RESOLUTION

Whereas,

One of the primary objectives of the Union League Club of Chicago is to ensure honesty and efficiency in governmental affairs; and

Whereas,

The Health and Life Sciences subcommittee of the Public Affairs Committee acknowledges that the Cook County Bureau of Health Services Review Committee has concluded that the current governance of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services by the Cook County Board of Commissioners is inefficient, imperiling the delivery of health care to the citizens of Cook County; and

Whereas,

This governance structure also results in a massive waste of financial resources, as has been concluded by many independent commissions, including most recently the Cook County Bureau of Health Services Review Committee; and

Whereas,

This financial mismanagement threatens both the ongoing quality of health care provided to the citizens of Cook County, as well as threatens ongoing and future federal funding for the Cook County Bureau of Health Services; therefore

Be It Resolved,

That The Board of Directors of the Union League Club of Chicago:

1. Urges the Cook County Board of Commissioners to expeditiously consider the findings of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services Review Committee

2. Recommends that an independent Board to direct and oversee all operations and finances of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services be established, whose composition would be in accordance with principles put forth by the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems in its publication “Legal Structure and Governance of Public Hospitals and Health Systems”

3. Urges the Cook County Board of Commissioners to document through public forums all such considerations

4. Authorizes the Public Affairs Committee to publicly advocate this position, and to communicate this position to members of the Illinois US Congressional Delegation, as well as the Mayors of Chicago and all incorporated municipalities located in Cook County.

Adopted January 29, 2008 by the Board of Directors.

Frank R. Niederman
President

James S. Barber
Secretary