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Greene & Scott County Recovery Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 8/15/23

Time of Meeting: 4 PM

Location of Meeting: North Greene Office-GCHD 205 S Morse Roodhouse, IL 62082

Format: Hybrid

Attendees:

Ron Sprong, Community Health Manager, Greene County Health Department
Heather Pfeiffer, Recovery Coordinator, Greene County Health Department
Amanda Morrow, Recovery Coordinator, Greene County Health Department
Bob Krempasky – PLE
Keppen Clanton – Director B to 5

We kicked off the meeting by talking about the last meeting. There were some tech issues present that have been repetitive with WebEx. Since we moved to this platform the recordings are choppy and not fully coherent on what even went on during the meeting. Ron recommended we move immediately back to Teams if we are going to continue to offer in a hybrid format. Bob asked if there was going to be updated information sent out and Heather said yes, we will get that updated as soon as we can. Ron said he would update the website, GSU website, and update other electronic places.

Ron kicked off the meeting by providing an update as to the partners we identified that have the capacity to provide mental health and substance use clinical treatment. Those present thought the partners were the perfect fit. Our work has centered not just around specific age groups like you see in other communities, but our focus really is about encompassing the entire community. We have to make sure we are working with youth as well. Prevention begins with our youth as often you find that some of this is a generational thing. There was wide agreement on that. Our partners will enable us to do



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that, reaching every age group and encompassing a wide variety of services all by just simply connecting individuals to a service a partner has.

We discussed with those present that we are still working to explore the huge amount of information the council had given us on Recovery Housing/RCO development. We was flooded with information that was either exchanged with us here in this setting or outside of here and there is a lot of meetings and stuff to get planned and done before we know exactly how to respond to the “how to” the council requested. We explained that with it being the two of us Ron covering all of Community Health and Heather covering all of the councils work entirely, the one-day Amanda is here is typically dedicated to outreach with peers, the courthouse, jail, there hasn’t been time to get it all done, meet the states expectations, and make sure we are helping people in need of resources. One person asking for help or someone we work with regularly can take 2-3 hours in some cases. When this happens routinely on a daily basis it can really eat into the time we have available to do other things. Those present agreed that we need help. This should change come the next few weeks as we will have someone else here full time that can help deflect some of those important task, freeing Ron/Heather up to focus on accomplishing those other tasks. The committee members present agreed.

In our executive committee we will be presenting the changes for approval as this body is really the core of this council. As people with lived experience, we get how powerless you can feel in those moments of vulnerability. We are shifting some of that power back into their hands to make some of these decisions.

Ron discussed our work to coordinate our response efforts for overdose. We have to really lean heavily into cooperation with the coroner’s office and the law enforcement. Amanda has worked so hard in accomplishing something we haven’t been able to do all year. We now have 7 soon to be 8 MOUs signed by all the law enforcement agencies to collaborate and share OD data as it comes available. This is huge considering when Ron kicked this work off about 1.5 years ago no one even looked at it. The Coroner’s office is now also reporting to SUDORS, which is a huge accomplishment. Ron will be presenting on the reduction of OD in the next meeting. The council thanked her and Ron closed by saying thank you, Amanda, for all your work!

We discussed the criteria for becoming a peer support specialist and talked about the various ways that we as a council can help spread out that workload. When we are conducting routine business, finding opportunities to discuss the councils work can greatly further our cause. It is these meetings that help bridge gaps and fill in where people often drop off. Keppen agreed and talked about how they are moving to mental health needs this year. She often looks for opportunities to incorporate the work of ROSC in her meetings as does Bob.

New meetings was created including an upcoming NA meeting! Which is huge! So many of us have been working to do that for so long, it is so nice to see that finally happening. Most recently a new



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meeting in Carrollton was kicked off – AA. This will bring it to 2 days a week without meeting. We are working hard to fill that gap.

No other updates from Ron

Heather moved to close the meeting early if everyone approved.

Motion to adjourn adopted – Meeting Closed