

GBPS-Minutes 10-2023

Attendees: Bamani Obedele, Tomi Moore, Donne Mead, Stacy Monroe, Laurel

Taylor-Dudley, Elizabeth Kellogg, Yvonne Orr, Calvin Washington, Destiny Bryant.

1. Obedele opened up the meeting discussing the in-person conference in Springfield, Ill. How he learned a better understanding of the ROSC organization, and its purpose. The people that attended the conference had positive attitudes. The guest speakers were really great and their topics were informative and had validity to the organization.
2. Stacy Monroe elaborated about the community survey for ROSC. She wanted to know if there were enough addiction treatment services in the community, also relating to the community was concerned about educating the community when it comes to substance use, another concern was the availability of Fentanyl testing strips, and needle exchanges availability, she also discussed resources for jobs and training. Stacy stated that finding safe affordable housing for individuals was a concern within the community.
3. Calvin Washington (Person Lived Experience), expressed the importance of not wanting to always be judged as a former addict. He talked about the stigma that is attached and the negative treatment he experienced. Help from the community is important and changing the narrative is key. Resources should be provided.
4. Obedele reiterated about people in the community that could help with the community assessment. The business owners, the police department, and the pastor from the local church would be a good start with the assessment. People like Calvin Washing would have good insight when providing services for people in recovery .
5. Donna went over last month's minutes as a reminder of the work that needs to be done, the community survey and to start thinking about people in the community that would have a strong input on what is needed in their community as part of the assessment.