



## DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 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 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	Bloomingdale 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 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	Bloomingdale 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 Ortinau	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	Bloomingdale 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

<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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> IN PERSON at the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 County Farm Rd, Wheaton).**