



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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

Staff in attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Renee Zerante (State's Attorneys Office), Keith Jorstad (Finance), Donna Weidman (Procurement), Natasha Belle, Julie Hamlin, Gina Strafford-Ahmed (Community Services), Mary Keating Director of Community Services, and Janelle Chadwick, remote (Administrator of the DuPage Care Center).

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

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze welcomed the committee members back from the Thanksgiving holiday.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [25-2910](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**6.A. [HS-R-0019-25](#)**

Recommendation for approval of a commitment of HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds and to enter into a HOME Agreement with Taft and Exmoor LP, an Illinois Limited Partnership, Project Numbers HM21-05, HM22-02, and HM23-02 – Taft and Exmoor Development – in the Amount of \$1,750,000 – for Construction of a 42-unit affordable rental housing development for families and person with disabilities.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

6.B. [HS-P-0059-25](#)

Awarding resolution issued to Optimum Management Resources, to provide technical assistance and consultation services to the DuPage County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for a contract total not to exceed \$37,350. Other Professional Services not suitable for competitive bid per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c). Vendor selected pursuant to DuPage County Procurement Ordinance 2-353(1)(b). Grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**7.A. [FI-R-0206-25](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of the DuPage Care Center Foundation - Foundation Coordinator Grant PY26 - DCCFFCG26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2120, in the amount of \$32,500. (DuPage Care Center)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7.B. [FI-R-0207-25](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the DuPage Care Center Foundation Recreation Therapy Grant PY26 - DCCFRTG26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2120, in the amount of \$30,083. (DuPage Care Center)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

7.C. [FI-R-0205-25](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the DuPage Care Center Foundation Music Therapy Grant PY26 - DDCCFMTG26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2120, in the amount of \$63,486. (DuPage Care Center)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

7.D. [HS-P-0060-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Pulmonary Exchange, Ltd., for rental of respiratory care equipment, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of January 18, 2026 through January 17, 2027, for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000; per bid #25-129-DCC.

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

7.E. [HS-P-0061-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Music Speaks, LLC, for music therapy services for the residents at the DuPage Care Center, for the period of January 12, 2026 through January 11, 2027, for a contract total not to exceed \$62,275.72; per RFP #25-116-DCC. (DuPage Care Center Foundation funded)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

7.F. [25-2911](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Illinois Aging Services Network (ILASN), to negotiate managed care contracts for Medicaid, eldercare advantage and commercial plans, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for a contract total not to exceed \$17,302.34. Other Professional Services not suitable for competitive bid per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c). Vendor selected pursuant to DuPage County Procurement Ordinance 2-353(1)(b).

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

8. **RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK**

Janelle Chadwick, Administrator of the DuPage Care Center, stated there are currently four male beds and seven female beds available so no DuPage County residents would be displaced by accepting this person into the DuPage Care Center.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

9. **DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK**

2 North, 2 Center, and 2 South are over 90% complete. All required information has been submitted to the state. They are waiting for notification from the state; either a survey visit, or a waiver with an indicational letter that they would be waiving a physical visit. The Health Facility Planning and Review Board feels the survey will be waived. However, when Ms. Chadwick spoke with the clinical survey staff through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), they said they would never waive a survey. Staff are waiting for the next step in the documentation. The submission of the request for inspection needs to take place within the last 10% of the work in order to address any revisions before completion. The renovation will have to be 100% complete before residency can take place.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, pointed out that agenda item 6.A. is for the Full Circle Community Project in Glen Ellyn risking their funding due to the federal government shutdown that she spoke about in prior meetings. The project has received their funding and is able to move forward in a timely manner.

The Home Advisory Group (HAG) and the Community Development Commission (CDC) Executive meet this morning at 11:30 AM. If you are not on the committees but are interested, they will be discussing their recommendations for 2026 CDBG funding.

Ms. Keating referred to the budget changes mentioned at the prior meeting regarding the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Ms. Keating met with all agencies that have permanent supportive housing projects. The agencies are working through how they will transition some individuals into transitional housing projects and the challenges of what happens to individuals in permanent support housing. Some potentially may be able to transition out of permanent supportive housing and some may age out into Senior Services.

HUD still hasn't released actual grant applications even though allegedly they are due on December 15, 2025.

This is our last Human Services meeting of 2025. Ms. Keating thanked the committee for all the support they provided to her, staff, and most importantly, to the residents they serve. Chair Schwarze expressed the same sentiment from the committee.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Schwarze stated that he reached out to Vice Chair Garcia and the DuPage County Board Chair Deborah Conroy regarding the next steps for food insecurity. They do not have a meeting date established but he will keep the committee apprised of any developments.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.