



Minutes of the Meeting

Date: August 27th, 2024 Time: 11am CST Location: Zoom

Meeting Agenda: PRAYER,

1. Prayer and Welcome: Neesha Stringfellow

- New Introductions & Updates
- Attendees will introduce themselves and give updates on their work and any relevant news.

2. Event Updates: Jada Anthony

3. Updates from the State/ Survey for Will/Grundy: Tarcia Leak

- Updates From Community Partners
- Tim Brown- Gateway Foundation

4. Community, County, Collaboration (Discussion about community needs)

It is important for you to attend. We need to understand the needs of your county and how we, at HLM, can support you in the areas of recovery. We want to engage with you as a council member or partner. Let's make a strong appearance on Tuesday to set a solid foundation for the last quarter of 2024 and the new fiscal year of 2025.

5. Next Meeting: September 24th 2024, at 11:00 AM CST

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

Timothy Brown:

Tim Brown begins by introducing himself and his role at the Gateway Foundation, emphasizing his personal connection to the organization. He recounts his own journey through recovery, which has profoundly influenced his transition from his previous career to mental health counseling. Tim's personal experience with recovery has fueled his dedication to helping others facing similar challenges. He goes on to describe the comprehensive range of services provided by the Gateway Foundation. These services include intensive outpatient programs, which offer structured treatment for individuals requiring more support than traditional outpatient care, and medication-assisted treatment, which combines medication with counseling to address substance use disorders effectively. Tim also highlights significant recent developments at the Gateway Foundation. Notably, he introduces Dr. Beth Dunlap, who has recently joined their team, bringing additional expertise to their mental health services. Furthermore, Tim discusses their application for community mental health center licensing, a crucial step that will enhance their capacity to provide essential services to the community and broaden their impact in mental health care.

Announcements:

The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Will/Grundy Council Meeting covered several key updates. Deb B announced the progress of the Conference Center and treatment center by Theodore Street, expected to be operational by early next year. Allison Thomas from Rosecrance highlighted new outpatient locations in Frankfurt and Chicago, offering various IOP and individual therapy services. Dr. Burke reported on the launch of a new recovery community organization, the installation of a red box at the Veterans Assistance Commission, and the expansion of mental health services in Bolingbrook. Tim Brown from Gateway Foundation discussed their new services, including LENS neurofeedback and medication-assisted treatment, and emphasized the importance of trauma-informed care.

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

- Neesha Stringfellow - Look into possibilities of the Will County Sheriff's truck appearing at the National Recovery Rally.
- Reach out to Dr. Burke to discuss partnership opportunities with the Redbox
- Send event flyers and information to Neesha for sharing on recovery pages.

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 September 24th, at 11AM CST on Zoom**

Meeting Adjourned.

Individual Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves, their roles, and organizations:

- Neesha Stringfellow- HLM Recovery
- 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 Dewart- Will County Health Department
- Danny Sourbis-Dupage ROSC
- Paul Hempel- Recovery Centers of America
- Jada Anthony- HLM
- Tarcia Leak-HLM
- Dianna O'Macker- Pastor
- Michelle Lowman- WGMC Case Managers
- Mica Freeman
- Perkins
- Sunya Watson- Breath of Life Medical
- Jarrett Burton- Dupage ROSC
- Vanessa Beaver- Cycle Breakers