



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Virtual Meeting

New Items Agenda

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, DENNIS DEER and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS NEEDS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines behavioral health as the promotion of mental health, emotional, psychological and social wellbeing and resilience; the treatment of mental and substance use disorders; and the support of those who experience and/or are in recovery from these conditions, along with their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health's Illinois Healthcare Report Card has reported that between 2016-2018, residents of Cook County had an average of 3.56 mentally unhealthy days per month; and

WHEREAS, an Illinois Department of Public Health report from 2015 identified that behavioral health visits to Illinois emergency departments (ED) were growing faster than any other category of care offered through Illinois EDs; and

WHEREAS, the same report showed a health disparity in which African Americans face a greater risk of relying on emergency departments to access behavioral health care, with 1.67 times more visits than whites; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 survey of behavioral health facilities conducted by the Chicago Department of Public Health 79% of publicly available behavioral health agencies reported unmet mental health needs and 61% reported unmet substance-use related needs; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 report from the Alliance for Health Equity identified "quality" as the greatest overarching need for behavioral health services in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, lack of mental health and behavioral services along with other community support are a major concern for recidivism in people either released from the County Jail or on Electronic monitoring; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government has typically allocated funding for behavioral health services; and funding is allocated for these programs; and

WHEREAS, access to mental health service and equity is highly disparate in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, there is no regular documentation nor oversight mechanism to evaluate the number of people served, any overlap in patients and communities served, or the impact and efficacy of all the disparate County-wide services provided; and

WHEREAS, an assessment of the behavioral health work conducted by Cook County can help Cook County Government identify best practices, needs, and priority areas to grow behavioral health care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County entities, departments, agencies or offices that conduct behavioral health services submit to the Health and Hospitals Committee of the Cook County Board a quarterly report with details of their services during a public hearing of the Committee. Those entities, departments, agencies, or offices should include but not be limited to:

- a. The Cook County Health and Hospitals System;
- b. The Cook County Department of Public Health;
- c. Cermak Health Services of Cook County;
- d. The Cook County Department of Veteran Affairs;
- e. The Cook County Sheriff;
- f. Juvenile Temporary Detention Center;
- g. The Cook County State's Attorney;
- h. The Office of the Chief Judge of Cook County;
- i. The Cook County Public Defender;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the reports shall include the following information, as applicable to each entity, on behavioral health initiatives, programs, and activities:

- a. general information on the population served, including a breakdown of where patients of the program reside in Cook County and the number of patients served over the last 24 month cycle; and
- b. overall goals of behavioral health program;
- c. information on the providers, managers, and/or operators of the behavioral health care program, activity or service;
- d. key performance indicators measuring the results of the program;
- e. quality measures or expectations for contracts involved in the program, where applicable;
- f. information on how the care being provided in this program serves the best interests of the patient/recipient of care;
- g. information on how the continuum of care may be addressed through this program;
- h. information on the best practices in this type of programming;
- i. information on external partners working with the County entity or entities on this program, where applicable;
- j. an evaluation of the impact of the program and an overview of its effectiveness, particularly as it pertains to vulnerable populations, racial and ethnic minorities; and populations facing disparities in behavioral health outcomes, behavioral health care, and behavioral healthcare access;

- k. information with the costs associated with the program(s) and funding source(s);
- l. any additional information which may facilitate the Committee's understanding of the program, initiative, or activity;
- m. any additional information which may foster a more accurate assessment of behavioral health care needs and opportunities for collaboration or growth within the Cook County Government entity's behavioral health care programs; and
- n. any additional information if patients receive follow up care at a Cook County hospital including medication management as a part of aftercare.

Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The first quarterly reports from the appropriate entities shall be submitted to the Health & Hospitals Committee no later than June 2021.

[21-1195](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DEBORAH SIMS, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LUIS ARROYO JR, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REDRAW DISTRICTS FOR THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the home rule powers granted by Article VII, section 6a of the Constitution of the State of Illinois (1970), the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted Rules of Organization and Procedure (the "Rules") on December 4, 2018 and October 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-109(a)(4) of the Cook County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Cook County Board of Commissioners ("Board") to create special committees by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-109(h) further provides that such resolution creating a special committee shall specify the subject matter of the special committee, the number of members to be appointed, and may specify a reporting date during the term; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is called upon by law to redraw its districts every decade based upon the population data compiled and made available by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census results have not yet been released; however, in order to ensure timely completion of redistricting in Cook County, the Board desires to establish the process and procedures in order to commence its review of County Board district boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a special committee of the Board of Commissioners is hereby established under Section 2-109 of the Rules to review the 2020 U.S. Census data upon receipt and to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for new County Board district boundaries.
2. That such special committee shall be known as the “2020 Census Redistricting Committee” and shall be comprised of all seventeen members of the County Board, one of whom shall be the Chairperson; one of whom shall be the Vice-Chairperson and one of whom shall be the Assistant Vice-Chairperson.
3. That the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed to be members and chairpersons of the 2020 Census Redistricting Committee:

