



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

9:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board members present: Member Lucy Chang Evans, Member Patty Gustin (9:45 AM).

Staff in attendance: Rene Zerante, Conor McCarthy (9:40 AM) (State's Attorney Office), Mary Catherine Wells, Gerald Smith, Keith Jorstad (Finance), Nickon Etminan (Procurement), Natasha Belli, Mary Keating (Community Services), and Janelle Chadwick (DuPage Care Center) (remote).

PRESENT	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze
LATE	Childress

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze read the new release that came out regarding the DuPage Care Center receiving another prestigious recognition. "The Center was named one of the 2024 U.S. News Best Nursing Homes by U.S. News and World Report. The Care Center is listed as High-Performing for both Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care, making it one of just 3 percent of nursing homes nationwide to receive both designations."

"The Short-Term ratings are based on an assessment of 10 quality measures, including staffing levels, medical outcomes, and resident complaints. Similarly, the Long-Term ratings are based on an assessment of nine quality measures, including staffing, medical outcomes, resident complaints, vaccinations, and appropriate use of medications."

"The DuPage Care Center was also named the third-best nursing home in Illinois by Newsweek Magazine, based on performance data, peer recommendations, management of the COVID-19 situation, and accreditations from The Joint Commission and Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. The Care Center ranked third among 750 nursing homes chosen by the magazine, based on key criteria that made the Care Center's quality of care stand out among more than 12,000 public and private facilities analyzed."

"Congratulations to the staff of the Care Center on these incredible achievements!"

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5.A. [23-3742](#)**

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

6. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

Length of Service Award - Jeanie Moccio - 30 Years - Community Services

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**7.A. [FI-R-0272-23](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program HHS Grant PY24 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 24-224028, Company 5000, Accounting Unit 1420, \$2,948,471. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

7.B. [HS-R-0069-23](#)

Approval of issuance of payments by DuPage County to energy assistance providers through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, HHS Grant PY24 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 24-224028, in the amount of \$2,408,901. (Community Services)

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

Member Childress arrived at 9:45 AM.

7.C. [HS-P-0088-23](#)

Awarding resolution to Wellsky Corporation, for the renewal of the Homeless Management Information System Software and Cloud services contract, renewal of licenses, training, support, and custom programming, for Community Services, for a contract total amount of \$43,720.48. (PARTIAL ARPA ITEM)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

8. **DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**

8.A. [HS-P-0089-23](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to AirGas USA, LLC, to furnish and deliver liquid portable oxygen for the residents at the DuPage Care Center, for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$48,000; under bid renewal #22-105-DCC, first of three, one-year optional renewals.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

8.B. [HS-P-0090-23](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Accelerated Care Plus, for leasing Physical Therapy Equipment, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$35,859.36, per sole source.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

8.C. [23-3743](#)

HS-P-0051A-23 - Amendment to Resolution HS-P-0051-23, issued to Performance Foodservice, for secondary food, supplies and chemicals, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024, to increase encumbrance in the amount of \$20,000, a 27.45% increase.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze

9. BUDGET TRANSFERS

9.A. [23-3744](#)

Budget Transfer to transfer monies from 1200-2050/52220 (Wearing Apparel) to 1200-2050/54110 (Equipment & Machinery) in Nursing Services to allow for the purchase of a replacement of a Broda Shower Chair for the residents of the DuPage Care Center - \$1,935.00

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

9.B. [23-3745](#)

Budget Transfer to transfer monies from 1200-2025/54110 (Dining Services) to 1200-20535/54110 (Housekeeping) to allow for the purchase of two (2) Duo R-Microplus Pro Mops to add to the current fleet for newly purchased Housekeeping trolley cart at the DuPage Care Center \$1,400.00.

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

10. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK

No residency waivers were offered.

11. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

Janelle Chadwick, Administrator of the DuPage Care Center announced the Care Center is on a Covid outbreak, with one unit finishing up on quarantine. Ms. Chadwick noted the community hospital covid admissions are on the rise, although DuPage County is still low. Staff are informing their resident families to be cognizant and if possible, wear masks over the holiday weekend as they always see an uptick in covid cases after huge family gatherings and holiday events.

Ms. Chadwick will have a slideshow presentation at the December 5, 2023, Human Services committee meeting showing the progress of the renovations at the Care Center. She is expecting the resident room cabinetry to be installed. She will show the completed bathroom renovations, walls, and hallway flooring. Ms. Chadwick added she is so excited; it looks like a whole new building.

The Care Center has completed their annual surveys for both health and life safety codes. They both went well. They have submitted everything requested for clearance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Member Garcia asked if most of the residents have received current covid vaccines. Ms. Chadwick responded the pharmacist is at the Care Center today giving vaccines.

Member Childress asked if the Care Center will receive a plaque for the award they just received. Ms. Chadwick replied they are not allowed to use the World News emblems in their marketing materials without licensing fees, which she is working on obtaining. A plaque will come with it.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, reminded the committee that the equipment grant application is still open for food pantries through mid-December. She stated they will send a reminder to the food pantries. Ms. Keating stated the Finance staff reported that they have not received many applications. Ms. Keating told them in her experience, most people wait until shortly before the deadline to submit. She will keep the committee posted on the applications as they come in.

Ms. Keating mentioned the Length of Service Award, specifically the job share program that DuPage County once had, which was eliminated about six years ago. This was not two part-time positions, rather it was two people doing the same job. This required that two people worked well together and both offered the same expertise in the position. This policy was beneficial in retaining employees, allowing them greater flexibility while still retaining full benefits.

The committee discussed the benefits of the job share program in the current employment market. The driving force in the current job market is flexibility, the ability to work remotely has changed our current work force. The committee discussed how reinstating this policy could work towards better retention of employees. They discussed about how this policy could be revisited.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Schwarze thanked all for the support of the small business grants, remarking the presentation went well at County Board. He expressed his appreciation to the Finance staff for their hard work.

Chair Schwarze added that it is in the proposed budget for 2024 to continue the program for three additional years, which County Board will vote on at the November 28, 2023 meeting. He will meet in January with Vice Chair Garcia, Finance Chair Chaplin, Finance Vice Chair Krajewski, Finance staff, Community Services staff, and the Assistant States Attorney to improve on the issues we had this year. Member LaPlante asked if committee could have input. Chair Schwarze requested committee members send concerns and/or feedback to him or Vice Chair Garcia.

Mr. Schwarze expressed his appreciation to all for supporting the extra \$1.14M ARPA interest funds going towards food in 2024, that will be on the County Board agenda next week. He thanked County Board Chair Conroy to include an additional \$1.5 M, considering in 2023 we spent over \$4M in food assistance and people are still going hungry. That will increase the \$1.5 to \$2.64 M, which is needed.

DeSart asked if there have been any additional complaints regarding the produce from Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB). Greg Schwarze and Mary Keating replied that only two out of 22 pantries complained, and they chose to opt out of the NIFB program.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schwarze requested a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM on a voice vote, all ayes.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze