

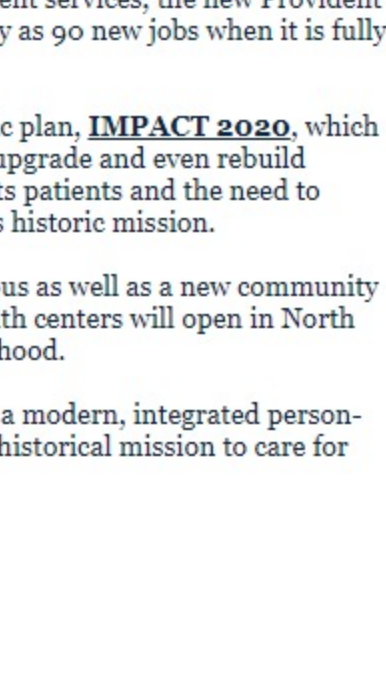


# SYSTEM NEWS

## Letter From the CEO

Dear Cook County Health Friends and Partners,

On October 22, the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board approved Cook County Health's Certificate of Need to build a modern and efficient inpatient and outpatient facility on a vacant parcel immediately west of and adjacent to the current Provident Hospital, which is located at 500 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St., Chicago.



The new facility will include a smaller replacement hospital with 42 medical/surgical beds and six ICU beds; eight operating suites as well as 70 outpatient exam rooms for the provision of comprehensive outpatient primary and specialty care. There will also be laboratory, diagnostic, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. A comprehensive emergency department with 18 bays is also planned.

The new eight-story facility will cost approximately \$240 million. The debt service on the new facility will be paid for by the health system through patient revenues not local tax dollars.

In addition to the expansion of high-quality inpatient and outpatient services, the new Provident facility is expected to maintain 450 full-time jobs and add as many as 90 new jobs when it is fully operational.

The building of this replacement hospital is part of CCH's strategic plan, **IMPACT 2020**, which laid out two critical strategies - the long overdue need to update, upgrade and even rebuild facilities to ensure that CCH is providing state-of-the-art care to its patients and the need to attract new, insured patients to ensure CCH can remain true to its historic mission.

CCH recently opened a new outpatient facility on its central campus as well as a new community health center in Arlington Heights. In 2020, new community health centers will open in North Riverside, Blue Island and in Chicago's Belmont-Cragin neighborhood.

With these projects we are coming closer to realizing our future as a modern, integrated person-centered health system, providing expert care while fulfilling our historical mission to care for all.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health

## Cook County Health's CountyCare Plan Ranked Top Medicaid Managed Care Plan in Illinois

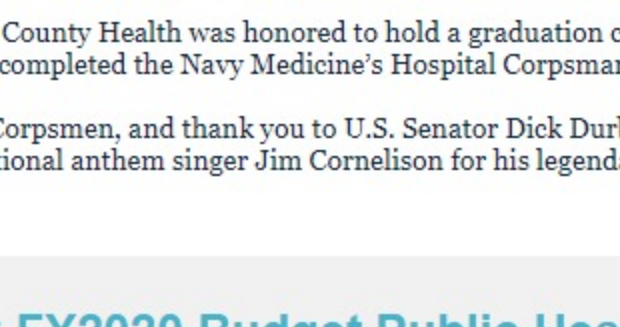
The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) released their 2019-2020 Health Insurance Plan Ratings, ranking Cook County Health's CountyCare, the system's Medicaid managed care plan, as one of the top-rated Medicaid plans in Illinois.

Plans are scored on a scale of 0 to 5, with ratings measuring quality of care and patient satisfaction. Overall, CountyCare tied for the top rating in Illinois, with a score of 3.5. CountyCare also scored the highest in the state for preventive care and treatment, and tied for second for consumer experience.

