



Will County R.O.S.C. Council Meeting Minutes Nov.25, 2025

Attendees: Carol Kilgallon; Dr. Ashley Kuhl Piwowarski; Amanda Douglas; Benjamin Rudolph; Brian Leonard; Deborah Boedeker; Cristyna Ramirez; Becca Hebron; Connie Dewall; Barbara Young; Cherrie Sargent; Guadalupe Salinas; Kiyah Roberts; JaTaleon D; Heather Drew; Magdalena Campos, Neesha Stringfellow, Tarcia Leak; Celeste Fonseca

Notes

- **Overview of Hartgrove Behavioral Health System presentation:** The meeting highlighted the Schoolhouse Counseling Center's initiative by Hartgrove Behavioral Health System, which provides mental health services in schools, addressing issues like depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts in youth. The program aims to reduce barriers to care, such as proximity and transportation, by offering services directly in school buildings. The initiative also includes professional consultation and outreach efforts to promote awareness and accessibility.
- **Behavioral Health Concerns and Barriers:** Dr. Ashley Kuhl Piwowarski discusses the staggering statistics on youth mental health, including depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. She highlights common barriers to accessing behavioral health treatment, such as proximity, transportation, long wait lists, and social stigma. The Schoolhouse Counseling Center aims to address these barriers by providing services directly in school buildings. The program offers a full range of counseling and psychiatric support, including individual, family, and group therapy, as well as psychiatric evaluations and medication management.
- **Program Services and Team Composition:** The Schoolhouse Counseling Center provides services to children, teens, families, school personnel, and their families. The team includes counselors, social workers, and psychiatric providers who are specialized in working with children and adolescents. The program offers bilingual services, including two Spanish-speaking therapists and access to professional translators. The program is fee-for-service funded, accepting various insurance plans and offering self-pay rates for those without insurance.
- **Operational Details and Partnerships:** The program establishes off-site outpatient behavioral health centers within school districts, with dedicated space within the school buildings. The hospital runs the space, and the program works with the district to determine referral and communication processes. Marketing and outreach efforts are

conducted to promote the services to school-based staff and families. Monthly meetings with district liaisons are held to monitor the partnership and provide reports on referrals, services, and outcomes.

- **Q&A and Comments:**

- Guadalupe Salinas asks about the availability of bilingual team members, and Dr. Ashley Kuhl Piwowarski confirms the presence of two Spanish-speaking therapists.
- Tarcia Leak asks about the restriction on the distance from the hospital, and Dr. Ashley Kuhl Piwowarski explains the regulatory requirement of being within 30 miles.
- Deborah Boedeker inquires about substance use services, and Dr. Ashley Kuhl Piwowarski clarifies that the program focuses on mental health, with substance use services available in inpatient and IOP programs.
- Carol Kilgallon adds that the hospital is obtaining a super license to offer primary substance use services in 2026.

- **Closing Remarks and Updates:**

- Neesha Stringfellow thanks the speakers and participants and encourages them to share the survey link and attend future meetings.
- Updates on upcoming events and initiatives are shared, including a recovery billboard and recovery care packages.
- Magdalena Campos briefly describes the contents of the recovery care packages, which include a map and other resources for individuals in recovery.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder to scan the QR code for the survey and to stay engaged with the community efforts.

Action items (Updates from Council Members and Partners)

- Post any partner updates, event links, or resources in the Zoom chat or email them to the meeting hosts.
- Share the presentation slides / PowerPoint with attendees (or confirm they were shared).
- Serve as primary contact for Schoolhouse Counseling Center questions, referrals, or follow-up information.
- Provide details and clarify language/translation service options for referrals (beyond Spanish) as needed.
- Continue monthly partnership meetings with districts and provide requested referral/outcome or satisfaction reports to districts.
- Scan and complete the ROSC survey and encourage others to participate.
- Share the ROSC survey with partner organizations, clients, and community contacts.

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