



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

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Arroyo, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Vice-Chairman Arroyo asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No Public Speakers

[20-4903](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT FROM THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF CONTACT TRACING IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County, state, and country have been besieged by the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic since it first appeared in the United States in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2020 through October 6, 2020 there have been 62,588 confirmed cases of

SARS-CoV-2 in Cook County with 1,952 reported deaths; and

WHEREAS, contact tracing is a time-honored tool of public health professionals to protect the public from the spread of contagious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health is charged with conducting contact tracing for suburban Cook County, except in those jurisdictions that have their own certified health departments; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health has received \$43 million in grants to hire the staff required to conduct contact tracing throughout Cook County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee convene a public hearing to discuss the progress of hiring contact tracing staff and their contact tracing efforts to date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 20-4903. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (12)

Absent: Deer, Anaya, Gainer, Morrison and Silvestri (5)

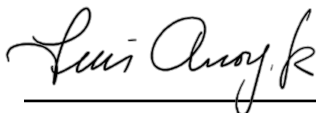
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Arroyo, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (12)

Absent: Deer, Anaya, Gainer, S. Morrison and Silvestri (5)

Respectfully submitted,



Vice-Chairman



Secretary

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