



DU PAGE COUNTY

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Human Services

Final Summary

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:40 AM.

Chair Schwarze began the committee meeting stating, "Under the authority of the County Board Rules, I appoint Member Patty Gustin to be a temporary member of the Human Services Committee to establish a quorum." Members Childress, DeSart, and Garcia were all detained at the Public Works Committee meeting, which was running behind.

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

2. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance were Assistant State's Attorney Renee Zerante, Chief Administrative Officer Nick Kottmeyer (left 10:03), County Board members Patty Gustin and Yeena Yoo, Community Services Administrators NaTasha Belli and Gina Strafford-Ahmed, Finance Buyer Valerie Calvente, DuPage Care Center Administrator Janelle Chadwick, DuPage Care Center Assistant Administrator Anita Rajagopal, Rehab Services Supervisor Karen Cerny, Care Center employees Arlene Rodriguez and Eric Hill, Community Services Director Mary Keating (remote), and Jan Kay from the League of Women Voters.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze announced that the small Human Services Grant was approved at the May 9 County Board meeting. The County will have a press release on Monday, May 22nd announcing the Human Services Grant, and the website will officially open on Tuesday, May 23rd and remain open for 60 days. Any nonprofit that meets the qualifications and would like to apply can find a link on the DuPage County home page.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1835](#)

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RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER: Kari Galassi

6. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

6.A. Length of Service Award - Arlene Rodriguez - 20 Years - DuPage Care Center Rehab Services Department

Karen Cerny, Rehab Service Supervisor at the DuPage Care Center, presented a 20-year Anniversary Award to Arlene Rodriguez.

6.B. Length of Service Award - Eric Hill - 20 Years - DuPage Care Center Rehab Services Department

Karen Cerny, Rehab Service Supervisor at the DuPage Care Center, presented a 20-year Anniversary Award to Eric Hill.

7. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK

Members Childress, DeSart, and Garcia entered the meeting.

7.A. [HS-CO-0009-23](#)

Amendment issued to Lifescan Laboratories of Illinois for patient phlebotomy and lab services, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period September 20, 2022 through September 19, 2023, to increase encumbrance in the amount of \$15,000, a 75.00% increase. (6005-0001 SERV) (ARPA ITEM)

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER: Michael Childress
SECONDER: Kari Galassi

7.B. [HS-CO-0010-23](#)

Amendment issued to KCI USA, Inc., for rental of wound vac therapy and medical supplies for wound and skin care, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period January 26, 2023 through January 25, 2024, to increase encumbrance in the amount of \$45,500, a 304.35% increase. (6266-0001 SERV)

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER: Michael Childress
SECONDER: Paula Garcia

7.C. [23-1836](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc., to furnish and deliver Oxygen, Helium and Carbon Dioxide, for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, for a total contract total not to exceed \$23,500, under bid renewal #21-015-CARE, first of two (2) one (1)-year optional renewals.

RESULT:	APPROVED
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Gustin, LaPlante, and Schwarze

7.D. [23-1837](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Warehouse Direct, for a disk rider floor scrubber with rear spray bar with handle gun, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of May 17, 2023 through November 30, 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,292, per joint Purchasing, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) agreement with American Office Products Distributors, contract #189. (ARPA2 Item)

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

8. BUDGET TRANSFERS

8.A. [23-1838](#)

Budget Transfer to move the projected unspent administrative funding to Project CDCV21-01 DuPage Care Center Rehab project in order to fully expend the grant award, from various accounts to 5000-1440/53820 - \$500,000. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

8.B. [23-1839](#)

Budget Transfer to transfer monies from Building Improvements (1200-2040/54010) to Engineering & Architectural Services (1200-2040/53010) for WSP for the DuPage Care Center Renovations. \$23,880. (DuPage Care Center)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

9. TRAVEL

9.A. [23-1840](#)

Travel Request for Community Services Administrator to attend the annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization mandated grant funding training in Springfield, Illinois, from June 6, 2023 through June 8, 2023. Expenses to include lodging, miscellaneous expenses (parking, mileage, etc.), and per diem, for approximate total of \$622. CSBG grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9.B. [23-1841](#)

Travel Request for Community Services Manager to attend the annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization mandated grant funding training in Springfield, Illinois, from June 6, 2023 through June 8, 2023. Expenses to include lodging and per diem, for approximate total of \$347. Employee will not incur travel costs, traveling with administrator. CSBG grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9.C. [23-1842](#)

