

**Minutes of the Chicago
Board of Health
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Washington Building
111 W. Washington St., 12th Floor (Conference Room 1212)**

I. Roll Call

Quorum was not established based upon the following:

Present In-Person:

Horace E. Smith, MD
Janet Lin, MD, MPH, MBA
Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA, CDM
Debra Wesley, MSW

Absent:

Joel Johnson, Med
Carmen Vergara, MPH, RN-BSN
Steven Rothschild, MD
Rosa Martínez Colón, MS

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am by, Janet Lin, MD

II. Approval of the Minutes

The board members present mentioned; the August and September minutes will be open for approval in in the October Board of Health Meeting.

III. Commissioner's Update

Olusimbo Ige, MD, MS, MPH

- a. Long COVID updates - COVID updates will be discussed next month
- b. Other updates:
 - CDPH's last priority will be discussed today: Mental Health Service Expansion
 - Downsizing of CDPH vacancies due to funding shortage of federal grants
 - Attended the BCHC meeting were other health departments shared experiences with funding issues, homelessness, extreme heat, clinic health care, environmental and food protection work.

Stephanie Black, MD

- c. Disease Control Conference – rescheduled for next month

Aparna Priyadarshi

- d. 311 Dashboard - rescheduled for next month

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Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Comment regarding the BCHC meeting Dr Ige attended and the funding discussion affecting current CDPH vacancies due to the shortage of corporate and grant funding.
- Comment on the federal funds and the limitation when they're allocated to specific services.

IV. Departmental Updates:

- a. **Administrative Updates - None**
- b. **Staffing Updates - None**

Board Member Comments and Questions:

Comment on Suicide and Mental Health issues and the Covid funding cuts and their impact on COVID services.

V. Board President's Comments:

Janet Lin, MD - None

VI. Presentations:

Department: Chicago Department of Public Health
Title: Mental Health Service Expansion
Speaker: Matthew Richards, LCSW, MDiv

Board Member Comments and Questions:

- Comment regarding the presentation had how it offers the opportunity for CDPH to show the community the services they're providing.
- Question regarding how the presentation is aligned with senior services.
- Questions on the program services' capacity, the type of outcome measures and the percentage of staff that is multilogue.

VII. Public Comments

- Howard Ehrman was on-line and commented on the necessity of BOH and to have the state expand the Covid program and maternal health care services for African American women and to reopen these services in the Englewood Clinic.
- Creola Kizart-Hampton was in-person and commented on behalf of the Black Health Leadership Coalition that 2 million dollars is specially going to black health HIV organizations and asking for the budget to be reviewed and looking for funding support for the African American HIV organizations.
- Joy Bunton was on-line and commented on the increase of COVID in cook county and requesting for CDPH to act on this increase.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am by Dr. Lin.