



Date: January 28th, 2025

Time: 11am CST

Location: Zoom

Meeting Agenda:

1. Prayer-Tarcia Leak
2. Word of the year sharing-Everyone
3. Updates from State of Illinois and Counties-Tarcia/Kathleen
4. Introduction of guest speaker-Neesha
5. Guest Speaker: Cristina Banda
6. Next Meeting: February 25th Virtual

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

Transcript

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The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C. Will/Grundy Council Meeting began with a prayer and icebreaker where members shared their words for the year, emphasizing themes like productivity, survival, peace, and hope. Key updates included a 37% decrease in Will County overdose deaths, distribution of 15,204 Narcan kits, and 2562 fentanyl test strips. The Illinois Family Resource Center highlighted their free resources and webinars in Spanish and English, focusing on family support in recovery. Upcoming events include a virtual Narcan training, a Love and Grief Care Support session, and a DEA drug education presentation. The meeting underscored the importance of collaboration and effective communication in recovery efforts.

Action Items

- [] @Tash Leak - Promote and distribute the community survey to gather feedback.
- [] Attend the Show Up Recovery Pastors and Leadership Roundtable virtual meeting.
- [] Attend the virtual Circle of Care event to learn more about their resources and services.
- [] Register and attend the free drug education presentation by the DEA.
- [] Sign up for the ROSC Referral Hub WhatsApp group to access and provide referrals.
- [] Provide any known grief support resources and services to be added to the Grief Support Services directory.

Outline

Icebreaker and Word of the Year Sharing

- Neesha Stringfellow initiates the meeting with a prayer led by Tash L., thanking for the new year and asking for blessings.
- Neesha Stringfellow introduces a popcorn icebreaker where each participant shares their word for the year.
- Participants include Tash L. (productivity), Allison Thomas (vibrant), Ben Rudolph (survival), Ambrosia Branson (peaceful), Mandy Bailey (goodness), Cristyna Ramirez (survival), Paul Hempel (obedience), Connie Dewall (gratitude), Cristyna Ramirez (peace), Laura Braack (empowerment), Blake Worman (discipline), Troy Green (resilience), Anthony Walker (hope), Nicole A (hope), Sarah Grunden (appreciation), James Budrick (consistency), Magdalena Campos (humility), Dr. Connie Dewall (survival), Paula Ekstrom (help and faith), Vanessa Bolden (determination), Angela

McClellan (diligent), Tim Brown (family), Michelle Prime (connect), Cristina Banda (boundaries), Haseena Shaheed-Jackson (collaborate and surrender), Cynthia Tyler (communication), Engia McGregor (growth and love).

- Neesha Stringfellow summarizes the words shared, emphasizing the importance of productivity, movement, vibrancy, survival, peace, goodness, obedience, gratitude, peace, empowerment, discipline, resilience, hope, appreciation, consistency, humility, help, faith, determination, diligence, family, connect, boundaries, communication, growth, and love.

Introduction of Upcoming Events and Community Initiatives

- Neesha Stringfellow discusses the importance of the upcoming survey and encourages everyone to participate and share it in their communities.
- Tash L. reiterates the importance of the survey and mentions a \$50 gift card incentive for participants.
- Ambrosia Branson introduces the Circle of Care project, highlighting its resources and upcoming events, including a virtual event and Lunch and Learn sessions.
- Neesha Stringfellow mentions the Show Up Recovery Pastors and Leadership Roundtable, Love and Grief Care Support, and Virtual Narcan Training.
- Neesha Stringfellow shares information about a free drug education presentation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Threads of Hope event.

Updates from Partners and Council Members

- Michelle from NAMI Will Grundy shares details about their free all-ages event and upcoming 5k.
- Blake Worman from DuPage ROSC explains the ROSC referral hub and its benefits.
- Neesha Stringfellow emphasizes the importance of the ROSC referral hub and encourages everyone to use it.
- Neesha Stringfellow acknowledges the presence of various partners and council members, inviting them to share updates.

State of Illinois and Local Updates

- Tash L. provides updates on the state's drug overdose prevention programs, including the distribution of Naloxone kits, fentanyl test strips, and xylazine test strips.
- Tash L. mentions a loan repayment and forgiveness program for those working in community areas and an upcoming Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) orientation.
- Kathleen Burke PhD shares the end-of-year report for Will County, highlighting a 37% decrease in overdose deaths and increased distribution of Narcan and fentanyl test strips.

- Kathleen Burke PhD discusses the launch of a school-based program in Joliet and the expansion of mental health and substance use services to Bolingbroke.
- Connie Dewall and Kathleen Burke PhD provide additional updates on the Will County Health Department's efforts and upcoming Narcan training events.

Presentation by Cristina Banda from Illinois Family Resource Center

- Cristina Banda introduces herself and the Illinois Family Resource Center, emphasizing their goal to support families in recovery.
- Cristina Banda explains the services offered by the Illinois Family Resource Center, including free webinars and resources in both Spanish and English.
- Cristina Banda highlights the importance of supporting the entire family in the recovery process, not just the individual with the substance use disorder.
- Cristina Banda shares the award received from Nicole for their work with families and children.
- Cristina Banda encourages everyone to use the resources and services provided by the Illinois Family Resource Center.

Attendees:

Neesha Stringfellow-Heartlife Ministries
 Tarcia Leak-Heartlife Ministries
 Ben Rudolph- ROSC Region 2 Mentor
 Blake Worman-Dupage ROSC
 Laura Braack-Braidwood
 Engia McGregor
 Kathleen Burke
 Sarah Grunden
 Cristina Banda -Illinois Family Resource Center
 Cristyna Ramirez- ECS
 James Budrick
 NAMI Will/Grundy
 Angela McClinton-RCCJ
 Nicole A.
 Corinne Broadus
 Marianne Bithos
 Heather Drew-RCCJ
 Aishwarya Balakrishna
 Caitlyn Daly
 Sarah Richardson
 Val Guzman

Magdalena Campos-Joliet Township
Ambrosia Brandson
Haseena Shaheed-Jackson
Cynthia Tyler- Community Lifeline Church
Paula Ekstrom- Wilmington Coalition
Vanessa Bolden- Cycle Breakers
Troy Green-Gateway
Anthony Walker-Gateway
Paul Hempel Connie DeWall
Melissa Kanning-Birth to Faith
Allison Thomas-Rosecrance
Kelly Robart
Johanna Gonzalez
Dr. Mary Roberson- LC ROSC Council
Ginni Demko-Grundy County
Jacqueline Ramirez
Tim Brown- Gateway