



Framework for Police-Mental Health Collaborations

As the BHC has discussed previously, law enforcement is often the only responder to a call when a mental health crisis occurs. This leads to a cycle of recidivism on the part of the individual and overuse of law enforcement resources. As part of BHC's current focus, we seek to share resources that are available for members to learn more about what we can do to best serve people with mental health needs when they come into contact with the justice system. In April, The Council of State Government's (CSG) Justice Center released a [framework document](#) that provides information on how to develop and sustain a successful police-mental health collaboration. The detailed framework also includes examples of existing collaborations that have used CSG's recommendations and what they have been able to accomplish. The framework document can be accessed [here](#). For more information about the CSG Justice Center, visit the [website](#) for success stories, news about mental health and justice, and upcoming webinars about these topics.



2019 IDHS Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders Conference

On Friday, June 7th, the Illinois Department of Human Services will hold a conference about best practices in treating individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use needs. Beyond best practices, the conference will include case discussions and planning for how to provide services. Information about the event can be found on [this brochure](#).



The full day conference will be held at the James R Thompson Center in Chicago and is free to attend. If interested, you must register by filling out your information on the brochure's registration form and sending the completed form to clifton.mohomes@illinois.gov. The deadline to register is May 28th.

BHC Subcommittees

Subcommittees for the BHC are now forming! Each of BHC's two identified focus areas, Post-Incarceration Supports and 24/7 Central Receiving Center, will have a dedicated subcommittee that will meet on a regular basis to address these areas of need. If you are interested in participating in either of these groups, please contact Scott Kaufmann at scott.kaufmann@dupagehealth.org by Friday, May 31st.



Decentralized Pilot Program Begins



On May 1st, a pilot program between the DuPage County Health Department and the Lombard, Westmont, and Wheaton Police Departments was launched. The pilot allows for officers at the participating police departments to call a clinician at the Crisis Center to travel to their location and provide an onsite crisis evaluation for a person experiencing a mental health

crisis. Alternatively, the officer can bring the individual directly to the Crisis Center for an evaluation. In a situation where an officer is responding to the person in crisis, the officer will initiate the evaluation process only when the individual in crisis voluntarily consents to receive the evaluation. Once evaluated, the mental health clinician will refer the individual to the most appropriate level of care for their current state. The primary goal of the pilot program is to divert individuals to mental health treatment that will best serve them. Updates about the initial months of the pilot will be provided at the June 11th BHC Meeting.

New BHC Overview Flyer



BHC now has a handy flyer available to give to people that are interested in learning more about us! [Click here](#) to access the flyer and feel free to share it at any meetings or events that you think are relevant to BHC. Flyers will be made available at each BHC meeting beginning with our next meeting in June.

June BHC Meeting Highlights

Our next BHC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th at the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187). 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. Below are some of the topics that will be discussed at the March meeting:



- Update on Decentralized Mobile Crisis Response Pilot
- Information about the new BJA Grant Planning Team
- Formalizing BHC membership with agreements