

# THREE CORDS STRONG ROSC ALLIANCE TRANSITIONAL TRAINING SERVICES Meeting Minutes

**Hybrid Location: 4455 S KING DRIVE SUITE 101-B & ZOOM**

**DATE: 10/31/2024**

**Facilitator: Marjorie Howard**

**Facilitator: Vawnshekia Oklah**

**Speaker: Dalton Brown**

**TIME: 09:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 895 5636 9388**

**I. Call to Order: Marjorie Howard**

**II. VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH OPENING STATEMENTS -VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH**

**III. 3 CORDS MISSION, VISION, PAST MEETING REVIEW- VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH**

- We want to make sure that on this journey of recovery, people are not walking alone.
- We need ourselves, families, and community- 3 cords not easily broken
- We will make our community more sustainable and be able to help people out
- Want to bring back a place where people are stronger, communities are stronger, businesses are stronger, while having hopes and dreams again in our community
- Watched video to help explain what ROSC is
- Mission is what we are trying to do; Vision is how we see the world looking after we've done it
- Explanation of a coalition
- Putting names back onto people / not dehumanize
- Housing and suicide are the biggest issues
- Suicide 8% rise since 2021 - men more likely to commit

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER AND TOPICS – VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH**

- Intro to speaker primarily deal with our reentry population in terms of Recovery Resources and Employment
- Not making livable wage and/or skills makes it hard to have hope

**V. Speaker – Mr. Dalton Brown of Felony Free Society**

- Why are men taking their lives? Feeling like there is no way out and can not feel like a man in the world
- Feeling the pressure of being an African American male - not being able to provide for family
- Always an easy way into the illegal lifestyle but harder to get out of it
- We will not ask for help and/or we will not take advantage of our resources
- Felony free society construction company- people coming out the system in need of jobs
- Coming out of the system and facing housing barriers, employment barriers, mental health barriers
- You have to have the ability to see yourself higher, project higher and go after higher despite of where you are currently
- Be honest with ourselves on what you really need, what you stand for, and what you believe in
- We need resilience to survive and look forward to it. Find people to associate with that have your common resilience and beliefs
- Call to action- list 5-10 people that you can call when you need help and let them know you will be calling them. List 5 places that you do not want to go and/or never going to go. List 5 places that you want to start going.

## **VI. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION— Mr. Dalton Brown of Felony Free Society**

## **VII. COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTATION –**

- **Sherman Moore-** Target outreach- reentry coordinator- empower returning citizens with resources so they can build a drug free life and become a productive citizen in the community
- **Brother Knowles-** Chaplin in cook county jail- restoration ministries- getting out of jail and don't want to go back to their community because they don't have anywhere to go
- **Pastor Nichols-** Chicago police department 3rd district Pastor liaison- Pray for people in the community experiences trauma
- **Sharon Batiest-** TCA health- outreach and enrollment specialist- health care insurance- 4 clinics- around the community helping people sign up for health insurance and doctors offices- making sure you have affordable health care
- **Vanessa Moreno-** Chicago recovery community coalition- ROSC council
- **Officer Harris-** Chicago police department youth liaison 3rd district- Community Policing- talking with the community, talking with stakeholders, provide resources to people so they can have a better chance, prayer walks, partner with housing assistant organizations with job assistance and mental health assistance, bring a gap between the police and youth
- **Carolyn Howard-** Humble Quest Martial Arts- Community martial arts seminar acknowledging mind, body, and spirit healing exercises targeted to you and benefits us to build up the strength to get past hardships. New millennium law firm- criminal defense attorney, laws pertaining to suicide

## **VIII.GROUP DISCUSSION – UPCOMING COMMUNITY SURVEY**

## **IX. NEXT ACTION STEPS**

- a) Look out for next survey
  - a. Join Survey creation focus groups
- b) Volunteer to pass out material
- c) Sign up to join or receive more information
- d) Invitation to next meeting – November 21, 2024, 9am
- e) Stipend for PLE Members who come to meetings

## **X. MEETING CLOSE – VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH**