



DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

9:00am-10:30am

ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Sheila Adamo	Your Story Counseling	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Aisha Achesah	Advocate Health	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Anderson	Gateway Foundation	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Anselm	DuMEG	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Barber	DuCAP	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betsy Boesch	DCHD	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Jarrett Burton	Serenity House	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Buschbacher	Serenity House	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carlisle-Camacho	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Cassity	360 Youth Services	Youth Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Molly Beck Dean	WeGo Together for Kids	Youth-serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leia Der	DCHD	Local Gov't.
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Dixon	DCHD	Local Gov't
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Douglas	DuMEG	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Duvair	DuPage Community Foundation	Other Org
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domincia Dybas	DEA	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Ewoldt	NEDFYS	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Flint	Flint Architects	Business
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Gallagher	Robert Crown	Youth-Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Gannon	AAIM	Other Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Concha Garza	Addison NRC	Youth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jazmin Garza	Carol Stream PD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Sherilyn Hebel	KidsMatter	Other Org.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Hess	Juvenile Justice Council	Youth-Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Huber	Bloomington 708 Board	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Jordan	Teen Parent Connection	Youth-serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dana Kalombo	Gentle Healer Acupuncture	Business
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Kaufmann	DCHD	Local Gov't

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Khadija Khan	Wheaton PD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Geri Kerger	NAMI DuPage	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Knudson	DUMEG	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Kozi	DUMEG	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Kramer	IL PTA	Parent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elisa Lara	VNA Healthcare	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Nikki Lay	Breaking Free	Youth-Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Deb Lewin	Path to Recovery	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Lindt	DuPage State's Attorney	Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Macaluso	AMITA	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> James McGreal	Downers Grove PD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Becky McFarland	DCHD	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Martinez	IMHC	Faith-Based
<input type="checkbox"/> Nina Menis	KidsMatter	Other Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Felicia Miceli	Serenity House	Other Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Milliner	DCHD	Local Gov't
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Murray	Bloomingtondale Mental Health Auxiliary	Civic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Murphy	DCHD	Local Gov't.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Murskyj	DCHD	Local Gov't.
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabia Mukhtar	DCHD	Local Gov't.
<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Nakamura	Teen Parent Connection	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Krystyna Olejnyik	Dayrise Wellness	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Patty O'Malley	HAS Cares	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Ortinou	DCHD	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Karin Podolski	Northwestern Medicine	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Alex Pulaski	DCHD	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Pulia	Nat'l Guard	Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Quirk	DuPage ROE	School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Ramirez	GEPD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Riemenschneider	Bloomingtondale Church	Faith-based
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gilda Ross	Glenbard High Schools	School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tricia Rossi	Hanover Park PD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Angelika Rupp	St. Francis	School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Sadler	Rosecrance	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Satterlee	Heritage	Health Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Schmidt	St. Francis	School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elise Schram	360 Youth Services	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Simmons	Northwestern Med.	Healthcare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Soemo	Tri-Town YMCA	Other-org.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Solis	Community Engagement	Other-org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Sourbis	ROSC	Other-org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amit Thakker	Referral GPS	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mila Tsagalis	DCHD	Healthcare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Tyler	Your Story Counseling	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Valeri Varju	Birth to Five	Youth-Serving

<input type="checkbox"/> Sarita Velez	Healthcare Alternative Systems	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Krista Webb	DCHD	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Ida Westlove	Streamwood Behavioral Health	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Erin White	B.R. Ryall YMCA	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karli Wilson	Teen Parent Connection	Other-Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Zander	My Child's Life Matters	Other Organization

Guests/New Members:

- Eva Rafas, LARC
- Mimi Doll, DuPage Federation
- Kate Estrada, DCHD

I. Welcome/Introductions – Katie Gallagher, Co-Chair (9:00am-9:10am)

- The meeting began at 9:02am. Katie welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

