



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

***Wednesday, September 14, 2016***

***10:30 AM***

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

**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 submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. 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.

**16-5219**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/13/2016

**16-4064**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM AS A PROJECT OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM'S COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH UNIT**

**WHEREAS**, every year the physicians of the Cook County Health and Hospital System's Stroger Hospital treat approximately 900 victims of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to Cook County taxpayers of treating victims of gun violence typically ranges between \$35,000.00 and \$50,000.00 per victim; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chicago and Cook County are presently engulfed in a gun violence crisis, with 1,823 people in Chicago shot in 2016 to date, and 312 people killed during this same time period; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence in Chicago and Cook County has strained the resources of Cook County and stretched the limits of many of the institutions of Cook County government, including the Cook County Medical Examiner, Cook County Jail, the Cook County Circuit Court, and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous national, regional and local public policy experts have clearly identified gun violence as a public health issue; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2016, the American Medical Association publicly proclaimed Gun Violence to be a “Public Health Crisis,” and implored the United States Congress to lift its ban on research of gun violence by Centers for Disease Control (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2016, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Health and Hospitals System CEO, Dr. Jay Shannon, stood with other leaders and advocates and demanded that the gun violence epidemic in Chicago and Cook County be treated as a public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shannon stated that, as a health crisis, gun violence “has to be addressed with an equally complex, data-driven approach”; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health and Hospitals System engages in multiple forms of research in order to expand and improve understanding of the diseases and related conditions impacting the patients that the system serves; and


**WHEREAS**, among the research projects operating under the auspices of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System are the AIDS Malignancy Consortium, the Intimate Partner Violence Protocol, and the Chicago Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Prevention Epicenter (CARPE); and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health and Hospitals System contains a Collaborative Research Unit which was created in 1998 to promote research on significant problems impacting the health of the vulnerable and diverse patient populations of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the current gun violence epidemic is a significant problem that impacts the health of the vulnerable and diverse patient populations of Cook County

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby call for the creation, by the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, of a Gun Violence Research Consortium, as a project of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System’s Collaborative Research Unit; and

**Legislative History:** 6/29/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Health & Hospitals Committee

  
Secretary

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