

# Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department  
3010 Grand Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, February 13, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Lake County Health Department**

**Mental Health Coalition**

**1. Call to Order**

*Co-Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.*

*Co-Chair Lawlor reported that there is a physical quorum present and member Ishaug is participating electronically due to personal business.*

**Present** 13 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Sashko, Tamasy, Ishaug, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Vasseur and Maya

**Absent** 4 - Pierson, Nerheim, Curran and Bishop

**Others Present:**

*Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Rich Dilger, Advocate Condell*

*Michelle Vance, Northshore University*

*Jennifer Price, Abbott House*

*Sam Johnson-Maurello, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Deanna Stich, Vista Health System*

*Teena Ahuja, Vista Health System*

*Linda Weiss, Independence Center*

*Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Brenda O'Connell, Lake County Community Development*

*Loretta Dorn, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Ariene Ryndak, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Bruce Johnson, Nicasa*

*Felicia Gilg, College of Lake County, Student Nurse*

*Carol Calabresa, Lake County Board, District 15*

*Nick Caputa, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Joe Tranchita, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center*

*Deanna Lulof, Psychologist, SEDOL*

*Theresa Buckman, Social Worker, SEDOL*

*Joel Williams, PADS*

*Audrey Nixon, Lake County Board, District 14*

*Janelle Moravek, Youth Family Services*

*Carmen Patlan, ASP*

*Ray Rose, Undersheriff*

*Maureen Murphy, Catholic Charities*

*Eric Foote, Lake County Community Development*

*Debra Day, Aetna Better Health Illinois Medical MCO*

*Carrie Callas, Family Service of Lake County*

*Megan McKenna, Mano a Mano*

*Carina Delavega, College of Lake County, Nursing student*

*Susan Resko, Josselyn Center*

*Benjamin Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office*

*Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office*

**2. Approval Of Minutes****2.1 [17-0197](#)**

Minutes from January 23, 2017.

**A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Sashko, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Sashko, Tamasy, Ishaug, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Pierson, Vasseur, Maya, Nerheim, Curran and Bishop

**3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)**

*There were no public comments.*

**4. Chair's Remarks**

*Co-Chair Lawlor greeted all in attendance and reported that today they will receive a great set of presentations. He noted it is really important to have the representatives and leaders of the Lake County Hospitals at the table since 85 percent of persons with mental health issues do not interface with our criminal justice system. To understand the big picture of mental, emotional behavioral health issues in Lake County the members will hear from hospitals today, treatment and service providers at the next month's meeting, and invite the justice partners to present at a later meeting.*

*Co-Chair Lawlor reported the Charter will be on next month's meeting agenda for consideration of approval to provide additional time for members to provide feedback on the Charter.*

*Co-Chair Lawlor also reported that the Lake County Mental Health Coalition staff selection committee for the Behavioral Health Support team consultants will be shortlisting the selection with approval by the Lake County Board in April. Co-Chairs Lawlor and Garrett will be involved in the final approval process for hiring the consultants.*

*Co-Chair Garrett welcomed all in attendance.*

**5. Old Business**

*There was no old business to conduct.*

**6. New Business****6.1 Introductions and Welcome**

*The members introduced themselves to the public.*

**6.2 Presentation on Lake County Hospital Services related to mental, emotional and behavioral health**

*The Lake County Mental Health Coalition received three presentations from local hospitals. First, Member Susie-Lattner and Rich Dilger, LCSW, provided a presentation on Behavioral Health at Advocate Condell. Second, Michelle D. Vance, MSN, Clinical Nurse Manager provided a presentation on Northshore University Health System Highland Park Hospital, Adolescent & Young Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Center. Third,*

*Member Martin and Teena Ahuja provided a presentation on Vista's Behavioral Health program.*

*There was general discussion on hospital bed utilization, emergency room use and cost to provide mental health stabilization when there are insufficient in-patient hospital beds available in Lake County, and the impact of insufficient number of beds (travel distance and follow-up care for patients). In addition, the discussion included the difficulty in data sharing with different electronic medical health record platforms; sharing admission, discharge, and transfer data; and the availability of bi-lingual services. Also, the discussion included the benefit of a Lake County Crisis Care drop-off center, and the difficulty for the middle class to receive hospitalization with insufficient insurance.*

