



Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

8:30am – 8:45am Opening Remarks

- Scott welcomed the group and welcomed James Mendrick
- James Mendrick from the Sheriff's Office and touched on mental health and opioids at the Sheriff's Office
 - o He touched on the multitude of reasons for the strong correlation between mental health and opioid use
 - o He spoke on the trainings his department is performing on internal and external partners
 - o He also spoke on integrating technology like skype and VR into calls to help with calls and dealing with mental health persons in crisis
 - o He talked about the corrections facility and the different services that are offered there – like counseling, recovery pod, AA, HA, etc.
 - o He emphasized the use of a holistic approach when tackling the issue of mental health and substance use
 - o He spoke on the de-escalation of conflict as a result of their holistic approach
 - o Looking into peer to peer support for not only inmates but also for officers – you can't help someone in crisis if you are in crisis
 - o Hired Mike Drugan, Director of Mental Health Services within the Sheriff's Office
 - Mike Drugan spoke on how his passion for mental health ignited him to take on this role and how he was inspired by the work done in DuPage County
- Karen Ayala was introduced to give her opening remarks
 - o Karen credited Anthony for lighting a fire that sparked the entire movement on improving the mental health and criminal justice relationship
 - o Karen spoke on staying motivated and persistent on each of our efforts
 - o She thanked the group for their patience and commitment

8:45am – 9:05am Partner Spotlight: DuPage PADS

- Scott Kaufmann welcomed Scott Austgen from DuPage PADS to give an overview of his agency

- DuPage PADS is not a behavioral health provider – but provides services to a lot of people with behavioral health disorders
- DuPage PADS mission is to end homelessness in DuPage County
- Scott spoke on the history of DuPage PADS
 - Serve 1351 individuals currently with over 4,000 volunteers with 39 staff members
 - Just between 2018 to 2019, the numbers of individuals served by DuPage PADS has increased
 - The number of individuals experiencing homelessness increased by 21%
 - Children in all services they offer has grown since 2018
 - Ages 25-34 and homeless group increased 45%
 - Children under age 5 and homeless has increased over 50%
- DuPage PADS offers four core programs and subprograms
 - Street Outreach
 - Engages unsheltered individuals who are homeless to provide support and needed services
 - Outreach team responds to call from community members
 - Often people they serve are suffering from mental health disorders
 - They find individuals from their hotline (866.682.3846 x 2275)
 - Interim (overnight) housing sites
 - Open 365 nights a year
 - Traditional sites 7pm – 7am
 - Family first sites (open early for families)
 - Food/rest/support
 - Nonviolent; no sex offenders
 - Volunteers are essential
 - Client service center
 - 7:30 – 3:00pm Monday through Friday for clients participating in programs
 - Case management
 - Groups/workshops
 - Medical respite
 - Acute medical needs that occur when people are typically experiencing homelessness
 - Respiratory issues
 - Falls
 - These clients get put up in a hotel to rest and recover
 - Family outreach
 - Rental assistance
 - Basic needs
 - Career employment solutions
 - Career search, development, placement, and retention
 - Soft skills and social coaching
 - Computer training
 - Supportive housing
 - 127 scattered-site apartments (10/1/19)

- Case management + subsidy
 - Eligibility
 - Individuals/families experiencing chronic homelessness
 - Homeless for a year or longer consecutively
 - Or periodic homelessness that total to over a year
 - Documented disability (mental health, substance use disorder, health0
 - Referrals through DuPage county continuum of care's coordinated entry
 - Overnight sites and permanent supportive housing is scattered throughout DuPage County
 - Always looking for more
- Partnerships to leverage resources and expertise
 - Scott emphasized that DuPage PADS would not be possible without volunteers and partners
 - 160 congregations, local civic organizations, over 50 health, legal, and social services agencies, local employers, and financial institutions
 - Over 4,000 volunteers
- September 21st is their Run 4 Home event
 - 10K, 5K run and 5K walk
 - Details on DuPage PADS website
- November 6th 17th annual Wake Up breakfast
 - Details on DuPage PADS website

