

Meeting Summary for GBPS ROSC Council Meeting

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Quick recap

The meeting involved a check-in session with various participants, discussing their emotional states and personal and professional challenges. Dr. Vivian Hill, founder of Hill asap, an outpatient alcohol and drug treatment program, was introduced as the guest presenter, sharing her insights and experiences in helping youth. The conversation ended with discussions on upcoming events, updates, and the importance of addressing trauma in young people.

Next steps

Destiny to update the survey link to ensure all participants can access and complete it.

Johanna to send information on local area providers for youth treatment services to Bamani Obadele.

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services to develop an informational flyer on youth treatment resources with ROSC and SUPR's approval.

Laurel to send out information on trauma-informed care programs and workshops to meeting participants.

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services to organize a Fentanyl education and Narcan giveaway event on March 12th at Williams Park.

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services to partner with Acclivus for a Fentanyl and Narcan Giveaway event on March 22nd in Fuller Park.

Bamani Obadele to pick up Fentanyl test strips from the city before the March 12th event.

Kenneth to send out the meeting flyer and invitation for the Region One collaborative meeting on March 7th.

All participants who haven't completed the ROSC public opinion survey to do so and share it with colleagues.

Summary

Meeting Introduction and Sign-in Instructions

The meeting began with greetings and introductions. The host, GRCC's, asked participants to sign in via the chat, specifying that community residents should just sign in, while

organizations or institutions should provide additional information. The host also mentioned that they would remind participants to sign in throughout the meeting. The meeting was set to start soon.

GRCC Check-in Session Emotional States

In the meeting, GRCC's Coordinator Bamani Obadele led a check-in session with various participants, including Johanna Gonzalez, Mark Bailey, Dorian Figgers, Dr. Vivian Hill, Henry Scott, Aimee Potter, Dorian Butler, Edward Boone, and Kenneth Bell. The participants shared their current emotional states, ranging from 1 to 10, with most expressing a mix of positive and negative feelings. The meeting also included discussions about personal and professional challenges, such as health issues, weather conditions, and work-related stress. The participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect and support each other.

Addressing News and Team Well-Being

Laurel emphasized the importance of directly addressing the news and its effects on their collaborations and services. She also encouraged the team to stay together and keep others informed. Obedeli acknowledged Laurel's points and proceeded with the agenda, checking in with each participant on a scale of 1 to 10 for their current well-being. Various participants shared their feelings, with some expressing optimism and others mentioning tasks and challenges.

Federal Employees' Job Loss Concerns

Gbps's team discussed the impact of a recent order on federal employees, with some facing potential job loss. They urged attendees to complete a survey and to contact their local Congressmen to express concerns. The team also celebrated a member's 60-day sobriety milestone. A recap of a successful Narcan and food giveaway event at a barbershop was shared, with photos to be distributed. Dr. Vivian Hill, founder of Heal asap, an outpatient alcohol and drug treatment program, was introduced as the guest presenter.

Creating Safe Spaces for Adolescents

Dr. Vivian Hill discussed the challenges of working with adolescents, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. She emphasized the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment for them to open up and share their struggles. Dr. Hill also highlighted the need for guidance and mentorship, as many young people feel isolated and struggle to fit in. She shared her personal journey of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, and stressed the importance of self-acceptance and self-love. The conversation ended with Dr. Hill encouraging the audience to embrace their differences and help others do the same.

Addressing Adolescent Treatment Services

Dr. Vivian Hill expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to share her insights and experiences in helping youth. Obedli raised a concern about the availability of treatment services for adolescents, to which Dr. Hill suggested she could provide services in the suburbs and help find providers closer to Grand Boulevard. Johanna confirmed that the Illinois help desk is a valuable resource for finding local providers and is being updated regularly. Latrena added that there are gaps in adolescent services in the state, with many providers not receiving enough referrals to sustain their services. She and her counterpart are gathering information on available services to better understand the situation.

Addressing Trauma and Substance Abuse

Obedeli discussed the development of an informational flyer to be distributed in the community, particularly in schools, to address drug and alcohol abuse. Laurel from mentioned their programs and resources for youth substance abuse prevention. Johanna shared information about a virtual youth panel event and her previous work with the Erie Family Health Center. Dori expressed her willingness to receive any resources shared by the group. Mark and Dr. Vivian Hill discussed the importance of addressing trauma in young people, with Mark emphasizing the need for peer support and Dr. Hill highlighting the normalization of trauma in today's youth. Obedeli acknowledged the state's investment in trauma-informed care and the availability of resources for addressing trauma. Laurel also mentioned the work of the Illinois Department of Human Services and Prevention 1st in addressing trauma and youth issues.

Upcoming Events and Updates Discussed

The meeting discussed upcoming events and updates. The first event will be on March 12th at Williams Park, hosted by Grand Boulevard Prevention Services, and will include a Fentanyl education and Narcan giveaway. The second event will be on March 20th at Fuller Park, also hosted by Grand Boulevard Prevention Services, and will include a Fentanyl and Narcan giveaway. The next meeting will be on March 24th at 12:30 PM. Kenneth announced the first collaborative meeting for Region One, scheduled for March 7th at 2 PM. The Ross public opinion survey was also discussed, with a request for those who haven't completed it to do so. The conversation ended with a message of peace and well-wishes for the attendees.