



DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2024

9:00am-10:30am

Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center - 115 N County Farm Rd. Wheaton

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Barber	DuCAP	Youth-Serving
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Matt Cassity	360 Youth Services	Youth Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Jose Chairez	DUMEG	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Kristin Kramer	IL PTA	Parent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elisa Lara	VNA Healthcare	Healthcare
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Jodi Macaluso	AMITA	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> James McGreal	Downers Grove PD	Law Enforcement
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Murphy	DCHD	Local Gov't.
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krystyna Olejnyik	Dayrise Wellness	Other Org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Patty O'Malley	HAS Cares	Youth-Serving
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Ortinau	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 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 type="checkbox"/> Tricia Rossi	Hanover Park PD	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Angelika Rupp	St. Francis	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Becky Sadler	Rosecrance	Healthcare Prof.
<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Satterlee	Heritage	Health Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Schmidt	St. Francis	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Elise Schram	360 Youth Services	Youth-Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Simmons	Northwestern Med.	Healthcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Sourbis	ROSC	Other-org.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amit Thakker	Referral GPS	Other Org.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mila Tsagalis	DCHD	Healthcare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Tyler	Your Story Counseling	Other Org.

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

Guests/New Members:

- **Shannon Garza**
- **Jesse Mendoza**
- **Jennifer Solis**
- **Karli Wilson**
- **Mimi Doll**
- **Lizeth Carmona**
- **Hannah Martin**

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

- The meeting began at 9:00am. Katie welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

II. Strategic Prevention Framework – Refining Logic Models – Epiphany Community Services, Program Evaluator (9:10am-10:00am)

- Epiphany is currently helping the PLT update its logic model, starting by focusing on the challenges affecting teens.
- During the meeting, attendees collaborated to identify potential root causes for some of the key issues faced by teens in DuPage County, such as marijuana use, underage drinking, and mental health concerns.
 - For instance, teens may have difficulty accessing mental health care, particularly when they need a provider who speaks a language other than English, which is limited in DuPage County.
- The outcomes of this brainstorming session will be compiled and shared with PLT. This process will then be revisited in the future from an adult perspective.
- Special thanks to those who have contributed by participating in the Logic Model Workshops we have hosted to dive deeper into these discussions!

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

- Feb. 3-6: CADCA and Capitol Hill Day
 - Jorie and Lisa will be meeting with Senator Duckworth and Representative Ramirez to discuss state and local priorities
- Feb. 17-21: Live Life Well Week
 - Teen kick-off event on February 17th at Ackerman from 11:00am – 1:00pm
 - Teens will listen to a guest speaker, make blankets for children with cancer, make Valentine's Day cards for vets, and receive lunch.
 - Open to all teens in DuPage County!

- Feb. 25th: GPS Parent Series Resource Fair and Speaker – [Duncan Kirkwood – The Critical Skills to Unleash Perseverance, Passion, and Purpose](#)
 - Located at the Glenbard West High School Library
 - 6:15pm – Resource Fair
 - 7:00pm – Speaker
- Feb. 28th: Countywide Institute Day – Understanding, Preventing and Addressing Student Substance Use
 - 8:30am – 2:30pm at College of DuPage
 - Register [here](#)
- Join a PLT Committee!
 - Data
 - Policy
 - School/Communications
 - Email Jorie at Jordan.Esser@dupagehealth.org if you're interested in joining or would like to learn more.
- 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
- DuCAP is Seeking Healthcare Professionals for INTERN-FOR-A-DAY
 - Looking for professionals to host 1-3 students from Glenbard East and/or Wheaton Warrenville South for 2-4 hours on February 28th.
 - Both professionals and students must submit an online application by the deadline.
 - The INTERN-FOR-A-DAY Focus Group will review applications and match students based on their interests.
 - Selected professionals will be asked to complete a background check before finalizing matches.
 - Matched professionals and students will receive a confirmation email with coordination details.
 - Professionals will:
 - Provide job shadowing for 2-4 hours.
 - Demonstrate day-to-day duties in their field.
 - Answer career-related questions and offer hands-on experience if possible.
- Save the Date – Glenbard ECC Messy Art Resource Fair
 - April 8th at Americana Elementary School
 - Email Jeanine with questions at jwoltman@casedupage.com

IV. Coalition & Committees Picture – All (10:15am – 10:30am)

- Attendees took an updated group picture, which will be added to the PLT website.

**The next coalition meeting will be Feb. 26th via zoom from
9am-10:30am**

