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Lori Carnahan Named President of the Community Behavioral Health Association

DuPage County – DuPage County Health Department’s (DCHD) Director of Behavioral Health has been named President of the Community Behavioral Health Association (CBHA) board for 2023.

The CBHA of Illinois is a statewide not-for-profit membership organization representing the interests of community behavioral healthcare agencies in the state of Illinois.

An association of providers of mental health, substance use disorder, and youth services to Illinois citizens, CBHA promotes the development of quality programs providing services for community behavioral health including mental health, alcohol and substance use disorder, rural mental health, and children and adolescents.

CHBA’s mission is to represent the interests of our members in order to ensure access and availability of a comprehensive system of accountable, quality behavioral healthcare services for the people of Illinois.

“I look forward to serving as the 2023 Board President, contributing to the mission and strategic goals of CBHA in assisting behavioral health organizations to meet the needs of their communities.” said DCHD Director of Behavioral Health, Lori Carnahan. “Everyone deserves access to quality behavioral healthcare where and when they need it.”

Carnahan has been an active member of CBHA for many years. She has served as a member of the CBHA board since 2019. During that time, she has also served as Treasurer and most recently, Vice President. She began working at DCHD in 2011 as the Assistant Director of Crisis and Community Services and has been the Director of Behavioral Health since 2017.

DCHD Executive Director Karen Ayala summed it up, “Lori is an accomplished leader and in her role as President of this statewide organization, she will provide a great vision for the continuous improvement of access to behavioral health services and quality care that she brings every day to the residents of DuPage County.”

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