



Minutes of the Meeting

Date: June 25th, 2024 Time: 11am CST Location: Zoom

Meeting Agenda: PRAYER,

1. Prayer, New Introductions & Updates: Neesha Stringfellow

- Attendees will introduce themselves and give updates on their work and any relevant news.

-Caitlyn Daily- MAPP Updates

-Allison Thomas Rosecrance Behavioural Health

-RCCJ Update- Connie DeWall, Angela McClellan, Kathleen Burke

2. Event Updates: Jada Anthony

3. Updates from the State and Presentation on Deflection: Tarcia Leak

-Kahoot!

4. What are the needs in our community?

Opening Prayer:

Neesha Stringfellow initiated the meeting with a prayer, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to providing help, hope, and healing in various areas of recovery. The prayer included blessings for all individuals and organizations present.

Introduction:

Neesha Stringfellow welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledging the diverse backgrounds and commitments of the attendees. She highlighted the purpose of the organization, Heart Life Ministries (HLM), in providing support and resources for recovery in substance use, mental health, unemployment, and the near Southside ROSC health fair, where she collects and shares valuable resources for organization

Networking and Collaboration: She emphasized the importance of collaboration and resource-sharing among attendees to support the recovery community effectively.

Event Updates:

Attendees were encouraged to share upcoming events, workshops, or programs relevant to the recovery community. Neesha highlighted the significance of staying informed and connected to maximize support effort.

Speakers

Caitlyn Daily- Caitlin Daly introduced herself as the program manager of the Will County Map Collaborative and president of the Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. She provided updates on the coalition's work, including a new grant and partnerships with local organizations. Caitlin discussed the assessment process for the community health improvement framework, which includes surveys and strategic planning. The group is working on stigma education for providers, including media materials and connections to educational resources. She emphasized the importance of gathering data on mental health, substance use, and behavioral health, citing a lack of up-to-date information from secondary sources.

Allison Thomas-Allison is providing updates on a new outpatient location and an upcoming overdose awareness event. She is also sharing information about a memorial area dedicated to overdose victims and encouraging participation.

RCCJ Update-RCCJ is organizing town hall events for pastors, professionals, and community leaders. Angela is coordinating the collection of clothing donations for a new professionals' closet at a community facility in July.

Announcements:

- Loving Grief Care, grief counseling program every third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8 pm.
- a crisis response training and a youth mental health first aid training.
 - Jada Anthony announces a Rally for Recovery in Chicago on September 21, 2024,.
 - Neesha Stringfellow encourages attendees to share upcoming events on HLM recovery's social media platforms, tagging the account for visibility.
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Closing Remarks:

- Neesha thanked attendees for their participation and encouraged continued collaboration.
- Emphasized the importance of sharing events and resources for mutual support.
- Expressed gratitude for everyone's dedication to improving community health and well-being.
- **Action Items**
 - Angela McClellan - Reach out to Angela McClellan to donate items or provide support for RCC Joliet
 - Neesha Stringfellow - Provide transportation resource information to the group
 - Participate in the Your Light Still Shines event on August 21st by contacting Allison St. Thomas to have a resource table
 - Attend the Stigma Task Force meeting on August 12th
 - Volunteer or sponsor the National Recovery Rally on September 21st

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with Jada providing updates on upcoming events and inviting attendees to share any additional information or announcements. Neesha reiterated the importance of communication and collaboration within the recovery community and expressed appreciation for everyone's participation.

Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday July 23rd at 11AM CST on Zoom**

Meeting Adjourned.

Individual Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves, their roles, and organizations:

- Neesha Stringfellow- HLM Recovery
- Kyle Leak- HLM Volunteer
- Allison Thomas- Rosecrance
- Cristina Banda- Illinois Family Resource Center
- Dr Ruby Powell- HLM Recovery
- Marianne Bithos- Nami SouthSuburbs
- Ben Rudolph- Region 2 Technical Coordinator
- Kathleen Burke- Will County Health Department
- **Paul Hempel- COA**
- Troy Green- Gateway Foundation
- Angela McClellan- RCCJ Joliet
- Cristina Ramirez- ECS
- Caitlyn Daily- MAPP
- Connie Dewall- Will County Health Department
- Danny Sourbis-Dupage ROSC