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#### **Greene & Scott County Recovery Council**

Date of Meeting: 5/21/24

Time of meeting: 3 PM

Location of meeting: Online/205 S. Morse St Roodhouse, IL 62082

Format: Hybrid

Attendees:

MM- GCHD BA - SIU

RK- GCHD/Recovery Corps BH – GCHD (Personal Health)

BB- GCHD/Recovery Corps AS - Crisis Center
MK-Bright Futures/PLE NT — Crisis Center
KD- Memorial BS — Jersey Co Health

AM- OMNI ES – Greene/Scott Probation

SS- RSUPIC MR – Crisis Center

AL- RCORP Centerstone

AS-

**AD- Family Guidance Center** 

### Updates to the education events/community awareness for FY25

- The group discussed various events for recovery awareness, including a golf outing to raise awareness about recovery resources & build social connections, a key pillar of the SAMHSA definition of recovery.
- There was frustration in the group with the lack of awareness of mental health issues in Greene. The current network isn't meeting the needs as they do in Scott.
- The discussion centered on doing some additional outreach with our various partners in Scott to highlight the coalition's work and bring additional players to the table.
- We are exploring ways to educate/build individualized job training sessions instead of open groups. PLEs have discussed this as being more beneficial as many in our community dislike group settings.

- Greene County Health Department, as part of its community health work, helps individuals with transportation, laundry, and other recovery resources. This has helped solidify the infrastructure, but more work is needed there. While the department invested in much of this work through various other projects, recent investments by the local government from opioid settlement funds have expanded this to provide a vehicle available to volunteers, council members, and members of the recovery community to support transportation assistance.
- There is an opportunity to engage the council more in our work. Rather than being simply our ROSC team, getting members to our events and engaging with the recovery community would add value to this work. Every event and everything we do is open to the public, and members are encouraged to attend.
- The council discussed the success of some of our partnerships, such as those with the drug courts. Partnerships like these have helped link new people to all of the services our coalition provides across the spectrum.
- There is a belief that the community is slowly changing, with more help available for those struggling with addiction, especially with the work we have done as a group on stigma. Doubling down on this work is essential as we move forward.
- Personal recovery stories were shared, and profound gratitude was expressed for our coalition's work in our community.
- The group discussed the different events for recovery in other communities that can be adopted within our own work.
- There is an opportunity within the recovery community for digital literacy. If anyone wants to support this or has ideas, contact Amanda at <a href="mailto:amorrow@greenecountyhd.org">amorrow@greenecountyhd.org</a>

## Recent community education and upcoming community events

- On May 1, we partnered with law enforcement to educate youth at the Greene County Fairgrounds, where all the districts from across the region came together to learn. Our team was onsite to do the makeup for the crash reenactment and provide resources on mental health/substance use to youth. Following the event, there were no accidents reported during prom!
- The council discussed organizing events for Green County Days, including flyers and word-of-mouth promotion.
- The local (and new) NA Group is hosting an upcoming recovery event. It will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Barrow. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to 2179426961 ext. 4135 and we will pass their registration along to the NA group.
- On May 24<sup>th,</sup> here at the North Greene Office, there is a meeting for our community in partnership with Lincoln Legal on expungement and record access with community members from 10am to 12pm. This is open to the public. Please spread the word

#### **Council updates**

• Centerstone provides behavioral health for school-aged children. Alexandria is the new program manager. She can be reached at

- Memorial outlined its mobile crisis response service for mental health crises in Morgan, Scott, and Cass counties.
- ISBE made a requirement that educators learn how to use Naloxone and fentanyl test strips, so there will be a training made by Omni Youth Services that will be launched to support this. Council staff will work with the districts to raise awareness once launched. In the meantime, if someone has a training need, please by all means train them if you have been trained or reach out to us and we can give you training as well as them.

Link to the ROSC Monthly Meeting Survey: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/JaBPV6Neu7">https://forms.office.com/r/JaBPV6Neu7</a> Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by AM