



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Health & Hospitals Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1:00 PM

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

Issued on 9/11/2024

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 public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or 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 virtual 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.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/24/2024

[24-4143](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY BIRTHDAY HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, lack of access to medicine and health care screenings can negatively impact health outcomes of residents, regardless of socio-economic status, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and other categorizations; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Cook County's public health system, including its hospitals, clinics, and myriad of public services, continues to provide medical care to all residents of Cook County, regardless of a resident's socio-economic status, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship status, and other categorizations; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's two hospitals, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County and Provident Hospital of Cook County, along with Cook County's several healthcare clinics, provide more than half the charity care performed in the County. Additionally, Cook County Health, through its hospitals, facilities, and services, provides more charity care than any of the other 70 non-County hospitals throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County allocated approximately \$4.37B of its total \$9.26B FY 2024 budget to public health and health care; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020 Cook County, Illinois has a population of approximately 5,275,541 residents; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020 Chicago, Illinois has a population of approximately 2,696,561; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest national census data from April 2020, approximately 20.9% of Cook County residents are persons under the age of eighteen (18) years old and 16.2% of Cook County residents are sixty-five (65) years old or older; and

WHEREAS, according to 2022 data from CCDPH approximately 9.01% of Cook County residents, not living in Chicago, are uninsured. Of the 9.01% reporting as uninsured, approximately, 16.66% identify as Hispanic, 8.5% identify as non-Hispanic Black, 4.75% identified as non-Hispanic White, 7.9% identified as Asian, and 16.39% identified as Native American; and

WHEREAS, according to 2022 data from Chicago Department of Public Health approximately 9.75% of Chicago residents are uninsured. Of the 9.75% reporting as uninsured approximately: 53.5% (140,581 residents) identified as Hispanic Chicago residents, 25.5% (67,027 residents) identified as non-Hispanic Black Chicago residents; 13.4% (35,155 residents) identified as non-Hispanic White Chicago residents; 5.5% (14,472 residents) identified as Asian Chicago residents; and 2.1% (5,393 residents) identified as Native American Chicago residents; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, approximately 13.8% of Cook County residents, not living in Chicago, live at or below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, approximately 17.06% of Chicago residents live at or below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, approximately 10.1% of Chicago residents reported being unemployed. Unemployment defined as the percent of residents sixteen and older in the civilian labor force who are actively seeking employment. Moreover, unemployment is a leading factor to many households and residents' inability to secure health insurance, afford healthcare, and/or routinely visit a doctor and/or primary care physician; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2019 study by the New York University School of Medicine, the City of Chicago has the largest life expectancy gap between its residents depending on where in the City of Chicago they live. Specifically, there is a 30-year gap between the Englewood neighborhood (approximately 60 years) and Chicago's Gold Cost (approximately 90 years); and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues to address and expand access to health care for all Cook County residents. For example, Cook County passed several resolutions furthering its commitment to access to healthcare for residents by passing resolutions, including, but not limited to; Resolution 23-2260 "Calling For A Hearing Of The Health and Hospitals Committee to Examine Maternal Health Morbidity and Mortality Rates in Cook County", Resolution 22-1703 "Requesting a Meeting of the Cook County Health & Hospitals Committee to Discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health & Cook County Health Analyses of Health Outcome Disparities in Cook County and Recommended Solutions", Resolution 23-5053 "For Treatment Not Trauma", and Resolution 23-5456 "Food is Medicine"; and

WHEREAS, second to skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women and prostate cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in men; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to healthcare through free prostate and/or mammogram health screenings will: 1) promote preventative care throughout Cook County; 2) promote wellness and good health; 3) promote early detection of any underlying health concerns; 4) promote the increased selection of primary care physicians throughout Cook County; and 5) promote increasing the life expectancy of all Cook County residents, especially in communities in Cook County with lower life expectancy rates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Cook County shall facilitate the free annual prostate health

screening and/or mammogram screening during the resident's respective birthday month provided the resident is able to provide verification of his, her, or their date of birth through means and/or documentation determined acceptable by Cook County Health. This program will be the Cook County Birthday Health Screening Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County Health will develop the program, guidelines, and protocol for executing the Cook County Birthday Health Screening Program, notwithstanding final approval of the proposed guidelines and protocols by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County, through Cook County Health, hereby supports and extends itself and resources to effectively communicate and collaborate with its counterparts across all levels of government, to facilitate effective access to healthcare for all Cook County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will send a copy of this resolution, either a physical or electronic version, to all 135 municipalities comprising Cook County, to the Governor of Illinois and the State Legislature, and to the President of the United States and Illinois' federally elected officials; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the records and archives of Cook County.

Legislative History : 7/25/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[24-3462](#)

REPORT

Department: The Office of Behavioral Health

Report Title: Report _CCH Semi-Annual Mental Health May 2024

Report Period: 11/1/2023- April 30, 2024

Summary: Semi Annual MH Report

Legislative History : 7/25/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[24-3727](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Report Title: Behavioral Health Services 1st and 2nd Quarterly Report

Report Period: December 2023 -May 2024

Summary: The following report is intended to provide the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the relevant information about services provided by the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender in order to assess needs and improve quality and effectiveness of behavioral health care provided by Cook County government. This report focuses primarily on the Mental Health Resource Unit within the Public Defender's office.

Legislative History : 6/13/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[24-3493](#)

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: December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

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 : 6/13/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

[24-3721](#)

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 December 2023 - May 2024

Report Period: December 2022 - May 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 December 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to address each of the questions outlined in the Resolution.

Legislative History : 6/13/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

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

REPORT

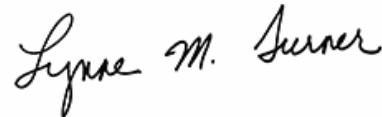
Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Report Title: Behavioral Health Report

Report Period: December 2023 - May 2024

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.

Legislative History : 6/13/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee



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