

Draft Statement to support Haymarket Center

The work done at Haymarket Center is essential to the DuPage County community, with an incalculable and significant benefit to our community. The DuPage County NAACP wants to help galvanize support with our health and government leaders, families, and other vital stakeholders to encourage Haymarket in its efforts to meet a growing need. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports an acceleration in the mortality rate associated with the pandemic; the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded due to the COVID-19 in the 12 months ending in May 2020. Recently, Dr. Jorgenson, DuPage County Coroner, brought attention to an increase in deaths by suicide, noting risk factors included a history of previous opioid addiction or patients in treatment. This increase underscores the need for the essential services provided by the Haymarket Center.