



Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24th, 2024

Time: 11am CST

Location: Zoom

Meeting Agenda

1. Prayer and Welcome: Neesha Stringfellow
2. Event Updates: Jada Anthony
3. State updates: Tarcia Leak
4. What's New in Recovery: Dr. Kathleen Burke
5. Community Collaboration and Discussions
6. Next Meeting: October 22nd In-person RCCJ @11am

HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Will/Grundy Council Meeting

The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Will/Grundy Council Meeting featured updates on various recovery initiatives. Dr. Mary Roberson highlighted the success of the National Recovery Rally, attended by 2,500-3,000 people, and the involvement of key figures like Chance the Rapper and Rapper/Actor Common. Dr. Kathleen Burke reported a 10% national decline in opioid overdose deaths and a 17% decline in Will County, attributing it to Narcan distribution. The Will County Health Department is hiring for a substance use treatment program. Upcoming events include an open house for the New Living Room and a Pathway to Hope and Healing event. The meeting emphasized collaboration and networking among recovery organizations.

Outline

Opening and Introductions

- Neesha Stringfellow welcomes everyone to the meeting, noting it's a rainy Tuesday.
- Allison Thomas-Rosecrance and Randy McIntyre are introduced, with Randy sharing his background with Village Haven Housing Foundation.
- Neesha Stringfellow leads a prayer, thanking God for the day and the work they do in recovery.

- Neesha Stringfellow asks Jada to share the agenda and invites first-time attendees to introduce themselves.

Updates and Celebrations

- Neesha Stringfellow shares updates from the previous week, including attending the Gap Resource Fair, a youth event, and the National Recovery Rally.
- Dr. Mary Roberson from NIRCO shares highlights from the National Recovery Rally, including keynote speakers and events.
- Ben Rudolph, the recovery-oriented systems of care technical assistant, shares his experience at the pre-party and the rally.
- Neesha Stringfellow introduces Nami Will-Grundy, who shares updates on their support groups and initiatives.

Substance Use and Opioid Updates

- Dr. Kathleen Burke provides an update on substance use and opioid overdoses in Will County, noting a 10% national decline and a 17% local decline.
- Dr. Burke discusses the distribution of Narcan and fentanyl test strips, and the hiring needs at the Will County Health Department.
- Tarcia Leak from HLM Recovery talks about the community needs assessment and the upcoming state ROSC collaborative meeting.
- Neesha Stringfellow emphasizes the importance of staying connected and the network's role in supporting recovery efforts.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Neesha Stringfellow announces the next meeting will be in person at the new Recovery Community Center in Joliet.
- Angela M. from the Recovery Community Center in Joliet shares updates on the progress of the new facility and plans for a soft launch.
- Neesha Stringfellow highlights various upcoming events, including an open house for the New Living Room location and a Pathway to Hope and Healing event.
- Jada runs a slideshow presentation showcasing upcoming events and initiatives, including a therapeutic farm event and a Take Back the Night event.

Networking and Introductions

- Neesha Stringfellow calls on attendees to introduce themselves and share their organizations.
- Jake Messikomer-from Acadia Healthcare introduces himself and shares his role as a treatment placement specialist.

- Jaron Nabors-from DuPage ROSS shares information about his organization and an upcoming youth empowerment fair.
- Allison Thomas-from Rosecrance shares details about their new location in Beverly and the upcoming open house event.

Action Items

- Neesha Stringfellow - Participate in the October ROSC council meeting at the new Recovery Community Center in Joliet.
- Tarcia HLM Recovery - Update the community needs assessment questions and share them with Dr. Burke.
- HLM Recovery - Reach out to Neesha if interested in being a council member for HLM Recovery.
- HLM Recovery - Attend the in-person ROSC collaborative meeting in Normal, Illinois on October 15-16.
- Dr. Burke wanted to Connect with Randy McIntyre.

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
- Ben Rudolph- Region 2 Technical Coordinator
- Kathleen Burke- Will County Health Department
- Troy Green- Gateway Foundation
- Angela McClellan- RCCJ Joliet
- Cristina Ramirez- ECS
- Caitlyn Daily- MAPP
- Connie Dewall- Will County Health Department
- Paul Hempel- Recovery Centers of America
- Jada Anthony- HLM
- Tarcia Leak-HLM
- Michelle Lowman- WGMC Case Managers
- Sunya Watson- Breath of Life Medical
- Blake Worman-Serenity House
- Avery Kyle-PLE
- Jake Messikomer-Acadia Health
- Michelle Pruiim & Cheryl Habeeb- NAMI Will-Grundy
- Randy McIntyre-Village Haven Housing Foundation
- Dr. Mary Roberson-NIRCO
- Amanda Douglas-NIRCO
- Barbara Young -NIRCO