

# **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS**

## **MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: JULY 2025**

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for JULY 2025.

### **MEETING #1 of 2**

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025.

### **The following committee members were present:**

Chair Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez

Vice Chair Julia Ramirez

Ald. Anthony Quezada

Ald. Yancy

Ald. Cruz

Ald. Lopez

Ald. Sigcho-Lopez

Ald. Lawson

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth

Ald. Fuentes

### **Rule 59 Participation:**

Ald. Robinson

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 11:39am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation of Ald. Robinson under Rule 59.

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 2 public speakers, and 1 written comment that was shared with committee members via email.

Following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held in May 2025. Ald. Gutierrez moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was **R2025-0017564** (Rodriguez Sanchez, 33; Quezada, 35): "Call for hearing(s) on city's plans for public health education and pursuit of federal public health grants."

Ald. Fuentes moved to accept the item, which was approved by voice vote.

Chair Rodriguez-Sanchez and Ald. Quezada provided remarks for their resolution.

The following guests, were present to speak on the item:

- Mayra Diaz, Senior Policy Analyst for the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group,
- Dr. Lee Francis, CEO of Erie Helping Hands

There was a period of Q&A where the following alderpersons asked questions: Chair Rodriguez Sanchez, Vice Chair Ramirez, Alder Lawson

The second item on the agenda was **R2024-0014414** (Hadden, 49): "Call for hearing(s) on allocation of HIV/AIDS grant funding."

Ald. Quezada moved to accept the substitute of the item, which was accepted by voice vote.

Leslie Perkins, Chief of Staff of Chairperson Hadden read remarks on behalf of the Alder.

The following guests, were present to speak on the item:

- Vance White, Executive Director, School of Opulence
- Vanessa Smith, Executive Director, South Side Help Center

There was a period of Q&A where the following alderpersons asked questions: Chair Rodriguez Sanchez, Alder Lawson, Alder Quezada

The third item on the agenda was a Subject Matter Hearing where the Chicago Department of Public Health provided an overview of its strategic plan with a focus on areas of maternal health and infectious disease.

The following guests, were present to speak on behalf of CDPH:

- Olusimbo Ige, Commissioner
- Mary Emmanuel, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Financial Officer
- Jen Vidis, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Program Officer
- Alexander Sloboda, Medical Director
- Kate McMahon, Policy Director
- MollyMaeve Lusk, Policy Analyst

The Chair called for questions and comments from committee members. There were no questions asked.

With there being no further business before the committee, Ald. Ramirez moved to adjourn, which was approved by voice vote, bringing the meeting to a close.

## **MEETING #2 of 2**

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Thursday, July 31st, 2025.

### **The following committee members were present:**

Rodriguez Sanchez, Rossana  
Ramirez, Julia M.  
Sigcho-Lopez, Byron  
Fuentes, Jessica L.  
Quezada, Anthony J.  
Manaa-Hoppenworth, Leni  
Robinson, Lamont J.  
Cruz, Ruth  
Hadden, Maria E.  
Gutierrez, Jeylu B.

### **Rule 59 Participation:**

Lawson, Bennett R.  
Yancy, Desmon C.

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 10:18am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation of Ald. Lawson and Ald. Yancy under Rule 59.

Ald. Quezada moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 6 public speakers, and 2 written comments that were shared with committee members via email.

Following public comments, the Chair held the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held on July 22, 2025.

**Item 3A on the agenda** was to vote for approval of **R2025-0017564** (Rodriguez Sanchez, 33; Quezada, 35): "Call for hearing(s) on city's plans for public health education and pursuit of federal public health grants." which was accepted by committee on July 22, 2025 and was followed by the called for hearing.

Ald. Ramirez moved to approve the item, which was **approved** by voice vote.

**Item 3B on the agenda** was to vote for approval of **SR2024-0014414** (Hadden, 49): "Call for hearing(s) on allocation of HIV/AIDS grant funding." which was accepted as a substitute by committee on July 22, 2025 and was followed by the called for hearing.

Ald. Quezada moved to approve the item, which was **approved** by voice vote.

**Item 4 on the agenda was a subject matter hearing** to provide an overview of 2-1-1 and information about the impacts of reduced federal funding on the local social service landscape.

The following **guests**, were present to speak on the item:

- Jackie Rosa, Vice President Strategic Initiatives
- Richard LaPratt, Executive Director 211 Metro Chicago
- Eithne McMenamin, Director Public Policy and Advocacy

There was a period of **Q&A** where the following alderpersons asked questions or offered comments: Rodriguez Sanchez, Quezada, Ramirez, Hadden, Sigcho Lopez, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Gutierrez, Yancy

**No vote was taken.**

**Item 5 on the agenda was R2025-0017499** (Fuentes, 26): “Call on U.S. Congress to establish end date for Puerto Rico Financial Oversight and Management Board and ensure transition toward Puerto Rican fiscal autonomy.”

Ald. Quezada moved to accept the item, which was **accepted** by voice vote.

Following opening remarks from Ald. Fuentes, these **guests** were present to speak on the item:

- Federico de Jesús, with the PRCC

There was a period of **Q&A** where the following alderpersons asked questions or offered comments: Rodriguez Sanchez, Fuentes

There were no questions. Ald. Quezada moved to approve the item, which was **approved** by voice vote.

**Item 6 on the agenda was R2024-0011018** (Sigcho Lopez, 25): “Call on U.S. President Biden to remove Cuba from State Sponsored Terrorism list and complete restoration of travel and trade.”

There was a **proposed substitute** for this item. Following a presentation by Ald. Sigcho Lopez regarding the changes to the resolution, Ald. Fuentes moved to accept the item, which was **accepted** by voice vote.

Following opening remarks from Ald. Sigcho Lopez, these **guests** were present to speak on the item:

- Michael Tidmore, Levantate Por Cuba
- Howard Ehrman, Levantate por Cuba
- Marguerite Horberg, ED Hothouse

There was a period of **Q&A** where the following alderpersons asked questions or offered comments: Quezada, Sigcho Lopez, Rodriguez Sanchez, Quezada

Following questions, Ald. Fuentes moved to approve the item, which was **approved** by voice vote.

With there being no further business before the committee, Ald. Fuentes moved to **adjourn**, which was approved by voice vote, bringing the meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RS' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)  
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Human Relations