



**Date:** October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 11am CST

**Location:** Recovery Community Center of Joliet/Zoom

**Meeting Agenda:**

1. Prayer
2. Welcome from RCCJ
3. What is A R.O.S.C.? Neesha Stringfellow
4. New Introductions & Updates: Neesha Stringfellow  
- Attendees will introduce themselves and give updates on their work and any relevant news
5. Updates from the State of Illinois & SUPR Tarcia Leak
6. Introduction of guest speaker Neesha Stringfellow
7. Guest Speaker is Haseena Jackson
8. Next Meeting: November 26th, 2024, at 11:00 AM CST Virtual
9. Save the date "Heartlife Recovery 180 Holiday Council Meeting Party" December 2024

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

The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C. Will/Grundy Council Meeting focused on the launch of a new recovery center, emphasizing the hard work and community support behind its creation. Key initiatives include a community shower for the homeless, peer support, and lived experience programs. Ben Rudolph, the technical assistant for ROSC, highlighted the importance of recovery-oriented systems and his personal journey of 21 years of sobriety. Various organizations, including Cornerstone Services, Omni Youth Services, and the Salvation Army, shared their services and upcoming events. The meeting also featured a guest speaker, Hasina Shaheed Jackson, who emphasized the power of choice and response in shaping one's life.

### **Transcript**

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### **Action Items**

- [ ] @Neesha Stringfellow - Send out information about upcoming events and initiatives shared by the various organizations present.
- [ ] Distribute information about the Will County Take Back the Night event on Thursday and the Grundy County Take Back the Night event on Wednesday.

### **Outline**

#### **HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Introduction and Community Impact**

- Speaker 1 emphasizes the hard work and dedication behind the HLM Recovery R.O.S.C initiative, highlighting the challenges and triumphs faced during its development.
- The RCCJ is described as a vital element in the community, particularly benefiting the Joliet neighborhood and providing a safe space for difficult conversations about recovery.
- A new ADA-approved community shower is mentioned, aimed at providing homeless individuals with access to showers, clean clothes, and other essentials.
- Speaker 1 thanks the attendees and expresses appreciation for their support.

#### **Elevator Pitch and Role of Ben Rudolph**

- Neesha Stringfellow introduces Ben Rudolph, the technical assistant for the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) for region 2, which includes Will and Grundy Counties.
- Ben Rudolph gives an impassioned elevator pitch about ROSC, emphasizing its mission to support people in recovery and provide resources for those in need.
- Ben shares his personal journey of being clean and sober for 21 years and the importance of community support in recovery.
- He highlights the inclusive and accepting nature of ROSC, stressing the importance of fighting addiction and supporting each other.

## **Importance of ROSC and Community Engagement**

- Neesha Stringfellow discusses the importance of ROSC in breaking the stigma around recovery and emphasizes the need for community support.
- She introduces the concept of the ROSC network and the importance of collaboration among different organizations.
- Neesha calls out new attendees and invites them to introduce themselves and their organizations.
- Angela Robinson from Cornerstone Services introduces their services, including housing, DUI evaluations, and various therapy programs.

## **Introduction of New Attendees and Their Organizations**

- Sarah Brendan from Omni Youth Services talks about their services, including counseling, telehealth, and support for emerging adults.
- Jake from Acadia Healthcare introduces himself as a treatment placement specialist, offering support for navigating the behavioral health system.
- Paula from Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community discusses their work in substance abuse prevention and mental health support.
- Christina from the Illinois Family and Resource Center talks about their surveys and the Circle of Care program for children who have lost family members to recovery.

## **Community Services and Upcoming Events**

- Linda Trevino from the Salvation Army mentions upcoming events and the need for volunteers to help with children's gifts.
- Troy Green from Gateway Foundation talks about an upcoming open house and the importance of community support.
- Novel Woods from the Salvation Army and NA program discusses their services and the importance of community support.
- Ron from the Turning Citizens program talks about an upcoming resource fair and the importance of community engagement.

## **Introduction of Additional Organizations and Services**

- Allison Thomas from Rose Pants Behavioral Health discusses their services for substance use disorder and mental health, including residential and outpatient treatment.
- Jan Dombroski from the Heroin Epidemic Relief Organization talks about their new program and the importance of community support.
- Maggie from Julia Township's CDI program shares her lived experience and the importance of the new recovery center.

- Jimmy O'Connor from the Second Story Foundation discusses their long-term recovery housing and job programs.

### **Community Violence Intervention and Behavioral Health Services**

- Sonia Garrity from Will County Behavioral Health talks about her role and the importance of community engagement.
- Amin Stiff from the CVI program discusses his work as a case manager and the importance of community support.
- Dr. Kathleen Burke from the Will County Health Department talks about their substance use services and the importance of the new recovery center.
- Connie Dewal from Well County Substance Use Initiatives discusses their Narcan program and the importance of community support.

### **Youth Prevention and Community Engagement**

- Kyle from Hard Lock Recovery 180 and a student in the Governor's State Impaired Recovery Support Program introduces himself and discusses his role.
- Caitlin Dailey from the Little County MAP Collaborative talks about their work on the community health needs assessment and the importance of youth prevention.
- Cynthia Tyler from the Heart Life Ministry and Second Baptist Church discusses their work and the importance of community support.
- Paul Hint Bully from Recovery Centers of America talks about his role as a treatment advocate and the importance of community support.

### **Community Engagement and Prevention Efforts**

- Nicole Lurie from the Dodd Township's CPI program discusses their work on gun violence prevention and the importance of community support.
- Agape NFB's representative talks about their work on HIV prevention and social services.
- Lishane Hudson from Joliet Township Government discusses her role as the Violence Prevention Council coordinator.
- Jenny Guiney from Guardian Angel Community Services talks about their domestic violence program and upcoming events.

### **Statewide Updates and Youth Prevention**

- Tarshalik provides updates from the statewide meeting, including the push for churches to become certified recovery congregations and the importance of youth prevention.
- She mentions the partnership with Joliet Junior College and Grundy County Chestnut Health System for youth prevention.

- Tarshalik encourages attendees to think about additional sectors that could be added to the community work and to contact her for more information.
- She highlights the importance of community support and the need for collaboration among different organizations.

### **Guest Speaker Introduction and Closing Remarks**

- Nisha Stringfellow introduces the guest speaker, Hasina Shaheed Jackson, and her background in helping others see beyond physical sight to spiritual possibilities.
- Hasina Shaheed Jackson begins her presentation, emphasizing the importance of choices and responses to circumstances in shaping one's life.
- She discusses the role of free will and belief in oneself in making choices and persevering through challenges.
- Hasina encourages the audience to think about their choices and responses to circumstances and how they shape their lives.

### **Attendees:**

I missed placed the attendance because it was copied and sent by the host of RCCJ. I have it resent and update the notes.