



BHC Webpage Update

First announced in our last newsletter, the [new BHC webpage](#) has been updated in recent weeks to include a variety of helpful information for new and experienced members alike. The site now has links to past meeting agendas and minutes, registration and dates for upcoming meetings, and previous quarterly newsletters. The page serves as one central resource that you can feel free to share with anybody that seeks to learn more about the BHC. If you have any ideas for additional content to share on the web page, send your thoughts to scott.kaufmann@dupagehealth.org.



of January 2020 the first Vivitrol injection was provided to a participant in the program. Two other major undertakings through the COAP grant are the creation of an opioid fatality review team and a central location for opioid data to be stored for countywide use.

March BHC Meeting Highlights

Our next BHC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 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!



Mobile Crisis Pilot

The ongoing Mobile Crisis Response pilot program continues to grow and provide information about how to best serve individuals experiencing mental health crises during contact with law enforcement. Since May 2019, the program has provided evaluations of over two dozen individuals through referrals from the three participating police departments, Lombard, Westmont, and Wheaton. The pilot program will continue throughout 2020 and more police departments are being added. Downers Grove PD will begin participation in early 2020, with potential for even more additions throughout the year. The ultimate goals of the pilot are to provide the most appropriate level of care for mental health treatment to individuals experiencing crises, while also gathering information for future program development including a Central Receiving Center and how to build systems to support people with mental illness that are justice-involved.



Partner Spotlight: World Relief DuPage/Aurora

For many immigrants and refugees, mental health is not a priority for various reasons.



Vulnerabilities such as PTSD, depression, and anxiety are often left untreated due to factors including lack of access to mental health care, lack of insurance, low income, language barrier, cultural adjustment, and stigma toward counseling. Thanks to World Relief DuPage/Aurora's holistic approach to immigrant and refugee case management, untreated mental illness is identified upon arrival and the client in question is referred to an in-house clinical therapist who is trained to provide culturally sensitive support and therapy that is tailored to the individual's needs. World Relief DuPage/Aurora serves more than one hundred mental health cases a year. Their refugee mental health program is the only program of its kind in the state of Illinois. For more information about World Relief DuPage/Aurora and the many services they offer, please visit their website at: www.worldreliefdupageaurora.org. Want to learn more about the people served by World Relief? Then save the date for World Relief Aurora/DuPage's Global Gala at 6:00pm on April 23! More information about the event can be found on the [event page](#).

Opioid Grant Work Begins

The three-year Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance began on January 1st, 2020. The grant is designed to facilitate efforts to combat the rising impacts of opioid use disorders in our county with coordination from the DuPage County Health Department, Sheriff's Office, and Coroner's Office. In alignment with the work that the BHC has been doing to assist individuals with mental illness in the DuPage County Correctional Center, one aspect of the COAP grant is to pilot a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program to inmates. The MAT pilot is just beginning, but at the end

