

CEO Report



Dr. Erik Mikaitis, Interim CEO

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New Hires and Promotions



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Welcome

New Hires

LaWanda Anderson

Clinical Nurse Manager, Specialty Clinics Administration

Tenisha Brewer

Manager of Complex Care Coordination, Managed Care

Sharonda Cheeks

Nurse Coordinator II, Peds ICU

Simi J. Joseph

Senior Director of Nursing Innovation & Research Programs, Nursing Administration

Erika Lester

Manager of Operations, Multispecialty Clinic, Pediatrics Clinic

Isaac Marrufo

Community Engagement Manager, Department of Public Health



Welcome

New Hires

Patricia Pickens

Managed Care Clinical Operations Manager, CountyCare

Allison Reynolds

Compliance Officer, County Care

Mark Spranca

Chief Scientific Officer, Administration

Adewunmi Sulaiman

Associate Manager of Respiratory Services, Pulmonary Med – Respiratory

Mark Wozny

Network Information Officer, Information Systems & Information Technology

Congratulations

Promotions

Steven E. Aks

Chief Academic Affairs Officer, Administration

Daniel Arzet

Ambulatory Clinic Manager, Equity and Inclusion

Michael Hoffman

Associate Chair of Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Lori Katich

Assistant Director of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, Public Health

Lisa Naftzger

Director of Nursing Professional Development & Education, Nursing

Shelise Roberts

Public Health Nurse IV, Public Health

Congratulations

Promotions

Shelise Roberts

Public Health Nurse IV, Public Health

John Rose

Senior Manager of Rehabilitation Services, Physical Therapy

Dawn Simmons

Medicaid Managed Care Ops Manager, Managed Care

Ligi Vayalil

Nurse Coordinator II, Patient Care Services

Awards & Recognition



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Capturing the Spirit of

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APP Fellowship Accreditation

The Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship at Cook County Health has been awarded accreditation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

This prestigious recognition reflects the high standards and quality of CCH's APP fellowship program, affirming our dedication to delivering exceptional education and fostering the development of competent and skilled advanced practice providers and commitment to meeting national standards.

CCH's APP fellowship is the only ANCC-accredited program in Chicago.



Food Is Medicine

Cook County Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health participated in Commissioner Dennis Deer's Food Is Medicine weekly health talks on January 9 and January 16.

Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, COO, CCDPH, Bettina Tahsin, Registered Dietician and CCH Network Diabetes Program Manager, and Dr. Nicole Baltrushes-Hughes, participated the discussions with Commissioner Deer on the importance of healthy food.



FOOD IS MEDICINE

JOIN
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DENNIS DEER
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
COOK COUNTY HEALTH
COOK COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHY FOOD CHALLENGE



WEEKLY HEALTH TALK
TUESDAYS @ 6PM
(ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL)

FOOD PASSPORT

STARTS TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024

CLICK TO REGISTER

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: 773-722-0140

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Cook County Public Health

COOK COUNTY HEALTH

CountyCare
A MEDICAID HEALTH PLAN

First Baby of 2024

Cook County Health's first baby of 2024, Moses, was born at Stroger Hospital at 9:39 am on January 1.

Congratulations to his parents, Cosme, and Marisol, and big sister, Sandy!





Save the Date

Thursday, February 15, 2024. All-Day Event.
Cook County Behavioral Health Summit

The Office of Behavioral Health at Cook County Health is committed to transforming the behavioral health ecosystem of Cook County through community partnerships, systems alignment, innovation, and equity-driven funding.

We invite our fellow colleagues from across the County to convene at the first Cook County Behavioral Health Summit, February 15th, 2024 at UIC Dorin Forum, 725 W Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL. This will be an all-day event.

Together, we will identify collective strategies and partnerships for expanding access, enhancing system quality, and addressing inequities across our region's systems of care. Perspectives gathered at the summit will be instrumental in developing a Cook County Behavioral Health Strategic Plan, prioritizing expansion of services and treatments across the county, and for structuring upcoming community-based funding opportunities from the Office of Behavioral Health's Impact Fund.

Help us build the Summit invite list at bit.ly/BHSummitList

Additional logistical details will follow.

The Cook County Health Impact Fund is supported by Cook County Government and the American Rescue Plan.



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Office of Behavioral Health

Tom Nutter, MD

Chief Behavioral Health Officer



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Overview of Plans and Priorities

The Cook County Health Office of Behavioral Health was created to bolster mental health services and improve the behavioral health ecosystem throughout the county through the support of the Cook County Board President's Office and Board of Commissioners and ARPA funding.

