



DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

9:00am-10:30am

ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

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| <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 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"/> Mimi Doll | DuPage Federation | Other Org. |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Donna Foyle | Serenity House | Other Org. |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Jazmin Garza | Carol Stream PD | Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherilyn Hebel | KidsMatter | Other Org. |
| <input 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 |

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| <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Jodi Macaluso | AMITA | Healthcare |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James McGreal | Downers Grove PD | Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky McFarland | DCHD | Local Government |
| <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 | Bloomington Mental Health Auxiliary | Civic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Murphy | DCHD | Local Gov't. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Murskyj | DCHD | Local Gov't. |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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"/> Xrystina Rahn | Stef's Corner | Parent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Ramirez | GEPD | Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Riemenschneider | Bloomington 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Mary Soemo | Tri-Town YMCA | Other-org. |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valeri Varju | Birth to Five | Youth-Serving |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarita Velez | Healthcare Alternative Systems | Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annette Villarea | Serenity House | Healthcare Prof. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Krista Webb | DCHD | Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Wahlskog | DCHD | Healthcare |
| <input 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 |

Guests/New Members:

Angela Molloy, Rogers Behavioral Health

Jamie Horner, Naperville PD

Jennie Nicodem, BR Ryall YMCA

Arthur Trillet, DUMEG

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. Point of Sale – Educational Product for Cannabis Dispensaries – Samantha Gannon, AAIM (9:10am-9:30am)

- Samantha provided an overview of a new education initiative introduced by the Illinois Prevention Network and led locally by AAIM to combat complaints against marijuana dispensaries.
- Very similar to PLT's sticker shock campaign, this initiative will be a "Know Before You Go" fact sheet for adult consumers of marijuana. Dispensary staff will hand out the fact sheet with the buyer's receipt or bag.
- The fact sheet will include information about drug impaired driving, safe storage, when and where marijuana is legal, where marijuana is not allowed, and use during breastfeeding and pregnancy.
- The flyer will include a QR code to a survey. Survey responses will remain anonymous, but emails will be entered into a raffle to receive a Dunkin Donuts gift card.
- AAIM is looking for assistance from PLT members to make phone calls and help with distribution across the 18 dispensaries in DuPage. Jorie will send out a sign-up sheet after the meeting.

III. BASE Update – Alex Pulaski, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department (9:30am-9:45am)

- Alex provided an update on DCHD's BASE Grant, which originated from opioid settlement funds to boost local opioid prevention efforts.
- The BASE Grant's Year #1 successes/wins include:
 - Conducted empowering parent workshops for parents who are worried about their child's substance use
 - Hosted a "Hidden in Plain Sight" mockup table at parent-teacher conferences at alternative schools to educate and bring awareness to parents

- Provided local resources for educators during Institute Day
- Ran a fentanyl awareness digital campaign on Spotify, Tik Tok, and Snapchat
- Created a substance use and mental health curriculum document for educators in response to fentanyl education mandates and Louie's Law
- Plans for the BASE Grant's Year #2 include:
 - Continuation of Year #1 projects
 - Conduct focus groups with teens from alternative schools
 - Host trainings for Probation Officers with local resources
 - Provide a training for educators on Institute Day
 - Conduct a "Hidden in Plain Sight" activity for teachers

IV. PLT Website Review and Updates – Lisa Lerner, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department (9:45am-10:10am)

- Lisa has been making updates to the PLT's website since she was hired in Fall 2024.
- PLT members were split into breakout rooms and asked to report back what they liked about the website, what areas could be improved to boost engagement, and what other local resources could be added.
- If you have not done so already, please send your breakout group's worksheet to Lisa Lerner at Lisa.Lerner@dupagehealth.org. Lisa will work on making these updates to the website.

V. Updates/Upcoming Events – Amber Quirk, Co-Chair (10:10am-10:30am)

- **Teen Springboard Series Recap**
 - The PLT collaborated with KidsMatter to conduct a Springboard Series event for teens who are interested in pursuing healthcare and receiving college credit to attend different continuing education opportunities
 - There were approximately 80 teens in attendance
 - Teens listened to a behavioral health/criminal justice career panel, provided feedback on previous vaping prevention campaigns, and listened to a presentation about the upcoming Crisis Recovery Center
 - Closing remarks were then provided by DuPage County Board and Board of Health member Saba Haider
- **Teen PhilanthroParty Recap**
 - The Teen PhilanthroParty was on June 17th and had over 40 teens in attendance
 - Teens listened to a presentation about spreading kindness from Brent Swolsky and participated in a team building activity
 - Price of admission was material donations to Stef's Corner (stress balls, coloring books, journals with prompts, etc.)
 - Stef's Corner was developed to support teen mental health and recently received its 501(c)(3) status
- **Community Survey**
 - PLT has relaunched their community survey in English and Spanish
 - Data collected through this survey will help the PLT in making data driven decisions, apply for additional grant funding, and better understand the needs related to youth substance use and mental health in DuPage.
 - Please participate in this survey and share within your contacts.
- **IYS Update**
 - The School/Communications Committee is working hard to update IYS materials

- Schools can begin to register for the IYS in September and begin surveying their students after January 1, 2026
- A save-the-date was emailed out to all schools before the end of the school year
- A hard mailing on how and why to implement IYS will be sent out in August
- Committee members will be reaching out to schools individually to see how PLT can assist and encourage them to participate
- **Register for August PLT meeting**
 - PLT's August meeting will be taking place in person and focus on Impact DuPage's Forces of Change assessment, which will help determine DuPage's public health priorities for 2026-2030.
 - Jorie will send out a registration link closer to the meeting date.
- **There will be NO July PLT meeting**

The next PLT meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27th IN PERSON at the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 County Farm Rd, Wheaton).