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City of Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently [announced](#) the upcoming departure of Budget Director Alexandra Holt. Holt is expected to leave city service at the end of June or early July and will be succeeded by Samantha Fields, commissioner of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP). Prior to her appointment at BACP, Fields served as the first deputy director of the Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs for the Mayor's Office.

Rosa Escareno, a deputy chief operating officer to Mayor Emanuel, will replace Fields. In her current role, she oversees the day-to-day operations of several government agencies, including the Chicago Department of Public Health. Both appointments require approval from the Chicago City Council.

Champaign County

Champaign County recently issued a [request for information](#) for property brokerage and consulting services related to the possible sale or transfer of the Champaign County Nursing Home. Proposals are due by May 31. In April, voters approved a referendum giving the county the authority to sell the nursing home, although no decision has been made. County Administrator Rick Snider has previously estimated that, if approved by the County Board, the sale of the nursing home could take about a year to finalize.

The county also issued a [request for proposals](#) for management and consulting services for the Champaign County Nursing Home. The current contract expires June 30. The county is seeking services on a month-to-month basis, beginning July 1. Proposals are due May 31.

Kane County

Next month, the Kane County Health Department, the Kendall County Health Department, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, and Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis will host "Tuberculosis for the Primary Care Provider," a one-day intensive course to familiarize primary care clinicians with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care. The complimentary program will be held on June 14 from 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. at Rush Copley Health Institute in Aurora. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kankakee County

Kankakee County recently announced a vacancy for a dentist on the Board of Health. [Applications](#) to serve on the board are due May 19.

McHenry County

The McHenry County Board this week approved a [resolution](#) authorizing the county to enter into a \$45,000 contract with The National Group LLC for federal lobbying services in fiscal year 2017. The county has not employed a lobbying firm for two-and-a-half years, but the resolution indicates that because a single party controls the White House and both houses of Congress, the county anticipates increased legislative activity in Washington, D.C. in the coming years.

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McHenry County Board Chairman Jack Franks (D) is accepting applications from those interested in succeeding County Board member Andrew Gasser (R-District 1), who recently resigned following his election as Algonquin Township highway commissioner. With approval from the County Board, the selected candidate, who must be a Republican, will serve through December 2018, when the term expires. District 1 includes parts of Algonquin, Barrington Hills, Cary, Fox River Grove, Huntley, Lake in the Hills, and Trout Valley. Those interested in being considered should [submit](#) a cover letter and resume by June 12.

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The McHenry County Mental Health Board recently funded, with a \$52,000 grant, a program that allows up to five police departments to refer cases that may require behavioral healthcare to a social worker through November. The program is designed to provide police departments with data to support hiring their own full-time social workers. Currently, police departments in Algonquin and Cary participate in the program, and at present, the assigned social worker has approximately 20 police-referred cases open.

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The McHenry County Department of Public Health, McHenry County Department of Planning and Development and McHenry County Division of Transportation are hosting the complimentary McHenry County Active Communities Forum on June 16 at Centegra Health System. The forum will focus on developing actionable recommendations for better integrating land use and transportation systems to facilitate walking and bicycling to contribute to a healthy community. [Click here](#) for more information.

Will County

The Will County Health Department this week [announced](#) that its Community Health Center has achieved accreditation from The Joint Commission, the country's oldest and largest healthcare standards-setting organization. By passing the commission's inspection, the health center

becomes one of the less than 10 percent of ambulatory care centers nationwide with this designation.

City of Aurora

Newly elected Mayor Richard Irvin this week [announced](#) staff changes in the Mayor's Office, including:

- City executive Alex Alexandrou will be Aurora's next chief management officer and will be responsible for the daily operations of the city. He most recently served as the city's chief administrative services officer; and
- After a year as the city's director of neighborhood standards, former Ald. Chuck Nelson will be the city's first-ever deputy mayor. He will assist in political endeavors, business outreach, community collaborations, and educational initiatives, as well as serve as the mayor's liaison to the Aurora City Council.

Mayor Irvin is expected to announce further staff changes in the near future.

Villages of Hoffman Estates and Oak Lawn

Both the Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees and the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees voted to opt out of legislation passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners to increase the minimum wage and require paid sick time for employees. As a result, local employers must adhere to state and federal laws governing minimum wage and sick time. The villages join Arlington Heights, Barrington, Bartlett, Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Palatine, River Forest, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont, Schaumburg, Streamwood, and Wheeling, which are among the municipalities that have opted out of the legislation. For municipalities that do not opt out, the 2016 Cook County Board ordinances will increase the minimum wage to \$13 per hour by 2020 and require employers to provide employees with one hour of sick time for every 40 hours worked.

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