

TODD H. STROGER

PRESIDENT

EARLEAN COLLINS
ROBERT STEELE
JERRY BUTLER
WILLIAM M. BEAVERS
DEBORAH SIMS
JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY
JOSEPH MARIO MORENO
EDWIN REYES

1st Dist.	PETER N. SILVESTRI	9th Dist.
2nd Dist.	BRIDGET GAINER	10th Dist.
3rd Dist.	JOHN P. DALEY	11th Dist.
4th Dist.	FORREST CLAYPOOL	12th Dist.
5th Dist.	LARRY SUFFREDIN	13th Dist.
6th Dist.	GREGG GOSLIN	14th Dist.
7th Dist.	TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER	15th Dist.
8th Dist.	ANTHONY J. PERAICA	16th Dist.
	ELIZABETH ANN DOODY GORMAN	17th Dist.

**PATRICK M. BLANCHARD**

INSPECTOR GENERAL

69 West Washington
Suite 1160

Chicago, Illinois 60602
TEL (312) 603-0350
FAX (312) 603-9948

October 15, 2009

Honorable Todd H. Stroger
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
of Cook County, Illinois
118 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report

Dear President Stroger and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

This report is written in accordance with section 2-287 of the Independent Inspector General (OIIG) Ordinance, Cook County, Ill., Ordinances 07-O-52 (2007), to apprise you of the activities of this office during the time period of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

In connection with the number of complaints received during the subject reporting period, please be advised that this office has received a total of 118 complaints. By way of comparison, during the second quarter 2008, 45 cases were reported. As indicated to you in previous reports, we have undertaken a triage process of each complaint and immediately initiate an investigation when appropriate. The remaining complaints will be the subject of formal inquiry at the appropriate time. Accordingly, please be aware that of the 118 complaints received by this office, 60 active investigations have been initiated during the subject period. This number also includes those investigations resulting from the exercise of my own initiative (sec. 2-284(2)).

Please note that numerous matters involve multiple allegations under review. The following information reflects the number and type of infractions and/or waste and mismanagement issues being investigated in the recently initiated cases:

17 Unlawful Political Discrimination cases (13 matters have been referred to the Complaint Administrator while 4 OIIG cases are under OIIG investigation due to the systematic nature of the allegations).

5 Violation of Executive Order/County Ordinance

3 Patient, employee, or visitor abuse or harassment

4 Dual Employment

16 Failure to follow County policies, procedures, or practices



Honorable Todd H. Stroger
And members of the Board of Commissioners
October 15, 2009
Page 2

- 9 Violation of local, state, or federal laws
- 2 Theft
- 6 Misuse of Timekeeping Records/Falsification
- 11 Falsification of Employment or other record
- 4 Negligence
- 2 Misuse of confidential or proprietary information
- 3 Engage in non-County business w/o prior authorization
- 1 Reporting to work under the influence of a substance
- 1 Fighting or disruptive behavior
- 3 Official Misconduct
- 1 Leaving assigned work area without prior authorization

In addition to the matters that have been opened this quarter, the OIIG also has 90 active cases that remain pending since the date of the last report. In accordance with section 2-287(4), please note that this office has issued findings in 16 cases during this reporting period with recommendations for remedial and/or disciplinary action in 11 cases (involving 15 individuals). The OIIG recommendations for remedial action/discipline have been followed in each case with one exception wherein the Health and Hospital System rejected an OIIG recommendation for the imposition of discipline. Pursuant to section 2-284(4), the involved departments are:

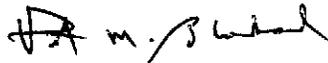
Medical Examiner's Office - 3 recommendations for discipline
Forest Preserve District - 3 recommendations for discipline
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital – 2 recommendations for discipline and fitness for duty evaluation
Oak Forest Hospital – 2 recommendations for discipline
Provident Hospital - 2 recommendations for discipline
Public Administrator – 1 recommendation for remedial action involving management practices
Highway Department – 2 recommendations for discipline
Office of the Public Defender – 1 recommendation for discipline.

Finally, this office has referred 2 matters for criminal enforcement to an outside law enforcement agency this reporting period.

Honorable Todd H. Stroger
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
October 15, 2009
Page 3

Thank you for your time and attention to these issues. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this report further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. M. Blanchard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patrick M. Blanchard
Independent Inspector General