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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Impact DuPage Adopts 2019–2021 Action Plan

**DUPAGE COUNTY**— Every three years, Impact DuPage, a multi-sectoral group of community partners, conducts an assessment with residents to update health-related data and address the needs of the community.

The Impact DuPage Steering Committee worked with local coalitions and stakeholders across the county to develop action plans for 2019 through 2021 to advance the well-being throughout DuPage County. Each coalition identified objectives to achieve change in these priority areas by 2021.

Following the completion of a community-wide assessment in early 2018, the three priorities were chosen and corresponding partner coalitions were identified:

- **Health Status Improvement** – The partners associated with this priority area are DuPage Health Coalition (DHC) and FORWARD. DHC works to improve health outcomes for low-income populations in DuPage County, and FORWARD promotes improvements to nutrition, physical activity, and the built environment.
- **Affordable Housing** – The DuPage County Housing Coalition, which is focused on the development of housing that serves all demographics in DuPage County, is responsible for this priority.
- **Behavioral Health** – The coalitions linked to this priority are Prevention Leadership Team (PLT), Behavioral Health Collaborative (BHC), and the Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce. PLT is a coalition that aims to prevent substance use and addiction among youth; the BHC works to improve the ways that people with mental health issues interact with the justice system; HOPE Taskforce is a cross-sectoral group of stakeholders working to combat the opioid epidemic in DuPage County.

On Friday, Dec. 14, the Impact DuPage Steering Committee voted to adopt the 2019-2021 Action Plan. For more information about Impact DuPage, the Action Plan and updates, visit: <http://www.impactdupage.org/>.

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