



New BHC Webpage

As part of the Health Department's new website, the Behavioral Health Collaborative now has a page that will be used to share news related to the BHC, located at www.dupage-health.org/225/Behavioral-Health-Collaborative-BHC. While there is a modest amount of information on the page at this time, it will be built out in the coming months to feature BHC documents, upcoming events, and updates about progress to our partners. Bookmark the page today and be sure to check in regularly as we add content to the page!

Visit from the Council of State Governments

This past September, the BHC hosted representatives from the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center as part of technical assistance for the ongoing Bureau of Justice Assistance grant. While visiting, CSG representatives toured the DuPage County Jail and met with BHC leadership and staff working in different BHC programs. A central part of the visit was a presentation that CSG provided to members of BHC. If you were not able to attend the presentation, you can use [this link](#) to access a recording.

New members on the BHC Executive Committee

The Behavioral Health Collaborative is excited to announce new additions to our organization's leadership. Three new representatives have been named to positions on the BHC Executive Committee:



Mike Drugan
Priority Focus Chair
DuPage County Sheriff's Office



Eirene Leventis
Central Receiving Center
Subcommittee Representative
Naperville Police Department



Jeff Lata
Post-Incarceration Supports
Subcommittee Representative
DuPage County Health Department

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) Grant Funding

A new federal grant has been awarded to the DuPage County Health Department, Sheriff's Office, and Coroner for implementation of innovative opioid programming. The grant funding allows for the development of an MAT program for inmates at the jail, formation of a countywide opioid overdose fatality review board to assess deaths in DuPage as a result of opioids, and a central repository of opioid data to be shared across different agencies. The grant will begin on January 1st, 2020 and will run through the end of 2022.



Post-Crisis Response Team Updates

Two new members have been added to the Post-Crisis Response Team! Laura Lange, a Forensic Behavioral Health Counselor at the Health Department, will work with Deputy Jeremy Rimmer from the Sheriff's Office. The team will continue the important work of providing targeted follow-up to individuals that experienced a mental health crisis. Through October, the PCRT has met and worked with 72 individuals this year to refer them to appropriate mental health services.

December BHC Meeting Highlights

Our next BHC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10th at the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187). The meeting will feature updates from both subcommittees and provide an opportunity for all Collaborative members to provide constructive feedback. Additionally, there will be time made available for all BHC members to share upcoming events and projects with the BHC, so please bring any handouts or nuggets of information that you wish to share! If you plan to attend the meeting, please register [here](#). As always, new members are welcome to attend to learn more about what we do.