



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, October 7, 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.

Chair Schwarze stated a physical quorum of the members is physically present. He requested 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 to participate by video or teleconference.

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

2. ROLL CALL

Staff in attendance: Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Renee Zerante (State's Attorney Office), Keith Jorstad (Finance), Valerie Calvente and Sara Rogers (Procurement), Natasha Belli (Senior Services Administrator), Mary Keating (Community Services Director), and Janelle Chadwick (Administrator of the DuPage Care Center).

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

No remarks were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [25-2391](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

6. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD

- 6.A. Length of Service Award - Sunitha Doma - 10 Years - Community Services
- 6.B. Length of Service Award - Christy Plasil Tang - 10 Years - Community Services
- 6.C. Length of Service Award - Karina Vazquez - 10 Years - Community Services

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**7.A. [FI-R-0161-25](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of the IACAA Employment Barrier Reduction Pilot Program PY26, Agreement No. FCSEG05509, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1675, in the amount of \$40,250. (Community Services)

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

7.B. [FI-R-0155-25](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Aging Case Coordination Unit Fund PY26 for Senior Services, Company 5000 - Accounting Units 1660 and 1720, in the amount of \$8,130,284. (Community Services)

Chair Schwarze asked if the funding comes from the federal government or state government. Mary Keating responded that this establishes the full Senior Services budget for the 2026 program year. Most of it is paid as a fee for service from Medicaid reimbursements through the Case Coordination or the Ombudsman program. The impact from the federal government shutdown may be a reduction of the number of people that are on Medicaid and then eligible for the program. This is not a case where they would overspend as the staffing is adjusted based on the caseload.

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

7.C. [FI-R-0157-25](#)

Acceptance of modification of funding allocation for the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) Income Eligible Retrofits Program Grant PY25, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1555, for a total amount not to exceed \$171,394. (Community Services)

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

7.D. [FI-R-0158-25](#)

Appropriation of additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program HHS Grant PY25 Inter-Governmental Agreement no. 25-224028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1420, from \$3,487,312 to \$4,050,265 (an increase of \$562,953). (Community Services)

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

7.E. [HS-P-0046-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to WellSky Corporation, for the annual renewal of the Homeless Management Information System Software and Cloud Services Contract, renewal of licenses, training, support, and custom programming, for Community Services, for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, for a contract amount not to exceed \$64,028.90. (Sole Source - Sole maintenance/update provider.) (Community Services)

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

7.F. [HS-CO-0001-25](#)

Amendment to County Contract 7271-0001-SERV issued to DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform Language Access Resource Center (LARC) for interpretation, translation, and American Sign Language services, an increase of \$8,500, for a contract total not to exceed \$38,499. (Community Services)

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

7.G. [HS-R-0017-25](#)

Approval of issuance of payments by DuPage County to energy assistance providers through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) HHS Grant PY25 Inter-Governmental Agreement no. 25-224028 in the amount of \$484,140. (Community Services)

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

8. **DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**8.A. [HS-P-0047-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order issued to Pulmonary Exchange, Ltd., for the rental of respiratory care equipment, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of November 20, 2025 through November 19, 2026, for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000; per lowest bid #25-099-DCC.

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

8.B. [HS-P-0048-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to HD Supply, Inc., to provide housekeeping and cleaning chemicals, as needed, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$189,000. Contract pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (OMNIA Partners #25-JH-011).

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

8.C. [HS-P-0049-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to PointClickCare Technologies, for software maintenance, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$302,734.83. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c) not suitable for competitive bids. (Sole Source - renewal to sole maintenance/upgrade provider.)

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

8.D. [25-2392](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Xtivity Solutions, LLC, to furnish, install, program & test cameras, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of October 8, 2025 through October 7, 2026, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$26,270.20; per lowest bid #25-091-DCC.

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

9. INFORMATIONAL**9.A. [FM-P-0046-25](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to City of Wheaton, for water utility services for the County campus, for Facilities Management, for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2029, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,152,000. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022 “Competitive Bids” (c) Not suitable for competitive bids – Public Utility. (Facilities Management - \$2,740,000; DuPage Care Center - \$412,000)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9.B. [FM-P-0047-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Wheaton Sanitary District, for sanitary sewer utility services, for the County campus, for Facilities Management, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2029, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,821,000. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022 “Competitive Bids” (c) Not suitable for competitive bids – Public Utility. (Facilities Management - \$1,540,000; DuPage Care Center - \$281,000)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	Cronin Cahill, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze
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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, updated the committee on the construction progress, stating work is coming along on units 2 North, 2 Center, and 2 South. The federal government shutdown stops any process of review for architect or construction approvals. Ms. Chadwick is hopeful that the government shutdown will end to coincide with the expected construction completion timeline in the next month.

The Care Center recently had their annual survey from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The health survey was completed before the federal government shutdown. Staff from the Life Safety Code did come in and complete their survey. The Care Center's plans of correction will not be reviewed until after the federal government reconvenes. Care Center staff

are in the process of documentation for the Life Safety Code Survey. The survey on the health side is one of the few times there were no deficiencies on the part of the CNAs, staff complying with all regulations.

Ms. Chadwick read a gratitude letter from the spouse of a patient at the Care Center. The spouse was a nurse for over 50 years and her husband, the patient, was a doctor. The spouse singled out care from individual staff with high praises and added all staff members were excellent.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, gave the committee an update on some effects of the federal government shutdown, with continuing uncertainty of what will happen in 2026.

Most of the Community Services' programs are operating on 2025 funds.

Staff are waiting on what is called 'the release of funds', which is the authorization to use grant funds, for the Full Circle Communities Project, an important project for Glen Ellyn. While waiting for HUD to sign off, the 15-day comment period closed on September 30, 2025.

Typically, the release would have been signed on October 1, 2025. Until HUD staff are back in the office, they will not receive the release of funds, which will cause a domino effect on the project deadlines. Glen Ellyn can't move forward with demolition, closing, or being able to access tax credits, which have a deadline.

Environmental reviews can't be completed for the Neighborhood Investment project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to receive 2025 funds.

Most, if not all, construction projects would not have started this fall with the construction season coming to an end. Still, funding releases are on hold.

The County serves as the lead agency for the homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). There is about \$8.6M that comes from HUD to various agencies in the county. Serving as the planning organization, DuPage County runs the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and our staff coordinates the applications. Much of the money goes to PADs, Catholic Charities, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 360 Youth, Catholic Charities being the largest recipient. Although the Biden administration committed that the grants would be for a two-year program with a non-competitive renewal for the second year, early this year HUD changed the automatic renewal, and the County must re-apply.

There is talk regarding a significant reduction in the percentage of programs that can be permanent supportive housing (PSH). Currently, people with disabilities and the chronically homeless are able to stay as long as they need or want with PSH, which would be affected by a reduction to the program. About 56% of the \$8.6M is used for PSH in DuPage County, affecting about 620 people currently in permanent supportive housing.

An evidence-based practice, called Housing First, allows people to move into housing that is funded through CoC funds and not required to engage in immediate services, such as for mental illness and substance abuse. Speculation is that engagement in services will be mandatory on day one for these programs. This will be a big challenge for agencies to adapt as many people are reluctant to address those requirements initially.

The Alden Network's Addison Horizon Senior building in Addison is now leasing and is prepared to have a ribbon cutting in early November. All committee members will receive an invitation.

13. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.