

## GBPS-Minutes 11-2023

**Attendees:** Bamani Obedele, Staci Monroe, Laurel Taylor-Dudley, Donna Mead, Elizabeth, Kellogg, Destiny Bryant, Marvel Singletary, Aimee Pottet, Darryca(Focus Fairies), Dr House, and Vernon Spells

1. Obedele the coordinator opened up the meeting introducing Marvel Singletary and Vernon Spells, a business owner of Barber and Beauty salons. Both Vernon and Marvel agreed to help with getting vending machines in the community and the importance of having them due to rising numbers of overdoses.
2. Beauty shops were also discussed about being a part of the Rosc in the community to help women that are in recovery to be able to get their hair done which would help them feel better about themselves.
3. Donna Mead gave an overview about last month's meeting which included reaching a date for the next narcan distribution.
4. Obedele introduced the guest speaker Dr House. Dr House talked about his credentials that included his educational background with a masters in social, and a doctorate degree in theology. Dr House has worked in the cook county jail, helping individuals with HIV, and substance misuse. He has been working in social services for over 35 years. He stated that it takes everybody in the community to help build a village.
5. Dr House discussed the importance of people in the community needing to be familiarized with resources that are available, which would be our job to know where the important resources are located for substance misuses. The age group between 13-24 is an age group that is in need of recovery services as well.
6. He also mentioned a methadone clinic on 27th and State and the positive things they are doing for the younger generation and we need to become familiar with them.
7. The meeting ended with a Q&A session about ideas for the vending machine, some mentioned the police station would be an ideal location.