

Minutes of the Chicago Board of Health
Wednesday, July 31, 2024
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
111 W. Washington St., 12th Floor (Conference Room 1212)

I. Roll Call

Quorum was established based upon the following:

Present In-Person: Janet Lin, MD, MPH, MBA
Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA, CDM, CDP
Rosa Martínez Colón, MS
Steven Rothschild, MD
Joel Johnson, MEd

Present Virtually: Debra Wesley, MSW
Horace E. Smith, MD

Absent: Carmen Vergara, MPH, RN-BSN

For the Department: Commissioner Olusimbo Ige
Chicago Department of Public Health

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Janet Lin, M.D. President.

The Board motioned and approved virtual participation for board members Horace Smith, MD and Debra Wesley.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The board approved the June minutes. Joel Johnson and Steven Rothschild, MD abstained.

III. Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Ige provided the following department wide COVID and non-COVID updates:

- **Budget Update**
 - City Council finalized CDPH's 2025 budget, which mimics the 2024 budget.
- **Democratic National Convention Update**
 - CDPH continues to support DNC preparations to ensure preparedness for biological threats, healthcare access, and disease control.
- **Vaccine Stock Prioritization**
 - The Federal Bridge Access Program concludes in August 2024 and CDPH is prioritizing the remaining stock for uninsured high-risk Chicagoans. Tentative high-risk populations to prioritize include:
 - Uninsured staff at Long Term Care facilities
 - Homeless shelters & congregate settings

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- Adult Transition Centers (ATC), for those individuals who have met the criteria for consideration for placement in a community correctional center.
- Correctional facilities if stock permits
- Federally Qualified Health Centers and CDPH walk-in clinics if stock permits

IV. Departmental Updates:

a. Media Updates

Media updates focusing on CDPH’s Summer Overdose Strategy.

b. Legislative Updates

Legislative updates on policy, legislation, and the required activities for CDPH.
Proposed federal appropriations for public health

c. Finance Updates

Finance updates regarding new grant opportunities for CDPH.

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Question regarding record keeping of immunization records to ensure deduplication of vaccine administration.
- Follow up comment on advocating recordkeeping in the State’s immunization record database and close coordination with County healthcare partners.
- Comment regarding FQHC reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccination.
- Question regarding vaccination demand data.
- Follow up question regarding other respiratory illness vaccinations and coverage under the Bridge Access Program.
- Question regarding the 2025 budget variances specific to mental health, substance use disorders, and clinics/staffing.
- Clarification question regarding one-time disease control grants and funding.
- Question regarding neighborhood assessment and correlation to substance use disorder efforts.
- Question regarding efforts to advocate for public health funding.
- Question on expansion of funding opportunities.
- Comment regarding concerns of CDPH program efficacy and public health objectives through budgetary constraints.

V. Board President’s Comments:

No board president comments.

VI. Presentations:

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Department: Chicago Department of Public Health
Title: Syndemic Approaches in Reaching Underserved Communities
Speaker: Dave Kern, Deputy Commissioner

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Comment praising Syndemic efforts and bi-directional communication between public health and HIV efforts.

VII. Public Comments

There was one public comment from Donna Murray.

Recognition of the Board meeting public health measures and linkage to long COVID.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am by Dr. Janet Lin.