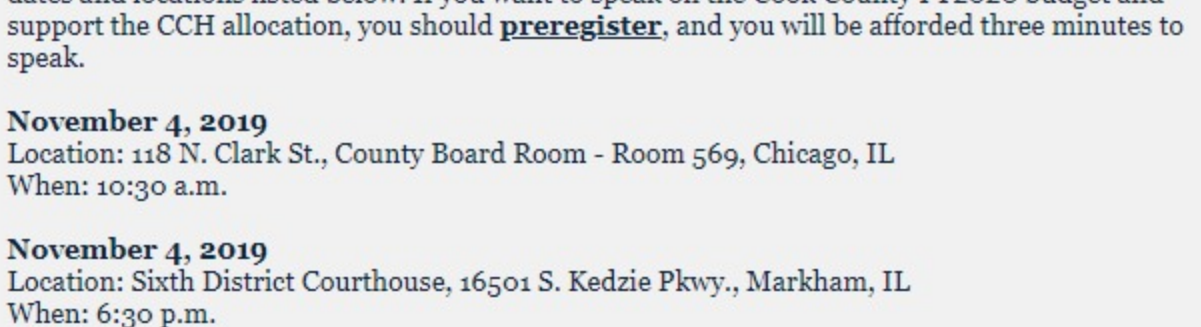
"As a provider-led plan, CountyCare focuses on member health, not profits," said Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, CCH. "This recognition is a testament to our team and our model of care that provides comprehensive services and emphasizes provider-based care coordination designed to improve health outcomes."

CountyCare is the largest Medicaid managed care plan in Cook County with 320,000 members. CountyCare covers prescription drugs, primary and specialty care, laboratory and X-ray services.

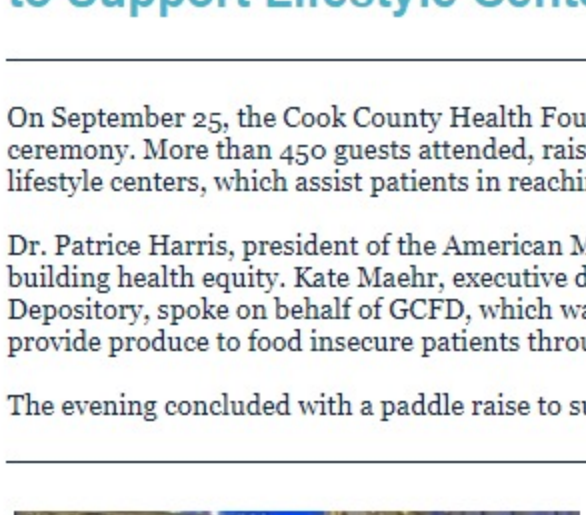
For more information visit [countycares.com](http://countycares.com).



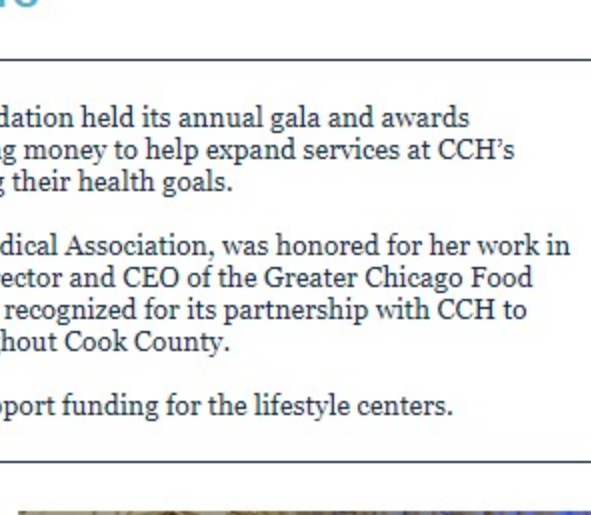
## Cook County Health Celebrates Navy Corpsmen at Graduation



Navy Corpsmen and Cook County Health staff with Navy Force Master Chief Hosea Smith Jr. and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.



Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO of Cook County Health, spoke about his personal connection to Navy corpsmen.



Chicago Blackhawks national anthem singer Jim Cornelson provided a stirring rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner.

## Cook County Health Foundation Gala Raises Money to Support Lifestyle Centers

On September 25, the Cook County Health Foundation held its annual gala and awards ceremony. More than 450 guests attended, raising money to help expand services at CCH's lifestyle centers, which assist patients in reaching their health goals.

Dr. Patrice Harris, president of the American Medical Association, was honored for her work in building health equity. Kate Maehr, executive director and CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, spoke on behalf of GCFD, which was recognized for its partnership with CCH to provide produce to food insecure patients throughout Cook County.

The evening concluded with a paddle raise to support funding for the lifestyle centers.

