



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

At the onset of the meeting, Member Cahill was not present, Member Garcia was delayed in a prior committee meeting, and Member DeSart was absent. Chair Schwarze appointed County Board Member Yeena Yoo to the committee for quorum purposes. Member Cahill arrived at 9:34 AM for the start of the voting. Member Garcia arrived at 9:36 AM.

Other Board members present: Member Yeena Yoo

Staff in attendance: Renee Zerante (State's Attorney Office), Keith Jorstad (Finance), Donna Weidman (Procurement), Inva Memisha (DuPage Care Center Financial Manager), Anita Rajagopal (Assistant Administrator for the DuPage Care Center), Natasha Belli and Gina Strafford-Ahmed (Community Services Administrators), and Mary Keating (Director of Community Services).

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Galassi, LaPlante, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT	DeSart
LATE	Garcia

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

No remarks were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5.A. [25-2544](#)**

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Cronin Cahill, Galassi, LaPlante, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	DeSart
LATE:	Garcia

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**6.A. [25-2545](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Piedmont Global, to provide face-to-face and telephonic interpreter services, translation services, and American Sign Language, to assist clients in Community Services, for the period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, for a contract total amount of \$15,000; per RFP #23-072-CS, second of three optional one-year renewals. (Community Services)

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

7. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**7.A. [HS-R-0018-25](#)**

DuPage Care Center Rate Increase to increase the per patient day charges last fixed by Resolution HS-R-0018-24, approved October 22, 2024, from \$468 per day to \$487 per day for Standard Custodial Care and from \$487 per day to \$506 per day for Alzheimer's Special Care and from \$668 per day to \$695 per day for Post-Acute Care, and \$400 per day for Respite Care, effective December 1, 2025. (DuPage Care Center)

Anita Rajagopal, Assistant Administrator of the DuPage Care Center, explained that staff looked at the inflation costs and completed a market survey to determine the upcoming costs for treatment and/or residency at the Care Center.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Cronin Cahill, Galassi, LaPlante, and Schwarze
ABSENT:	DeSart
LATE:	Garcia

7.B. [HS-P-0050-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Metropolitan Industries, Inc., to provide, deliver and install a Metropolitan "Metro-Prime" pump system, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of October 28, 2025 through October 27, 2026, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$51,220. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c) not suitable for competitive bids. (Sole Source - sole manufacturer)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

7.C. [HS-P-0051-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Valdes Supply, to furnish and deliver restroom tissue, paper towels and facial tissue (group 2), as needed for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, for a contract total not to exceed \$69,000; per bid renewal #22-112-FM, third and final optional renewal.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

7.D. [HS-P-0052-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to AirGas USA, LLC, to provide liquid portable oxygen, for the residents at the DuPage Care Center, for the period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$50,000; under bid renewal #22-105-DCC, third and final optional renewal.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7.E. [HS-P-0053-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Sysco Chicago, Inc., to provide primary food, supplies and chemicals, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,363,020; under bid renewal #22-082-DCC, third and final optional renewal.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

7.F. [25-2546](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Relias, for a Learning Management System, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$19,173.02; per RFP #24-114-DCC, first of three options to renewal.

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

8. **RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK**

No residency waivers were offered.

9. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

The Care Center is prepared to submit the request for the 90% construction completion inspection for units 2 North, 2 South, and 2 Center to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) by November 6, 2025. They do not know what the impact of the federal government shutdown will be as the government staff are only doing surveys that pertain to safety and/or harm caused.

The construction crew will complete unit 1 North to move the short term stay residents from 1 East prior to construction starting in 1 East.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, stated there is no news on the federal government shutdown or the federal 2026 budget.

Ms. Keating reminded the committee that the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) meets today at 11:30 a.m. All members of the committee are also members of the CSBG Committee.

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 9:40 AM.