



Mission and Spiritual Care

of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Advocate Condell Medical Center and Advocate Sherman Hospital
Lake County Underage Drinking and Drug Prevention Task Force
Lake County Opioid Initiative

ONE VOICE

Program Agenda

9:00 to 9:15	Welcome and Introduction by The Reverend Dr. Frederick Rajan, Vice President, Mission and Spiritual Care
9:15 to 10:15	Invocation: Chaplain Suzanne Martinez, Congregation Outreach Coordinator PLENARY I: Speaker: Dr. Charla Waxman Addiction is a mental illness which is treatable with government, community organizations, mental health providers and faith community working together.
10:15 to 10:45	Break
10:45 to 11:15	PLENARY II: Speaker: Honorable William Gentes, Lake County Task Force Introducing how teen smoking, underage drinking, prescription drugs and heroin addiction are interconnected.
11:15 to 12:00	PLENARY III: Honorable Mike Nerheim Lake County States Attorney Local Steps: Case Study on Lake County's Efforts
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch
1:00 to 2:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Plenary IV <i>Tobacco: Facilitator—Danielle Ryan, Lake County Health Department</i> <i>Prescription Drugs and Heroin: Facilitator— Karen L. Wolownik-Albert, Gateway</i> <i>Underage Drinking: Facilitator—Bruce Johnson, NICASA</i> <i>Marijuana: Facilitator—William Gentes, Underage Drinking and Prevention Task Force</i>
2:00 to 2:15	Break
2:15 to 3:00	PLENARY V: Where Do We Go From Here? How Can We Help Facilitator: William Gentes Lake County Underage Drinking and Prevention Task Force
Complete Evaluation	
Adjourn	



See reverse side for biography of the speakers

One Voice—Speakers

Charla Waxman, MBA, Ed.D is the Director of Prevention for Nicasa Behavioral Health Services. Charla has worked in the field of mental health for more than 40 years. She is authored in the fields of mental health, behavioral management, addictions, and program development and gangs. Charla has spoken internationally on violence and nationally on mental health, adolescent, and gang related topics.

Frank Massey holds a Master's degree in Psychology. He served as a Community Service Administrator for the Illinois Department of Mental Health where he assessed community needs and developed programs. Frank is the co-founder of PADS and Respite in Home Programs.

William Gentes is the Project Coordinator for the Lake County Underage Drinking and Drug Prevention Task Force hosted by the Lake County Health Department. The Task Force focuses on underage drinking, prescription drug abuse and marijuana issues. He is a former two term Mayor of Round Lake, Illinois, a community of 18,000 people. Prior to his election as Mayor, Mr. Gentes served three terms as Trustee for the Round Lake Area Library District and was Chairman of the Round Lake Planning and Zoning Commission for 5 years. Currently he is a Trustee of the Lake County Regional Board of Education. In addition, Mr. Gentes has been a senior executive at numerous international non-profits in the Chicagoland area.

State's Attorney Michael Nerheim is an experienced prosecutor and former defense attorney, with more than 16 years of experience and perspective on both sides of the law. His in-depth experience includes not only criminal law, but also areas of complex civil litigation and municipal law. As a private practitioner, he was appointed by the courts to investigate post-conviction issues and has represented indigent defendants. As a former Assistant State's Attorney and defense attorney, and now as State's Attorney, he is respected by the defense bar, victim advocates, and federal, state and local law enforcement. State's Attorney Nerheim hosts and participates in numerous educational and public safety forums across Lake County. He also is frequently called upon to lecture nationally on a variety of criminal justice issues, including gangs, conviction integrity, and the opioid epidemic.

Danielle Ryan is a community health specialist with the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center. For the past two and a half years, Danielle has strived to reduce the burden of tobacco on Lake County residents through policy development, youth prevention, and tobacco cessation. During her time with Tobacco Free Lake County she has: provided technical assistance to 5 communities that have passed tobacco control ordinances, implemented communication campaigns to prevent youth tobacco use, assisted multi-unit housing facilities in implementing smoke-free policies, developed trainings to educate providers on brief tobacco intervention, and co-facilitated a youth group focused on advocating for tobacco control policies.

Karen Wolownik Albert is continuously working to improve the treatment experience for individuals who come to Gateway's Lake Villa center. Karen's main responsibilities include managing the residential services for adults and adolescents at Gateway's Lake Villa Center. She promotes continuous improvement of substance abuse treatment approaches by analyzing program results and motivating her clinical team.

Bruce N. Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, a nationally recognized leader in the field of substance abuse prevention and treatment.