9:05am – 9:20AM BHC Program Updates

- Scott welcomed Lori Carnahan to give program updates and updates on the BJA grants
- Lori discussed the BJA planning team
 - Team specifically working toward BJA grant planning goals
 - Representatives from the sheriff's office, jail, probation, health department, Wheaton PD, and NAMI
 - Group has concluded work for the moment, members may be tapped for additional assistance in the near future
- BJA Grant Progress: Year 1 (2019)
 - Formalize BHC
 - Formation of grant planning team
 - Development of executive committee and a few subcommittees
 - Train staff to provide mental health first aid trainings to EMS/Fire
 - Creating of Decentralized Mobile Response Pilot
- BJA Grant Objectives: Year 2 (2020)
 - Train a total of 100 EMS/Fire first responders in mental health first aid
 - Expand mobile crisis pilot to two more communities
 - Analyze data on 911 calls related to mental health in DuPage County
 - Provide mental health first aid and motivational interviewing training for jail staff that are interested
 - Continuation of re-entry supports and making additions where possible from work done by post incarcerations support subcommittee

- Decentralized Mobile Crisis Response Pilot
 - o Working with Lombard, Westmont, and Wheaton PD
 - o Departments partnering with DCHD to provide crisis evaluations for individuals presenting with mental health concerns during law enforcement encounter
 - Individuals must agree to crisis evaluation process
 - Location and timing of evaluation determined by officer and crisis staff
 - o Officially began May 1
 - o There have been four referrals since May- three were dropped off at crisis center
 - o Has so far illustrated the need to make any receiving center or similar project an integrated, front-of-mind part of a procedure
 - o Helpful learning process regarding police departments need for mental health
- Jail and Re-entry Updates
 - o Jail data link
 - central database from the state of IL that would provide a list of inmates that have previously been involved with DMH and or other jails using Jail Data Link
 - IL legal department has finalized a process for DuPage to obtain access
 - DuPage agencies are developing legal documentation to officially submit
 - o Mental Health Re-Entry
 - Re-entry program manager offering Narcan trainings to individuals in recovery pod
 - Re-entry, psych, and medical team representatives visited Cook County Jail earlier this month to learn about their programs and processes
 - o EMS Mental Health First Aid training
 - 2 DCHD counselors trained in late 2018 to give MHFA training
 - Two more trainers will be trained in 2019, hoping to add some EMS responders to provide their perspective
 - o Counselor of State Government Presentation
 - Thursday, September 19th at the Community Center from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
 - Will present about partnerships similar to BHC across the country
 - Accomplishments by other grantees
 - Challenges faced
 - Innovative strategies for potential research
 - All BHC members welcomed to attend

9:20 – 9:40am Executive Committee and Subcommittee Updates

- BHC Executive Committee
 - o Serving as a guide for the direction of BHC
 - o Will meet in person quarterly to plan BHC meetings, check in on subcommittee progress, and plan BHC outreach opportunities
 - o All current representatives will serve until June 30th, 2021
 - o Members
 - DCHD Chair Lori Carnahan
 - Priority Focus Co-Chair Mike Drugan
 - Community Stakeholder Representative Scott Austgen

- CRC Subcommittee Representative Eirene Leventis
 - Post Incarceration Supports Subcommittee Representative Jeff Lata
- BHC Central Receiving Center Subcommittee
 - Continuation of prior work toward developing a plan toward a 24/7 receiving center in DuPage County
 - Want to make DuPage-specific recommendations
 - Needs for the physical space
 - Location within the county
 - Qualification criteria
 - How to transport in/out of facility
 - Services provided
 - Identify the key selling points for a CRC in DuPage for all stakeholders
 - Potential clients, law enforcement, clinicians, EMS
 - Utilize any lessons learned from Decentralized Mobile Crisis pilot
 - Representative to the executive committee is Eirene Leventis, Naperville PD
- Post Incarceration Support Subcommittee
 - Overall goal of the group is to identify ways that additional supportive programs can assist individuals being released from jail
 - Identifying successful strategies from other counties
 - Reviewing existing procedures from related agencies that may be changed to make for a more effective transition
 - Find avenues for improved information sharing between agencies
 - Representative to executive committee is Jeff Lata, DuPage County Health Department
- Collaborative Involvement Agreements
 - Agreement to formally confirm participation in BHC and assert dedication to advancing mental health initiatives in DuPage
 - Forms not required to receive BHC related emails
 - Forms can also be electronically signed and emailed to Scott Kaufmann (scott.kaufmann@dupagehealth.org)

9:40am – 10:00am Questions & Other Community Efforts

- No questions, comments, or community efforts
- Next BHC meeting is December 10th from 8:30 – 10:00am at the Community Center