



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Health & Hospitals Committee**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**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.

**19-1370**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/13/2018

[19-0645](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE CPR & AED TRAINING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND EXPANSION OF TRAINING ACCESS**

**WHEREAS,** in one year alone, 475,000 Americans die from cardiac arrest and globally, cardiac arrest

claims more lives than colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, influenza, pneumonia, auto accidents, HIV, firearms, and house fires combined; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease (including Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension, and Stroke) remains the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, while the estimated annual incidence of heart attack in the U.S. is 720,000 new attacks and 335,000 recurrent attacks per year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital each year and nearly 45 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims survived when bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was administered, as immediate CPR can double or triple chances of survival after cardiac arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, similarly to national statistics, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Cook County as well, accounting for just under 10,000 deaths per year with more than half occurring in suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Health and Hospitals System along with the Cook County Department of Public Health can contribute to decreasing the incidents of fatal heart attacks in Cook County by creating a robust awareness campaign to increase participation of Cook County employees in existing training programs on how to properly administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) as well as expand access to such trainings countywide in all County workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois beginning in 2014 has made such training a curricula requirement for all secondary schools in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the County awareness and training initiative should cover adult CPR & AED training and such training must include a hands-on practice component for beginners, as well as be in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized certifying organization; and

**WHEREAS**, any improvement in outcomes associated with heart attacks would have an immeasurable impact on survivors both for County employees and their co-workers and families as well as the general public;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners requests the development of a countywide CPR and AED training awareness campaign for all Cook County employees as well as expanded access to training programs in all County workplaces in order to assist in reducing incidents of death due to cardiac arrest both in the workplace and general public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners requests that the Cook County Health and Hospitals System along with the Cook County Department of

Public Health and their partners develop such awareness campaign and that the expanded training program shall be in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized certifying organization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals System or one of its partners such as the American Heart Association provide this Honorable Body with statistics on the number of lives that could be saved in Cook County by knowing and using CPR and/or AED; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the awareness campaign and expanded training access should begin in February 2019 to coincide with American Heart Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that data on said awareness campaign and expanded training including the total number of employees newly trained or re-trained in CPR and AED as well as their employment location by district be added to the monthly and annual Cook County Health and Hospitals System reports.

**Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**Legislative History :** 12/12/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee



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Secretary

Chairman: Deer  
Vice-Chairman: Arroyo  
Members: Committee of the Whole