Chair: Deborah Sims

Vice-Chair: Peter N. Silvestri

Assistant Vice-Chair: Luis Arroyo, Jr.

Members: Committee of the Whole which is comprised of all Commissioners, including the Chair, Vice-Chair and Assistant Vice-Chair.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO ESTABLISH REDISTRICTING PROCEDURES FOR THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section 2-109 (a)(4) of the Cook County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Cook County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) to create special committees by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-109 (h) further provides that such resolution creating a special committee shall specify the subject matter of the special committee, the number of members to be appointed, and may specify a reporting date during the term; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is called upon by law to redraw its districts every decade based upon the population data compiled and made available by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census results have not yet been released; however, in order to ensure timely completion of redistricting in Cook County, the Board desires to establish the process and procedures in order to commence its review of County Board district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, a Redistricting Committee has been established by the Board to review the 2020 U.S. Census data and to make recommendations to the Board for new County Board district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Redistricting Committee and the public to establish procedures for redistricting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY AS FOLLOWS that the following procedures shall be implemented and followed for Cook County Redistricting Committee:

1. The Redistricting Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) shall consider plans of single-member districts and recommend one plan for adoption by the Board. The plan recommended to the Board shall comply with all applicable federal and state constitutional and statutory requirements.
2. The Chair, following consultation with the Vice-Chair and Assistant Vice-Chair of the Redistricting Committee shall establish and post guidelines for public access of redistricting services and ensure said guidelines provide opportunity for all individuals and groups who wish to convey their ideas on redistricting to the Board and to the Redistricting Committee but who otherwise do not have the technical resources to support their efforts; said guidelines shall include opportunity for the public to access by appointment computer hardware and software, operated by redistricting staff, in order to afford fair access to these services. The Chair shall make accommodations for remote participation by the public in lieu of on-site public access.
3. The Redistricting Committee shall conduct at least three public hearings to gather public testimony on re-districting matters. These hearings shall be conducted in advance of the Committee assembling a full plan for consideration. Those wishing to participate are urged to address among other matters issues of communities of interest. A schedule of these public hearings will be announced and published by the Chair; said meetings may be conducted remotely.
4. All meetings of the Redistricting Committee will be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, including the Open Meetings Act. Notice will be given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Board practice. A citizen or organization that requests written notice shall receive it without charge.
5. Transcripts of any meetings of the Committee shall be made available for public inspection within 15 working days of the meeting at the offices of the Secretary of the Board, Cook County Building, 118 N.

Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, Illinois or electronically at the direction of the Chair. All written materials submitted as testimony, proposals, or comments to the Committee shall be made available for public inspection within five working days of their receipt.

6. All original plans produced by the public are due by May 10, 2021 or a date to be determined by the Chair depending on the release of the Census data. A plan may describe a single district or a combination of districts. The public is encouraged to propose plans that incorporate all 17 districts.

7. Any plan submitted to the Committee shall include 19 copies of the following information (one copy will remain in the Committee file, one copy will be submitted to the Secretary of the Board for public inspection, and one copy will be provided to each member of the Committee):

7.1. The plan drawn as a map, showing the boundaries of the proposed district or districts, township boundaries, the limits of the City of Chicago, the names of major streets, roads, highways or physical features defining the boundaries of the proposed district or districts.

7.2. A statistical summary for each existing or proposed district providing:

7.2.1. Total population and voting age population;

7.2.2. The number of African-American and African-American voting age population;

7.2.3. The number of Hispanic and Hispanic voting age population;

7.2.4. The number of Asian and Asian voting age population.

7.3. A written explanation as to how communities of interest are addressed.

7.4. A list of townships and municipalities (or portions thereof) in each proposed district.

7.5. A written description of each proposed district by census tract and block.

7.6. A districting impact statement explaining how the proposed plan satisfies the requirements of the United States and Illinois Constitutions and relevant federal and state statutes (and, specifically, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended).

Effective Date: Effective immediately upon passage.