Travel Request for Community Services Supervisor to attend the annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization mandated grant funding training in Springfield, Illinois, from June 7, 2023 through June 8, 2023. Expenses to include lodging, miscellaneous expenses (parking, gasoline (County vehicle), etc.), and per diem, for approximate total of \$263.50. CSBG grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

9.D. [23-1843](#)

Travel Request for Community Services Weatherization Coordinator to attend the annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization mandated grant funding training in Springfield, Illinois, from June 7, 2023 through June 8, 2023. Expenses to include lodging, and per diem, (no travel expenses incurred, riding with Supervisor), for approximate total of \$188.50. CSBG grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

10. CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. [23-1844](#)

Decrease and Close WellSky Corporation - P.O. 5480-0001 SERV \$32,254.67 - Contract Expired. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

11. INFORMATIONAL

11.A. [23-1845](#)

GPN 027-23 LIHEAP HHS Grant PY24 - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - \$2,948,471. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

11.B. [23-1846](#)

GPN 028-23 LIHEAP State Supplemental Grant PY24 - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - \$5,528,383. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

12. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK

No residency waivers were offered.

13. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

Janelle Chadwick, Administrator at the DuPage Care Center, announced the Care Center is no longer on covid outbreak status, but masks are still required as a cautionary measure.

The Care Center is on target for the July 2023 renovation demolition, pending the Health Facilities Planning & Review Board's quarterly meeting at the end of June. Ms. Chadwick does not anticipate any issues with their submission of the Certificate of Need. The groundbreaking demolition ceremony will be held in July, the exact date to be determined.

Last week the Care Center celebrated Nurse's Week with several activities throughout the week. There was great synergy in the group of nurses, which was nice to see after all the stresses brought on by the pandemic. Chair Schwarze and Vice Chair Garcia joined the activities.

This week is Nursing Home Week, which The Care Center has been celebrating throughout the month. This week they will celebrate with breakfast on Thursday morning.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating confirmed Chair Schwarze's announcement regarding the small nonprofit application portal being open for 60 days. In addition to the application there will be an email address on the home page for agencies to ask questions via email. This will give the County staff a record of who asked what, and what information they were given. Based on the questions received from the agencies, they may consider a frequently asked question list. Ms. Keating expressed her appreciation to the Finance team that worked on getting the portal up and running.

Ms. Keating acknowledged the hard work of the Adult Protective Services unit (APS). The unit was contacted by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) to cover the Will County APS cases during a transition in providers. From April 10 through May 15, DuPage County APS Case Managers took 28 new cases from Will County in addition to the 67 DuPage County cases. They also handled 57 pending cases from Will County, for a total of 85 additional cases. Natasha Belli, the Administrator of Senior Services, negotiated a great contract to take on the additional cases. ShaTonya Herring, Manager of APS and her staff did an amazing job.

Construction will begin on the Family Center playground soon. Construction should be completed by August or September. This is an ARPA funded project.

Ms. Keating stated she is on the NACo affordability Task Force. Last week she spent 2 ½ days with members from 29 other counties. Great information on models of homeownership throughout the country were shared on subjects including helping families become homeowners, getting homeowners into distressed areas, and not having accessible housing for county employees and other residents in areas with high tourism. There were interesting models

presented, depending on the goals of the local community. The report of the Task Force will be released at the NACo annual conference. On Saturday, July 2nd there will be a two-hour summit to go over recommendations of the task force. Ms. Keating thanked the County Board members for giving her the opportunity to participate in the process.

Member Gustin asked if there was any discussion about big companies that come to communities and build houses for their employees to purchase. Ms. Keating replied that she is aware of Universal doing this in Orlando, and possibly in California, but they may be rentals. Ms. Keating is not aware of anything in DuPage County, but she will look into it.

Member Galassi asked about the nonprofit application portal and if County Board members will have access to the applications as they come in or not until after the portal closes. Ms. Keating responded there have not been any discussions on that topic, but she recommends waiting until the end, that all agencies' requests will be fresh in their minds. Chair Schwarze's opinion was that it is easier to compare agencies if you read all their information at once. The committee had a verbal consensus that they will wait until the 60-day submission deadline has passed to view applications.

15. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schwarze requested a motion to adjourn. Member Gustin so moved, Member Childress seconded, all ayes on a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.