



Friday, November 18, 2022

11:00am-12:00pm

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96984991421>

MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Caroline Mearns-Gateway Foundation/St. Joseph's HSHS Warm Hand-off
Ken Sterner-IL National Guard Counter Drug Task Force
Cara Loddeke-PLE
Melissa Monte-The Aviary
Cary Trame-Retired IL State Police
Craig & Deb Loddeke-PAL/FSN Groups/Parents of PLE
Heather Creasy-Hoyleton Youth & Family Services
Chestnut: Deb Beckmann, Toni Randall, Alicia Moesner, Julie Pohlmann

2. Focus groups with people with lived experience (PLE): Deb is going to check into using the Breese Senior Center building for Focus Group/Advisory Board meetings. Group discussed sticking with Thursday evenings, starting at 7pm, and doing this every other month to start. We have had zero attendance at our last two meetings.

3. Sub Committee Reports: (STILL need people to serve on committees and help with our work!!)

- A. **Education & Prevention**- Heather Creasy-Chairperson (Hoyleton Youth & Family Services): Red Ribbon Week follow-up survey results discussed (attached)-positive comments. Deb posted daily videos on our FB page for families/anyone to watch each day that week. We would like to arrange speakers for the schools next year in addition to doing the schedule and bracelets. Botvins program is in Bartelso, Breese, and Aviston schools. Deb ran articles in local papers for Rx Take Back Day and shared posts on our FB page.
- B. **Law Enforcement**- Jon LeCroy-Chairperson (Officer with Aviston/Chief-Beckemeyer Police Departments)- no Report/unable to attend.
- C. **Treatment & Recovery**- Chairperson changing to Cara Loddeke as Amber Nichols has switched jobs. MARA group no longer meeting in Greenville. Group discussed finding someone new of host a MARA group. Cara reported that walk in numbers at Chestnut have increase. They are seeing 80+ a week! More people are seeking help. All of our coalitions need to keep doing our work. We are reaching people. Caroline M. reported that she hasn't had much activity with the Warm-Handoff program at St. Joe's-Breese. Mostly alcohol cases. Group discussed more advertising of what her program can do. Cara also brought up that there are little to no pharmacies within Clinton County that will carry Suboxone causing people in recovery hardships having to travel farther to get their medication. Is this a Medicaid/insurance issue? Added this to our work list.
- D. **Family Support**-Craig Loddeke-Chairperson (PAL/Family Support Network/FLE)—Family Support Network has a Facebook Page called "Family, Friends and Addicts Stronger Together". Spread the word! No FSN meeting in December. Craig reported that he sent FSN informational letters to all churches in Madison/Clinton counties and most of the churches in St. Clair County and through the Greenville Ministerial Alliance. He also sent press releases to all metro-east newspapers and radio stations. He will repeat this after Christmas. FSN had no calls in November and 3 in October. He was contacted to speak at an area church on addiction as they were studying this topic. PAL meetings are being held via Zoom every Tuesday from 7-8:30. AMARE has a Family Recovery Coach that will help FSN focus on marketing.
- E. **Finance**- Treasurer is chairperson and Deb Loddeke volunteered to fill this spot. Thank you!! Craig discussed pursuing non-profit status and how to get funds to do that. He has been researching this. Deb B. advised she will need to check in with her grant funders to see if there are any conflicts to doing this while operating under the ROSC grant.
- F. **Marketing**— Vice President is Chairperson and Craig Loddeke volunteered to fill this spot. Thank you!!! Billboards on New Rt. 50 outside Carlyle and Rt. 161 outside New Baden are up for renewal 12/15/22. Billboard on Old Rt. 50 near Central HS expired 11/6/22. Group discussed changing the message to include the words "drugs and alcohol", "hope", "recovery belongs". Deb will work on some ideas and get them to Exec. Committee.

4. Group adopted Bylaws at our last meeting. Deb B. volunteered to be President and Cara volunteered to be Secretary. At this meeting Craig L. volunteered to be Vice President and Deb Loddeke volunteered to be Treasurer. Group asked if in favor of the beginning board appointments. No objections to the Board/Exec. Committee positions were recorded. This is now the seated Board.
5. Monthly meetings: Group discussed changing back to a weekday morning. Deb will send a survey out to see what the group feels they can make and go with the date/time with the most positive responses. Group discussed holding meetings in hybrid form. Deb advised they can try to do this at the Breese Senior Center with some of the limited equipment she has. Will shoot for trying that in February. There will be no January meeting as Deb B. will be out again for her second knee replacement surgery. December meeting will be via Zoom. Date to be sent soon.
6. Additional Information/Announcements/Topics to Discuss:
 - Celebrating Families Program (flyer attached)-opportunity for families with substance use to participate together in some learning/use reduction activities.
 - Addressing Family Chaos Webinar, Dec. 8th (flyer attached)
 - Craig L. asked for the Strategic Plan to be shared with everyone. We need to see where we are on goals. Craig asked for this to be a part of the agenda at least once a quarter. All were in favor of this.
 - Group discussed need for incarcerated people to get help while in jail/prison. There is a need for ministerial, mental health, and MAT/MAR services to incarcerated people. Put this on our list of work.
 - Craig shared about the MERC meeting speakers Dana Rozenweig and Deb Humphrey on their presentation about the Opioid Settlement Funds. Their powerpoint slides are attached. 100 Illinois counties, including Clinton, are supposed to be getting funds. Not all parties have settled yet but we are hearing CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart have settled. Deb B. will email Chris Leidel-Clinton Cty Health Dept. and Brian Klostermann-708 Mental Health Board to see if they know anything about what is happening in Clinton County.

Thanks, everyone, for attending and the great conversation!!

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on: to be advised

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Mission: *Cohesive partners developing comprehensive strategies involving prevention, education, spirituality, law enforcement, treatment, support, and other recovery services.*