Plans and Priorities:

- Hire an outstanding OBH team.
 - As of 1/16/24, eight of the ten central administrative staff onboarded, anticipate the full OBH administrative team being in place by late spring 2024.
- Gather community perspectives via the first-ever Cook County Behavioral Health Summit February 15, 2024, at the UIC Forum.
 - Input from the Summit will guide grant-making and strategic planning processes as well as aid in establishing CCH as a convener of public and private sector agencies to improve the landscape of MH and SUD throughout the county.
- Seize the opportunities provided by County allocation of ARPA funding for Behavioral Health.
- Utilize the findings of consultants completing a county-wide Community Needs Assessment and a Workforce Assessment to improve the effectiveness of post-Summit ARPA-funded grantmaking as well as the crafting of strategic plans.
- Establish a Community Triage and Stabilization Center at Provident Hospital.
- Assess strengths and weaknesses in care within the CCH Systems of Care and develop plans for improvement.
- Follow through on recently-awarded grants and projects.

Stewardship of ARPA TRO11 Funds (\$74M)

Spending Priorities

Though only \$1.8M has been spent and (as of 12/30/2023) \$6.6M obligated, we fully anticipate obligation of all funds in advance of the December 31, 2024, deadline--and that TRO11 monies will be utilized in a manner that brings substantive community benefit.

The current plan, assuming the recent Treasury guidance that clinical FTE cannot be ARPA-funded beyond 2024 holds, is as follows:

- Approximately \$45M -Open call* for grant applications following the Behavioral Health Summit
- Approximately \$9M -Capital improvements (particularly renovation of the Provident Hospital CTSC space and design of the 31st Street building)
- Approximately \$11M -Other projects identified as clinical priorities
- Approximately \$9M -Salary costs

**Open call being announced 3/6/2024*

Impact Fund Awards

How Will Priorities be Determined for the Open Call

- Input from the Behavioral Summit and related processes (primarily the Summit breakout structured listening sessions)
- Input from other various community partners, internal subject matter experts, and the President's Office
- Input from CCH BH consultants the Kennedy Forum consultants
 - Summit (Kennedy Forum)
 - Community Needs Assessment (John Snow, Inc.)
 - Workforce Assessment (Sage/Trailhead)
- While the final Strategic Plans and recommendations for each of the latter three groups are not due until the fall of 2024, all have agreed to submit preliminary recommendations in mid to late-February 2024—and each group is meeting regularly (alongside OBH) to compare findings and avoid redundancies

Impact Fund

Potential Areas of Focus

- Opioid overdose prevention, treatment, support and recovery services and other gaps in Substance Use Disorder (SUD) care
- Gaps within the crisis care continuum
- Access to care and coordination of care across agencies
- Prevention strategies, particularly positive youth development
- Upstream drivers of behavioral health and wraparound services including such as vocational rehabilitation and housing
- Development of new models of care in a manner that assures equitable access to historically under-resourced communities

Criteria for Evaluation

- Scope of potential benefit
- Addressing of gaps in care, particularly care to populations currently most under-resourced
- Fiscal sustainability/path to fiscal sustainability of proposed services

Ensuring equity in grantmaking

- Dividing up the county into 10 regions and assessing need at a community level and giving priority to communities with the highest need and social vulnerability index (SVI)
- During the Open Call, OBH will provide capacity building workshops on the grant application, program design, monitoring and evaluation and legal agreements so that organizations new and old, small and large have an opportunity to develop a successful grant application



Office of Behavioral Health Impact Fund Timeline

	Week #	January				February				March				April				May				June				July				August							
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Activities																																					
Cook County Behavioral Health Summit																																					
Preparation and Promotion of Summit																																					
Hold Cook County Behavioral Health Summit																																					
Develop of the Cook County Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan																																					
Impact Fund Open Call																																					
Buildout the Impact Fund Open Call Application																																					
Hold Press Conference Announcement/Launch Open Call																																					
Hold Information Session/Capacity Building Trainings																																					
Open FAQ																																					
Post FAQs Responses																																					
Develop Review Panel Training																																					
Identify Review Panel Members																																					
Hold Review Panel Training																																					
Close Open Call																																					
Phase 1 Review: Assess Eligibility																																					
Phase 2 Review: Panel Reviews																																					
Select Grantees																																					
Receive Grantees Acceptance of Impact Fund Funding																																					
Final Selection of Grantees																																					
Hold Press Conference																																					
Grant Implementation																																					
Conduct Obligation Guidance and Training																																					
Complete Risk Assessments for Each Grantee																																					
Submit for Board Review and Approval (if >\$1M)																																					
Draft Legal Agreements (Scope, Budget, Metrics)																																					
Hold Subrecipient Orientation and Kickoff																																					

* All Impact Fund grantees will be funded through November 30, 2026.

Thank You



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