-long increased spending on traditional law enforcement, violence remains a problem in many communities, and there is little positive correlation between residents' feeling of safety and the degree of law enforcement presence in those communities; and

**WHEREAS**, most crimes are handled outside of the criminal justice system in the status quo. The majority of sexual assaults and roughly half of robberies and aggravated assaults are never reported to police. Given the choice, many crime survivors choose nothing at all or accountability outside of criminal prosecution rather than seek help from our current justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country, spending grows on traditional law enforcement and incarceration with no correlation to metrics of success such as clearance rates or sense of safety. For example, despite a 50% decrease in the number of people incarcerated in the Cook County Jail between 2013 and 2020, the Cook County Department of Corrections budget grew 26% over the same time period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Jail is an institution that perpetrates violence against Black people in particular and people of color and low-income people more broadly. Almost all people incarcerated in the jail are there while awaiting trial, and many hundreds specifically because they cannot afford to pay a money bond. They are presumed innocent but still sit locked in cages because they are Black and poor. Corrections is not capable of addressing the root causes of violence or engaging in the restorative processes that actually address harm and generate needed accountability, healing, and repair for survivors

of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, interventions that would alleviate the need for traditional law enforcement have been seen by too many officials with the power to allocate public resources as secondary efforts to maintain community peace. Specific endeavors that engage school-aged children, support street outreach workers, reclaim public spaces, promote job preparation and job growth and others go underfunded as a result of our reliance on traditional law enforcement spending; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby that to best keep communities safe and reduce contact between people and law enforcement that has historically increased unaccountable violence inflicted on Black and Brown communities physically, economically, and emotionally, Cook County shall redirect money from the failed and racist systems of policing, criminalization, and incarceration that have not kept our communities safe, and will instead invest that money in public services not administered by law enforcement that promote community health and safety equitably across the County, but especially in Black and Brown communities most impacted by violence and incarceration. These services shall include:

1. **Housing:** According to the 2019 State of Rental Housing in Cook County, 50% of renter households in Cook County are paying unaffordable housing costs. Cook County should invest large-scale resources in expanding the availability of high-quality affordable housing and strengthen pathways for homeownership in communities of color to build wealth.
2. **Health care:** In this global pandemic, the same communities of color harmed by police violence and incarceration are also bearing the brunt of COVID-19 infections and deaths. Cook County should expand health care offerings and options in communities of color.
3. **Mental health:** Cook County should expand mental health care and ensure that first responders for people in mental health crisis are mental health professionals and not police.
4. **Restorative Justice:** The County should invest more resources in restorative justice programs that restore harm done to survivors of crime and violence and engage in community accountability with people who do harm to others rather than just punishing people.
5. **Job creation:** Cook County should use its resources to create living wage, public sector jobs for people in communities of color in public services such as education, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure.
6. **Public transit:** Black and Brown communities are inadequately served by public transportation options. Cook County should expand spending on public transit in communities of color and low-income communities.
7. **Eviction/Foreclosure:** Ensure those facing evictions and mortgage foreclosures have ready access to high quality legal assistance.

- 8. Increase MWBE Opportunity:** Entities with county contracts or receiving tax incentives from Cook County that fail to meet MWBE requirement will have their business with the county revoked; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that ceremonial copies of this resolution be delivered to Sheriff Tom Dart, State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Public Defender Amy Campanelli, Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown, and Chief Judge Timothy Evans

[20-2685](#)

**Presented by:** LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance, Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Cook County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 11/30/2019

**Report Period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2019

**Summary:** Annual Audit of Cook County's Financial Statements prepared by the Office of the Cook County Comptroller and audited by RSM USA LLP in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA.

[20-2686](#)

**Presented by:** LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance, Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Cook County Illinois Report to the County President, Board of Commissioners and the Audit Committee, 5/29/2020

**Report Period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2019

**Summary:** This report, presented by RSM US LLP, is intended solely for the information and use of the County President, County Board of Commissioners, the Audit Committee and management. It summarizes certain structures required by professional standards to be communicated by the independent



auditors in their oversight responsibility for the County's financial reporting process.

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**Presented by:** LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance, Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Cook County Health and Hospitals System of Illinois d/b/a Cook County Health (An Enterprise Fund of Cook County Illinois), Financial Report, 11/30/2019

**Report Period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2019

**Summary:** Annual audit of the CCHHS financial statements prepared by CCHHS Finance, for the year Ended 11/30/2019, audited by RSM US LLP in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA.

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**Presented by:** LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance, Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Cook County Health and Hospitals System Report d/b/a Cook County Health Report to the Audit and Compliance Committee, 5/29/2020

**Report Period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2019

**Summary:** This report, presented by RSM US LLP, is intended solely for the CCHHS Audit and Compliance Committee and summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to them in their oversight responsibility for the CCHHS's financial reporting process.

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**Presented by:** LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance, Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Cook County Illinois Actuarial Study of the Workers Compensation and Liability Self-Insured Programs as of 11/30/2019

**Report Period:** As of 11/30/2019

**Summary:** Actuarial Study completed by Aon Global Risk Consulting

[20-2822](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge

**Grantee:** Office of the Chief Judge

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** To increase the number of drug court participants who graduate successfully from the program and who achieve stable recovery, and affect the long-term health and safety needs of these individuals and their communities

**Grant Amount:** \$399,999.00

**Grant Period:** 7/30/2020-7/29/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** The purpose of the Rehabilitation Alternative Probation/Women's Rehabilitation Alternative Probation Drug Court (RAP/WRAP) Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity Expansion Program is to increase the number of drug court participants who graduate successfully from the program and who achieve stable recovery, and affect the long-term health and safety needs of these individuals and their communities. This will be accomplished by expanding the courts current substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, including residential treatment services, MAT, and long-term recovery housing. The proposed expansion will serve 305 unduplicated drug court participants during the five-year project period (45 in Year 1 and 65 per year in Years 2-5). The substance abuse treatment capacity expansion program will be delivered in the Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County's RAP/WRAP Felony Drug Court operating in the Criminal Division. This Division serve the residents of the city of Chicago.