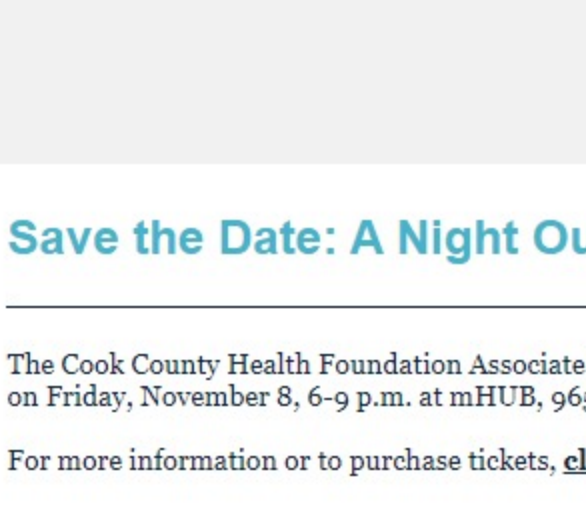


Jada, a Cook County Health patient, spoke about how the lifestyle centers helped her on her journey to better health. Jada has lost more than 90 pounds with guidance from the lifestyle centers, as well as reversed her pre-diabetes and lowered her blood pressure.



Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President, spoke about the work to improve health equity in Cook County.

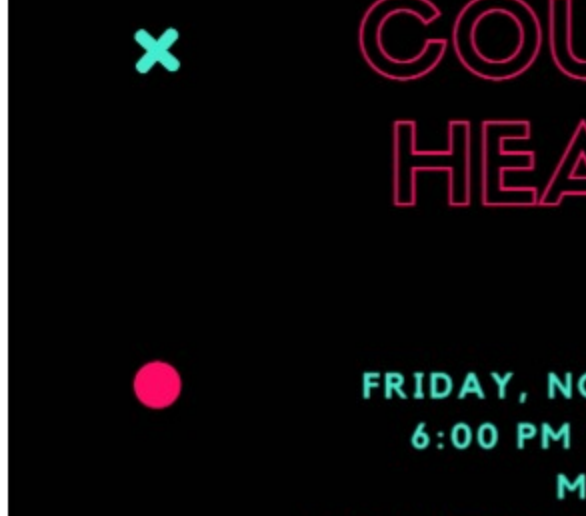
## Cook County Health Recognizes Employees for Outstanding Performance



Cook County Health had its first two nurses, Nicole Mattes (l) and Tracy Ross (r), receive their Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) certification. To become a SANE nurse, 40 hours of didactic training must be completed, as well as a year of clinicals before an application can be submitted to the Illinois Attorney General to be certified.



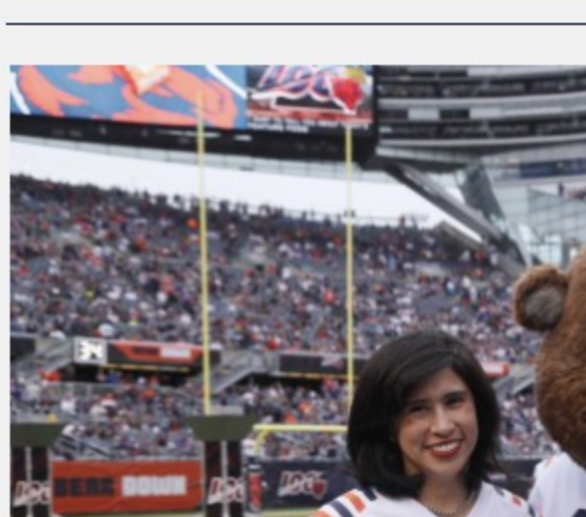
The Joint Commission has certified John H. Stroger, Jr., Hospital of Cook County as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. Congratulations to the CCH neurology and regulatory teams, including Dr. Lakshmi Warrior (l), Chair of Neurology, and attending physician Dr. Peter Egofski (r) for all their hard work on this achievement, reflecting the high-quality care CCH provides.



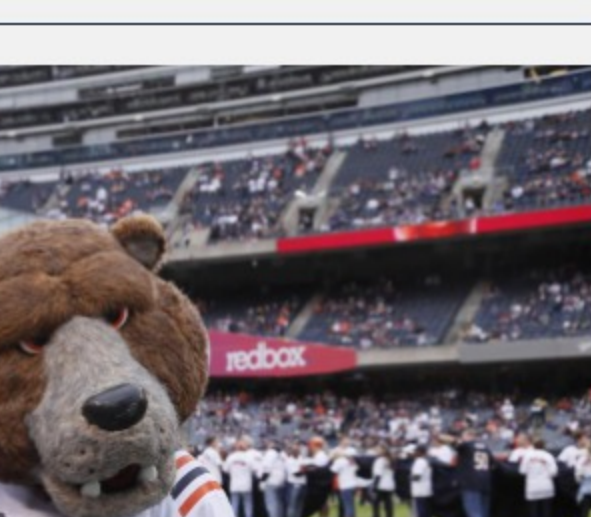
Dr. Gail Floyd, Program Director for CCH's family medicine residency program, was honored with the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians 2019 President's Award, their highest honor. This award is given for promoting the value of Family Medicine and improving health for all through advocacy, education and action.



