



**Cook County
Alternative Health Intervention & Response (ALT-HIR) Task Force**

May 18, 2022

10:00am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Present: Das, Joshi, Degnen, Bennett, Hernandez, Mora, Martin, Story, Davis El (8 – quorum met)

PRESENTATIONS

Department:

Presentation Title: The Behavioral Health Crisis Response Continuum in Illinois: Key Factors and Impacts for Cook County

Presenters: Dr. Lorrie Rickman Jones – President, Behavioral Health Innovations
Brenda Hampton – Visiting Senior Research Specialist for the University of Illinois College of Social Work, 988 and CESSA Crisis Hub.

Summary: Dr. Lorrie Rickman Jones and Brenda Hampton provided an intricate review of the current behavioral health crisis continuum of IL. The presentation discussed 988, mobile crisis response teams, the need for crisis receiving and stabilization centers, and where the task force could focus to have the highest impact on Suburban Cook County. The task force had an opportunity to discuss the presentation material and ask the presenters questions.

Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Presentation Title: 911 Introduction & Landscape

Presenters: Martin Bennett, ENP – Executive Director of Emergency Communications/911 Call Center, Cook County Sheriff's Department

Summary:

Martin Bennett shared his over 25 years of experience in Illinois and Cook County emergency communications. His presentation covered a 911 center overview, provided a detailed look at Cook County's Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), and changes coming to 911. Mr. Bennett shared the intricacies of updating policies and training material for 911 operators as important context for the task force to consider while thinking through 988 and over mobile response coordination.