II. Language Access Resource Center (LARC) – Eva Rafas, Senior Program Director, LARC (9:10am-9:20am)

- LARC is a non-profit organization, based in DuPage County, that offers free interpretation and translation services, an interpreter training program, informational workshops and various professional development opportunities.
 - Services are currently funded by two different grants:
 - (1) Grant from Milton Township's Mental Health Board to cover language services for any organization in or serving Milton Township
 - (2) Grant from Northwestern Medicine to cover language services for organizations and clients within the Central DuPage Hospital service area.
- LARC can assist clinical and non-clinical organizations that provide mental health and substance use services in the following ways:
 - **Interpretation Services:** Available in-person, virtual, and over the phone.
 - **Document Translation:** Translation for forms, documents, emails, flyers, subtitles, and more.
 - **Training Scholarships:** Scholarships are available for our Interpreter Training and Intro to Interpreting courses. A total of 10 (ten) seats are available. Open to residents or staff in the CDH service area that work or volunteer in traditional and non-traditional mental health services.
 - **Workshop:** About interpretation in mental health settings.
 - **Language Access Consultations:** Able to help with any other language access needs you might have.
- Please complete a brief [survey](#) for LARC about the services you provide and any areas you may need language access support to help better inform their programs.
- If you have any additional questions about our services, training, workshops, or language access in general, please visit their grant funded services [webpage](#) or contact them at LARC@dupagefederation.org.

III. Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) – Kate Estrada, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department (9:20am-9:45am)

- Iris is a web-based, community-driven referral platform designed to streamline the process of connecting individuals with the services they need.
- IRIS facilitates secure, real-time referrals between organizations and capacity monitoring, ensuring a coordinated and efficient approach to care.
- By improving communication and tracking outcomes, IRIS enhances service coordination across sectors such as healthcare, social services, and education, ultimately helping communities provide better support to individuals and families.
- A list of local partners within IRIS will be attached with the minutes.

IV. PLT Resource Guide Review – Lisa Lerner, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department (9:45am-10:15am)

- Lisa walked meeting attendees through two upcoming resources for PLT members – a parent communication guide about marijuana and a summary of 2024 IYS data.
 - The PLT has received several requests for presentations about how parents can talk to teens about using marijuana, so this guide was created to be shared with parents in DuPage County as a resource to guide them through the conversations.
 - Many partners use IYS data for grant applications, community presentations, and local messaging campaigns related to substance use and mental health. This one-pager would make it easier to share a summary of the data, rather than the whole report, and lead readers where to learn more.
- The resources will be shared with the minutes, so all members have a chance to review and provide feedback.
- Please share any feedback with Lisa at Lisa.Lerner@dupagehealth.org.

V. Updates/Upcoming Events – Amber Quirk, Co-Chair (10:00am-10:15am)

- Reality/Teen Ambassador Updates
 - **Live Life Well Week Kick-Off Event (February 17th):**
 - Over 100 teens from District 87 attended the Live Life Well Week Kick-Off Event on a bitterly cold day off from school!
 - The teens listened to a speaker talk about struggles with substance use, overcoming adversity, and making healthy choices and made blankets for Project Linus which will be donated to children with cancer.
 - Congrats to Gilda Ross on all of the success.
 - **Teen Mental Health First Aid (March 6, 11, & 13th):**
 - Currently have 19 teens from Reality and Teen Ambassadors registered to become certified in Teen Mental Health First Aid.
 - **Prom Sticker Shock Campaign:** The Teen Ambassadors will be working with local prom vendors to promote underage drinking prevention messaging through the use of window clings and foam posters.
 - **988 Yard Sign Campaign:** May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Teen Ambassadors will be given the opportunity to display 988 yard signs on their front lawn and share with their neighbors during the month of May.
- The DuPage Education Foundation is looking for new board members that are interested in supporting educators and at-risk students! Contact Amber Quirk if you're interested.
- Feb. 3-6: CADCA and Capitol Hill Day

- Jorie shared pictures of the trip to CADCA and Capitol Hill Day and provided a summary of meetings with elected officials and their staffers.
- Feb. 27th: GPS Parent Series HYBRID EVENT – [Sarah Ward and Dr. Jessica Minahan – Practical Strategies for Reducing Anxiety and Increasing Executive Function Skills \(Organization, Time Management & Task Completion\)](#)
 - Located at the Glenbard South High School and on Zoom
 - 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- March 6th: GPS Parent Series – [Sarah Vinson MD – Better Days: Supporting Kids’ Mental Wellness When Things Aren’t OK](#)
 - 12:00pm – 1:00pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- March 7th Deadline: DCSS Announces Funding Opportunity for Mental Health and Substance Use Initiatives
 - \$200,000 in grant funds available to support mental health and substance use initiatives treatment, recovery, harm reduction, prevention, and education.
 - Seeking innovative community based proposals that are sustainable
 - Visit <https://www.dupagehealth.org/792/2025-DuPage-Council-on-Strengthening-the> for more information

The next PLT Monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26 via zoom.

Meeting minutes were written by Lisa Lerner and edited by Jordan Esser. Please email Jordan at jordan.esser@dupagehealth.org with any changes or questions.