The American College of Physicians has announced Dr. Franklin Saksena (l), a voluntary attending physician at CCH, as the winner of their Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award. Since his retirement from CCH, Dr. Saksena has diligently spent every week teaching and lecturing medical students, residents and fellows on his experience in cardiology and relevant case studies over the course of several decades in medicine. He is pictured with Dr. Rami Doukky, Chairman, Department of Cardiology.



CCH trauma program coordinator Justin Mis (r) has been selected as the 2020 Nurse Fellow for Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) and the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST). Justin was nominated by his one of his peers for his work at CCH, and is pictured with Dr. Faran Bokhari, Chairman, Department of Trauma and Burn.



## Save the Date: A Night Out for County Health

The Cook County Health Foundation Associate Board is holding A Night Out for County Health on Friday, November 8, 6-9 p.m. at mHUB, 965 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago.

For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

**THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION ASSOCIATE BOARD INVITES YOU TO...**

**A NIGHT OUT FOR COUNTY HEALTH**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**  
6:00 PM TO 9:30 PM  
MHUB  
965 WEST CHICAGO AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60642

Early Bird Tickets - \$65  
Regular Admissions - \$85  
All proceeds will go toward  
The Cook County Health Foundation

## Cook County Health's Iliana Mora Recognized during Hispanic Heritage Month



Iliana Mora, Chief Operating Officer for Ambulatory Services at Cook County Health, was recently named one of the 2019 National Football League Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award winners. The award recognizes the contributions of Hispanic leaders across the country who are making an impact on their communities during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Iliana was presented with the award at the Chicago Bears game on September 29.

## Cook County Health in the Community



Last month, Cook County Health employees participated in the Chicago Annual Recovery Walk and Olympics. The event raises awareness of treatment and recovery for those dealing with substance use disorder. From left to right: Christine Newton, recovery coach; Dr. Juleigh Nowinski-Konchak, physician lead, Medication-Assisted Treatment; Sarah Elder, manager, Behavioral Health Integration; Dr. Tina Richardson, Cermak Health; and Brittany Merrifield, recovery coach coordinator.

## Cook County Health in the News

**CNN**  
[The Decreasing Crime Numbers in Chicago are Little Comfort to Families Impacted by Violence](#)

**Chicago Tribune**  
[Ambulances Don't Always Take Patients to the Nearest Hospitals in Chicago and the Suburbs. Here's Why](#)

**ABC 7 CHICAGO**  
[Health Concerns Connected to Vaping](#)

**LAWDALE NEWS**  
[Stroger Hospital Receives \\$5M Federal Grant to Support Cancer Research](#)

**Daily Herald**  
[Stroger Hospital Recognized by U.S. News & World Report](#)

**FOX CHICAGO NEWS**  
[Cook County Officials Warn Chicagoans about Challenging Flu Season](#)

**Watch us on CAN TV**

Every month, Cook County Health features a guest expert on CAN TV to offer viewers information on various health topics, such as heart disease and breast cancer, and to discuss prevention and treatment strategies. Be sure to tune in to CAN TV on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. to catch CCH's monthly segment, and call in with your health questions at 312-738-1060. To find archived episodes, visit YouTube and look for the Community Health Hotline. The next show will air on Tuesday, November 12 at 5 p.m.

**Cook County Health in the Community: Upcoming Events**

CCH's outreach team participates in a variety of community events throughout Cook County. Whether it is a health fair, festival, job fair or community picnic, CCH's outreach workers make sure that Cook County residents know about the full portfolio of services the system provides. If you would like to know where CCH will be this month, please check our [calendar of events](#).

Visit our website at [cookcountyhealth.org](http://cookcountyhealth.org)

If you would like to invite a representative from CCH to attend a community event, please send an email to [events@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:events@cookcountyhhs.org).

To provide feedback on CCH Community News, update your contact information, or to unsubscribe, please email Marcelino Garcia, Director of Community Affairs, at [mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org).