



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:42 AM.

Chair Schwarze called the meeting to order at 9:42, delayed due to members attending a previous committee meeting.

The Chair stated “A physical quorum of the members is physically present. I will entertain a motion to permit those members not physically present due to: personal illness or disability; employment purposes or for the business of the board; or family or other emergency; or unexpected childcare obligations, to participate by video or teleconference”.

Member Cronin so moved, Member Garcia seconded, all ayes on a voice vote, the motion passed. Member LaPlante attended remotely.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board members present: Member Saba Haider and Member Yeena Yoo

Staff in attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Jeremy Custer and Evan Shields (County Board), Renee Zerante (State's Attorney Office), Donna Weidman (Procurement), Natasha Belli, Julie Hamlin, and Gina Strafford-Ahmed (Community Services Administrators), Mary Keating (Director of Community Services), and Janelle Chadwick (Administrator of the DuPage Care Center).

Guest attendee: Jesse Gutierrez from West Chicago

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, and Schwarze
REMOTE	LaPlante

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze reminded the committee that they will present the check awards to the Small Human Services Grant recipients at the County Board meeting on June 24, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a small reception for the recipients between the Finance meeting and the County Board meeting in one of the meeting rooms.

4.A. NACCED letters of commendation for Mary Keating and Julie Hamlin

Chair Schwarze stated that Chair Conroy received letters of commendation from the Board of Directors from the National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) for Mary Keating and Julie Hamlin for the contributions they made to the association last year. Ms. Keating and Ms. Hamlin were recognized for their impactful contribution and assistance in community development, economic development, and affordable housing initiatives, providing feedback to federal agencies, and facilitating educational opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of community development professionals and local government staff. Member Cahill read the letter of commendation regarding Mary Keating and Member Galassi read the letter for Julie Hamlin.

Mary Keating praised Julie Hamlin for embracing her participation in NACCED, serving on the Board of Directors and being active on several committees. Ms. Keating also thanked the County Board for their support and for allowing her to participate in NACCED/NACo conferences to enhance her professional development.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5.A. [25-1412](#)**

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**6.A. [FI-R-0094-25](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program HHS Grant PY26 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 25-221028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1430, in the amount of \$974,465. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

6.B. [FI-R-0095-25](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program State Grant PY26 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 26-251028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1490, in the amount of \$568,959. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

6.C. [FI-R-0096-25](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Grant PY26 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 26-254028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1495, in the amount of \$3,422,595. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

6.D. [FI-R-0093-25](#)

Acceptance of an extension of time for the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program DOE Grant PY25 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 22-403028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1400, from June 30, 2025 to September 30, 2025. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

6.E. [25-1413](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Environmental Consulting Group, Inc., for asbestos testing to single family homes and Single Family Rehab grants, for the Weatherization Department, for the period of February 13, 2025 through March 10, 2026, for a contract total not to exceed \$22,925; per bid 25-021-WEX. Grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Cronin Cahill, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

7. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**7.A. [25-1414](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Comcast Cable, for cable services, for 1 East, Sub-Acute in the DuPage Care Center, for the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, for a contract total amount of \$15,600; under bid renewal 4621.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia
AYES:	Cronin Cahill, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

8. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK

Two out of county residency waivers for the Care Center were presented to the committee for approval. Ms. Chadwick stated there are currently twelve open male beds and seven open female beds.

8.A. Residency Waiver One

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8.B. Residency Waiver Two

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

9. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

Janelle Chadwick, Administrator of the DuPage Care Center, stated the Care Center had recent covid cases that affected key staff members and residents causing more ill symptoms and spreading easier than previous variants. The covid cases have passed but the Care Center is still wearing masks for protection.

Ms. Chadwick stated there was some concern with the bed tax the Care Center pays being affected by the Illinois 2026 budget. After discussing with the Leading Age Illinois Board of Director resource to the County, she determined there are no negative impacts to the Illinois 2026 budget at this time. Ms. Chadwick will share any federal budget changes coming through.

Asked by Vice Chair Garcia about regulations regarding covid vaccinations, Ms. Chadwick replied that different versions of vaccines have had different requirements. Residents over age 65 will continue to be vaccinated. She clarified that under the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), residents under 65 would have to obtain the vaccine on their own.

Most employees are current with the latest vaccine provided to the under 65 population. Waivers completed by employees determine if and when they are vaccinated.

IDPH is focusing more on influenza and tuberculosis.

Ms. Chadwick answered questions from the committee, clarifying to Member DeSart that the Care Center residency waivers for long term placement always go to the Human Services committee.

Member Galassi asked if the 12 open beds for men was a high number or status quo? Ms. Chadwick answered 12 is the number of open beds for placement. There are more open beds in private rooms reserved for infection control purposes or behavior issues. Although with construction, there are currently two closed units, down from three, the Care Center census has been climbing. They are close to 200 residents right now, up from 180 recently. There are four individuals that will be admitted next week. They are staffing to census. As the units are completed, they will need to hire additional staff. The care Center is still using an agency for CNA's. It is far less than previously, and they do not need an agency for nursing staff. The hiring has been very strong the last few months.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, stated the detailed federal budget released by President Trump is not good news for the department. Under the president's proposal, CSBG, CDBG, LIHEAP, and probably the Weatherization programs would all be eliminated. The HOME program would be cut by 80%.

However, it is up to the House of Representatives and the Senate and what their markups will say. Congress markups are expected to be released in July. On a positive note, the Chair of the Transportation and Housing & Urban Development Subcommittee of Financial Services, and the ranking minority members are doing outreach to stakeholder groups to talk about reauthorization of CDBG and the HOME program and invited NACCED to attend. The invitation of NACCED is a positive sign that Congress does not want the programs to end.

Ms. Keating has been perusing a 2000-page document regarding the funding and has not been able to ascertain anything about the Older Americans Act funding. She added that this isn't the first time our programs have been zeroed out with presidential budgets before being resurrected by Congress.

Natasha Belli, Administrator of the Senior Services unit, announced that in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, Senior Services will host a Senior Resource Fair on Friday, June 13, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The fair will have about 36 outside providers attending, along with our Community Services' staff promoting our programs. Staff will highlight the long-term care Ombudsman program and the Elder Abuse program.

11. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM..