



Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

BHC Members Present:

First Name:	Last Name:	Organization:
Nansi	Angelopoulos	DuPage County Public Defender's Office
Eirene	Boulougouris	Naperville Police Department
Kathy	Carey	DuPage County Health Department
Lori	Carnahan	DuPage County Health Department
Karen	Doyle	DuPage Health Coalition
Victoria	Freier	Linden Oaks Behavioral Health
Paula	Garcia	DuPage County Board
Katie	Gleason	YWCA
Jessica	Gul	Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service
Shannon	Hartnett	NEDFYS
Diane	Hewitt	Lisle Township
Antonio	Higgins	School District 33
Chris	Hoff	DuPage County Health Department
Scott	Kaufmann	DuPage County Health Department
Amy	Kennaugh	Mind Body Neurotherapy
Khadija	Khan	City of Wheaton
Meredith	Kober	NAMI DuPage
Winter	Lane	DuPage County Public Defender's Office
Miranda	Lopez	Teen Parent Connection
Becky	McFarland	DuPage County Health Department
Eileen	Molloy Langdon	Village of Carol Stream Police Department
Taylor	Mucho	Mercy Housing
Kara	Murphy	DuPage Health Coalition dba Access DuPage
Bill	Murphy	Wheaton Police Department
Dylan	Panuska	Linden Oaks Medical Group
Dana	Pavlu	Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services
Patti	Potter	Wheaton Police Department
Robert	Skrocki	Interfaith Mental Health Coalition
Lisa	Snipes	DuPage County Continuum of Care
Xochitl	Soto	YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
Robert	Toerpe	DuPage County Sheriff's Office
Mila	Tsagalidis	DuPage County Health Department
Jillayne	Van Den Brink	Metropolitan Family Services
Jenni	Watgen	Kuhn Counseling Center, P.C.
Lanny	Wilson	DuPage County Board of Health

Welcome

Scott Kaufmann began the virtual meeting at 8:32am.

988 Rollout & Discussion

Kathy Carey shared information about the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, which went live on July 16th. 988 is a national line that is operated through what was previously the National Suicide Prevention Line and would serve as a confidential and free line for those experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Callers can call from throughout the nation and will be routed to their nearest local call center (based on area code of the caller) or a national back-up center if a local center is not available. DuPage County does not currently have capability to provide text and chat services, but is staffing in order to provide this in the future. The DuPage County Health Department is one of six local centers in Illinois providing coverage, and since the rollout of 988, all counties in Illinois are covered by an Illinois call center.

Kathy shared some statistics from the DuPage Call Center prior to the rollout of 988, which showed that the majority of calls were resolved through support over the phone and only a small fraction (less than 4%) resulted in a call to additional emergency services for an active rescue or other urgent response. 988 is different from 911 (which is primarily tasked with dispatching EMS, fire, and police), but both systems will complement each other and transfer calls to the other depending on the caller's needs. This coordination is still being built here in DuPage. Involving 911 for a 988 call is only used as a last resort, when there is imminent risk to the caller or someone else. 988 intends to promote stabilization and care in the least restrictive manner. Finally, Kathy shared resources (below) that BHC partners can access to learn more about 988 and share with their partners.

- [988 Messaging Framework | Action Alliance Framework for Successful Messaging \(suicidepreventionmessaging.org\)](https://suicidepreventionmessaging.org)
- [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline | SAMHSA](https://www.samhsa.gov/988)
- [988 Frequently Asked Questions | SAMHSA](https://www.samhsa.gov/988-faq)
- [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](https://www.988lifeline.org)
- [IDHS: 988 Planning \(state.il.us\)](https://www.state.il.us/dhs/988)

BHC Project Updates

The Zero Suicide subcommittee has developed a new [mental health crisis flyer](#) to help spread knowledge about the different crisis mental health phone/text lines available. Though only available in English at this time, the flyer will be translated into Spanish and other heavily used languages in our area and these versions will be made available to the BHC as well. If your organization needs support with printing the flyer, you can utilize the NAMI DuPage Print Shop by visiting [this link](#) or emailing info@lemonpressprinting.com.

Scott shared the new goals for the 2023-25 BHC Action Plan, listed below. These goals will have associated objectives and activities (just as in 2020-22), all of which will be included in the final Action Plan. In November, the BHC Executive Committee will vote to approve or deny the final version of the Action Plan. If not approved, it will be retooled and presented before the BHC Exec Cmte for another vote. The approved version will be presented at the December BHC meeting.

1. Raise community awareness of available options for mental health crisis response
2. Strengthen the youth mental health services system in DuPage County
3. Improve the coordination of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder treatment throughout the County
4. Support continued growth of the Behavioral Health Collaborative's organizational health

On Thursday, September 15th, the DuPage County Health Department is hosting two facilitators from New York state to provide training to a handful of local law enforcement and crisis response leaders. This Mental Health 7 Justice Crisis Response Summit will seek to clarify ways that our crisis response system can be improved in light of changes from CESSA and 988, as well as a potential central receiving center. Documents from the meeting will be shared widely, including with the BHC at our next meeting in December.

The DuPage Prevention Leadership Team has two events coming up later this month in recognition of National Recovery Month. Both events feature Stephen Hill, a national speaker from Speak Sobriety. Information about both events is listed below, please contact Jordan Esser (jordan.esser@dupagehealth.org) for more details.

- [A First Choice and A Second Chance](#)
 - Hear from Stephen Hill about his comeback story from stigma and struggle to resilience and recovery
 - Tuesday September 27, 2:00p – 3:30p
 - Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton)
- [Recovery Month Keynote and Panel Discussion](#)
 - Learn from Stephen Hill and a panel of experts about local resources to support individuals and families struggling with substance use disorder
 - Wednesday September 28, 8:00a – 12:30p
 - Marquardt Center (1860 Glen Ellyn Rd, Glendale Heights)
 - [Register here](#)

The DuPage County Health Department has announced its new Narcan Vending Machine, located in the front lobby of the Linda A. Kurzawa Community Center (115 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187). Anybody that is interested can utilize this vending machine to receive a kit of Narcan (2 doses) free of charge and without any referral or approval. The lobby is open from 8:00am until 8:00pm Monday through Friday. Narcan is refilled in the machine periodically, so it will be supplied as long as grant funds are available to receive Narcan. The machine and the Narcan is funded in full or in part through a State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant (H79TI083278) to IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, from the U.S. DHHS SAMHSA.

Questions & Other Community Efforts

Scott asked the group if anybody had any events coming up in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month in September. Meredith Kober from NAMI DuPage shared that they are holding their [Sixth Annual Remembrance Ceremony](#) on Thursday, September 22nd. The ceremony will be a time to honor and remember loved ones lost to suicide. Registration for the event is required, and can be accessed [here](#).

Additionally, the DuPage Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting a Lethal Means Safety Day on Saturday, September 24th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the parking lot of the DuPage County Complex (421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187).

Scott then asked if anyone had updates on projects of their own or upcoming events. Meredith from NAMI DuPage shared that their Octoberfest event will be held October 7th through 9th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Events include a carnival, car show, raffles, bands, and more. BHC members can use the discount code OFHD22 to access tickets for only \$1 (please do not share, this offer is for BHC members only). For more information and to register, [go here](#).

Robert Skrocki shared that the Interfaith Mental Health Coalition is currently engaged in setting goals and priorities and invited anyone who is a part of BHC to attend their next meeting to provide input on how to best integrate mental health and faith communities. The meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 20th from 11am to 1pm (Zoom link for the meeting [here](#), passcode 069621). If you cannot attend the meeting but still wish to provide input, you can email Robert at bpskrocki@comcast.net.

Anyone that is interested in sharing an event or project can do so by emailing Scott Kaufmann (scott.kaufmann@dupagehealth.org) in order to feature it in the next BHC Newsletter or as an email to all BHC members.

The next BHC meeting will be on Thursday, December 8th at 8:30am. Those that are interested in attending should [register here](#). The meeting concluded at 9:28am.