*Member Martin reported Vista is currently sharing some hospital data sets with the Lake County Health Department. Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department, reported that the Health Department is seeking admission, discharge, and transfer data from all the Lake County hospitals. Co-Chair Garrett suggested convening a small group meeting of local hospital representatives to continue the discussion on data sharing and to understand their data sharing plans, ability, and limitations for hospital electronic medical records data-sharing with the Lake County Health Department. Co-Chair Lawlor agreed that a small-group meeting would be beneficial.*

#### **7. Member Comments and Questions**

*Janelle Moravek, Youth Family Services, reported on a pending proposal for psychiatric bed expansion in Vernon Hills, for inpatient treatment of all age groups by U.S. HealthVest. Co-Chairs Garrett and Lawlor encouraged individuals to decide on whether to provide individual support letters. Co-Chair Lawlor reported that the community's role is to site the locations for increased services. Member Sashko reported the Board of Health submitted a congratulation letter and agreed for the need for the medical care; however it did include a position on the pending zoning issue.*

*Co-Chair Lawlor requested a Mental Health Coalition policy or protocol be established prior to issuing any joint-support letters. Amy McEwan, Lake County, advised that because the members represent their individual organizations, they may not be authorized to commit to joint-support letters. She further advised that the past protocol with other committees included staff providing a sample draft support letter to members so that the members could take the letter back to their organizations and seek approval for submitting the support letter on their organizations' behalf. Co-Chair Garrett also suggested the Mental Health Coalition could send a letter listing all the members that support the initiative.*

*Co-Chair Garrett requested the hospital representatives provide data on the number of patients that are transported from the Lake County Jail. She also inquired if there is currently tracking and sharing of hospital patients' criminal justice history with hospitals. Amy McEwan reported the jail uses an electronic medical record system. When an inmate is transported to a hospital, the jail provides an intake form from that specific jail visit, not the inmate's full criminal history. Member Vasseur asked Bruce Johnson, Nicasa, to share his experience on receiving criminal history on clients that were not*

*direct transfers from the jail. Bruce Johnson reported it would be a large hurdle to overcome for the jail to share full criminal justice histories with hospitals, as well as treatment and service providers. He advised there is some data sharing work being done between the jail and service providers. Co-Chair Garrett inquired if any other counties or jails currently have data sharing services. Teena Ahuja reported that the Cook County Jail has a data sharing program. Co-Chair Garrett suggested that a Cook County Jail representative could be invited to speak at a future Mental Health Coalition meeting. Bruce Johnson reported there is a committee already working on data sharing and suggested the committee could contact the Cook County Jail and inquire about their program.*

*Lake County Administrator, Barry Burton inquired if the patients are managed with consideration of their funding, and whether capacity was first come–first served, or whether admissions are prioritized. Teena Ahuja described Vista’s crisis care social worker assessments and insurance coverage conducted in the hospital emergency room to determine the patients’ in-patient needs.*

*Co-Chair Lawlor introduced Megan McKenna from Mano a Mano who will be presenting at the March 20, 2017 meeting on local treatment and service providers. Amy McEwan reported on April 17, 2017, there will be a presentation on housing and homelessness. On May 22, 2017, a presentation will be provided on the Lake County Health Department’s Behavioral and Health Literacy Action Teams and a discussion with the Behavioral Health Support team consultants on Lake County data sharing.*

*Mark Pfister advised that Cook and DuPage Counties have a pilot program with Northwestern Hospital’s electronic medical record portal called EPIC for patient data sharing. Amy McEwan provided clarification that when speaking about data sharing there are two types. First, there is data sharing immediately with treatment providers for patient’s medical/mental health needs. The second is data sharing for the community, or aggregate data sharing for analytics to describe gaps and missed service connections.*

**8. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.*

**9. Next meeting: March 20, 2017.**