



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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), Mary Catherine Wells and Keith Jorstad (Finance), Henry Kocker (Procurement), Mary Keating, Gina Strafford-Ahmed, and Julie Hamlin (Community Services), and Anita Rajagopal (DuPage Care Center).

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze reminded the committee members that on Thursday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m., he and staff will be participating in the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) Food Summit. If you have not already RSVP'd, please let Chair Schwarze know. He expects worthy conversations at the summit.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-1257](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS - DUPAGE CARE CENTER

6.A. Mylynda Nicoloff - 15 Years - Lead Pharmacy Tech

6.B. Christine Jorns - 20 Years - Clinical Case Manager

6.C. Cher Williams - 20 Years Clinical Case Manager

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**7.A. [FI-R-0072-26](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of the 211 Illinois Program Grant PY26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1765, in the amount of \$33,500. (Community Services)

Gina Strafford-Ahmed commented that the 211 grant is funding from the State.

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

7.B. [26-1258](#)

HS-P-0030A-25 - Amendment to County Contract 7791-0001 SERV, issued to Healthy Air Heating & Air, Inc., for the Weatherization Program, to increase the contract by \$627,473, resulting in a contract total not to exceed \$807,473. (Community Services)

Ms. Strafford-Ahmed commented on items 7.A. through 7.C. explaining the Weatherization unit currently has a multifamily project underway. They have excess money from the project so the money has to be reallocated to single family homes. All three contractors were approached and asked how many additional homes they think they can complete by the end of June 30, 2026. The funds were distributed based on the vendors' abilities to complete projects within the time frame.

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

7.C. [26-1259](#)

HS-P-0031A-25 - Amendment to County Contract 7792-0001 SERV, issued to My Green House HVAC, LLC, for the Weatherization Program, to increase the contract by \$101,206, resulting in amended contract not to exceed \$416,206. (Community Services)

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

7.D. [26-1260](#)

HS-P-0628A-25 - Amendment to County Contract 7790-0001 SERV, issued to Arcos Environmental Services, for the Weatherization Program, to increase the contract by \$101,206 resulting in an amended contract not to exceed \$236,206. (Community Services)

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

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - MARY KEATING**8.A. [HS-R-0013-26](#)

Recommendation for approval of a 1st Modification to a Community Development Block Grant-CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Program Agreement with the Hanover Park Park District, Project Number CDCV21-04, incorporating newly effective requirements under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9. **DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**9.A. [26-1261](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to Redsail Technologies, LLC, for software and software maintenance for the data system in the Pharmacy Department, for the Care Center, for the period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(d) exempt from bidding - IT/Telecom purchases which do not exceed \$35,000. (DuPage Care Center)

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

9.B. [26-1262](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to Seqirus USA, Inc., for flu vaccines for the DuPage Care Center Residents, for the period of April 22, 2026 through November 30, 2026, for a total Contract amount not to exceed \$18,491.05, per MMCAP. (DuPage Care Center)

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

9.C. [26-1263](#)

Amendment to Contract 8275-0001 SERV, issued to EZ Way, Inc., for repair and maintenance of the EZ Way patient lifters, for the period June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, to increase encumbrance in the amount of \$8,000, to include harnesses with leg straps, resulting in a new amended contract total of \$22,998. (DuPage Care Center)

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

10. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK

No residency waivers were offered.

11. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

Anita Rajagopal, Assistant Administrator of the DuPage Care Center, stated that the residents were being vaccinated for covid today. Covid vaccines are not mandatory but a lot of education is given regarding covid and the vaccines and over 75% of the residents participate. Staff have the ability to receive vaccinations also.

Construction is still on schedule for the resident dining in the 1 South wing. The Care Center expects to begin the next phase in mid-May.

The Care Center was selected again to be part of Northwestern Medicine's Preferred Provider. The Care Center had to apply to be a preferred provider and then complete a presentation before the selection was made. They are in the process of working on the contract.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, stated the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Advisory Committee meeting is today at 11:30. The committee members are all members of the advisory committee. Ms. Keating would appreciate their attendance. There will be a presentation by Home DuPage which conducts the home buyers and credit repair programs. The meeting will be held at Jubilee Furniture on North Avenue east of Schmale Avenue in Carol Stream.

Ms. Keating reminded all that Early Giving is up and running online for Giving DuPage Days. Member Galassi asked about a social graphic and a link to send out to constituents regarding Giving DuPage Days. Ms. Keating will have the information sent to all the county board members.

Member DeSart asked where the Giving DuPage donations would go if donated to Community Services. Ms. Keating replied there are about 45 agencies that participate and donors can choose their agency to donate to. Giving Dupage days is a platform for organizations to use as a collective community-wide funding event. Ms. Keating explained Dupage Social Service Association (DSSA), 501c-3 organization attached to Community Services, provides small amounts of financial assistance for residents that may not be eligible for other programs.

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 9:53 AM.