



**Meeting Title:** Tri-County (Will, Grundy & Kankakee) ROSC Council Meeting/ Holiday Partnership

**Date:** December 18, 2025

**Facilitator:** HLM ROSC Recovery 180

**Attendees:** Kate Russell (Russell Recovery); Connie Dewall (Will County HD); Davida Shields (Shielded Glory); Sonja Hudson (Duane Dean BHC The CREW); Rev. Eugene Edwards (Duane Dean BHC The CREW); Sherry Coe (Guardian Angel); Paul Hempel (Recovery Centers of America); Brian Leonard (BVL Boxing Solutions); Gloria Kennedy (Duane Dean BHC); Leni Cooper; Cristyna Ramirez (ECS); Yolanda Zuniga (Acadia HealthCare); Guadalupe Salinas (Spanish Community Center); Marianna Bithos (NAMI South Suburban Chicago); Carol Kilgallon (Hartgrove Hospital); LeShae Hudson (New Day Employment); Angie Solis (Crossroads & Grundy BHA); Lorena Penalosa (Spanish Community Center); Paula Ekstrom (Wilmington Coalition); Neesha Stringfellow (HLM); Tarcia Leak (HLM); Magdalena Campos (HLM); Celeste Fonseca (HLM)

Status Report on items pending from last meeting: N/A

Who	Task	Status

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10:00am - 12:00pm      Continental Breakfast (Welcome & Introductions) - Partners introduced themselves and gave an overview of their organizations.

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12:00pm - 4:00pm      Lunch- Networking

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### Overview/Notes

Partners engaged in peer networking while HeartLife Ministries (HLM) delivered a slideshow presentation highlighting organizational accomplishments achieved in 2025. HLM provided continental breakfast, lunch, and journals to attendees in appreciation of their ongoing commitment to the ROSC Council and their contributions to the hat, scarf, glove, and coat drive. Recovery care packages were distributed to participants upon request. The HLM 708 Grant billboard was also highlighted within the presentation as part of outreach and awareness efforts. The meeting included participation from new community partners, BVL Boxing Solutions ([www.bvlboxingsolutions.com](http://www.bvlboxingsolutions.com)) and the Spanish Community Center's Parenting Program

([www.spanishcenter.org/parenting](http://www.spanishcenter.org/parenting)). Facilitated discussion among county partners focused on FY2026 planning, resulting in strengthened collaborations, new partner connections, and the generation of innovative strategies to enhance future HLM ROSC Council initiatives and service delivery.