



Meeting Title: Will County ROSC Council Meeting

Date: April 28, 2026

Location: Virtual

Facilitators: Neesha Stringfellow

Attendees: Cheryl Habeeb (NAMI Will/Grundy); Morgan Roberts (UI Ext.); Angie Caldwell (Pink Heals); Dominica Dybas (Chicago DEA); Taneda Anderson (Prairie State Legal Services); Amy Bloomberg (Stepping Stones); Cherise Robertson (Catholic Charities Daybreak Center); Cristina Banda (Illinois Family Resource Center); Elizabeth Francis (Jesus Mobile Christ Church); Jennifer Trivelli (Endeavor Health); Joshua McClusky (State Rep. Larry Walsh Jr.); Kaylaa McGinnis (Meadows Downers Grove); Lauren Ericksen (Chestnut Health); Sam Ortega-Hughes (Will County HD); Dr. Scott Dubois (Will County Problem Solving Courts); Connie Dewall (Will County HD); Crystal A. Torres (NAMI Will-Grundy); Dr. Kathleen Burke, PhD (Will County HD); Ben Rudolph (ROSC Region 2 technical assist.); James Kowalsky (IDHS); Danielle Heffernan (Serenity House); Cristyna Ramirez (ECS Therapy); LeShae Hudson; Allison Thomas (Rosecrance Behavioral Health); Gabriel Garcia (Joliet Township); Amanda Douglas (Lake County R.O.S.C.); Heather Drew (RCCJ); 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

11:00am - 12:00pm

Welcome & Presentation by
Cheryl Habeeb, Program Director
National Alliance on Mental Illness
(NAMI) Will-Grundy

Overview/Notes:

- **Welcome & Overview:** The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Will County Council Meeting brought together a diverse group of community partners and new attendees, each representing organizations dedicated to supporting recovery and wellness in Will County. The meeting began with introductions from new participants, including Angie Caldwell, President of the Pink Heels Area Chapter, who expressed enthusiasm for collaboration and highlighted their upcoming Mother's Day walk. Dominica Dybas, Diversion Program Specialist with the DEA Chicago Field Division, shared her hopes for future community outreach partnerships. Morgan Roberts, Food and Health Systems Educator with the University of Illinois Extension, described her work in food access, food insecurity, social connectedness, and healthy aging across Will, Grundy, and Kankakee counties. Taneda Anderson, Senior Community Resource Specialist at Prairie State Legal Services, outlined the free legal aid services her organization provides, such as eviction defense, orders of protection, criminal record expungement, and assistance with public benefits. Executive Director Neesha Stringfellow, representing HLM Recovery, emphasized the unique role of the Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) as a connector rather than a direct service provider. She highlighted the importance of partnerships with organizations like the Will County Health Department, Illinois Family Resource Center, and Endeavor Health, and encouraged all attendees to share their contact information and ongoing initiatives. Neesha also invited participants to contribute their perspectives on the top areas in Will County where additional resources or supports are needed to improve substance use prevention, treatment, or recovery outcomes, underscoring the value of community input in shaping future efforts.
- **Presentation by:** Cheryl Habeeb, Program Director of NAMI Will-Grundy- Cheryl detailed the organization's mission to provide free, confidential support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by mental health conditions. Cheryl described NAMI's peer-led support groups for both individuals and families, the new Calm and Connected teen mental health group, and the parent roundtable that runs concurrently. She also highlighted NAMI's educational programs, including Ending the Silence presentations in schools, the Family-to-Family nine-week class for relatives of those with mental health conditions, and the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) program, which empowers individuals to create personalized wellness strategies. Cheryl noted the expansion of Spanish-language services and the organization's ongoing outreach to underserved communities.
- **Q&A and Additional Remarks:** Ben Rudolph and other attendees express their appreciation for NAMI's services and the importance of family and friends support. Elizabeth Francis asks about NAMI services near Wheaton and Chicago, and Cheryl directs her to NAMI DuPage and NAMI Chicago. Magdalena Campos asks about the Living Room, a crisis center for Will County, and Cheryl provides a detailed explanation of its services and benefits. Neesha thanks Cheryl for her presentation and encourages attendees to reach out to her for more information or presentations.
- **Discussion on Resource Needs and Community Support:** Exec. Director Neesha encourages attendees to share their thoughts on resource needs in the chat, emphasizing the importance of their input. Tarcia Leak, Operations Director clarifies that attendees can share their thoughts in the chat throughout the meeting. Scott DuBois

introduces himself as the Will County problem-solving court coordinator, expressing appreciation for the work of providers in making Will County safer and healthier. Getting people into treatment, transportation and employment, were a few mentioned. Neesha mentions the upcoming meetings and the importance of highlighting organizations and their initiatives.

- **Updates from Partner Organizations:**

Connie Dewall from the Will County Health Department, who discussed their substance use treatment program and the transition to a new brand of Naloxone, and Heather Drew from RCCJ, who shared information about expanded services such as transportation and recovery support. Cristyna Ramirez from the Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues announces their annual spring conference and invites attendees to join. Allison Thomas from Rosecrance shares updates on their new office in Dyer, Indiana, and upcoming programs, including mental health IOP and TMS treatment. Cristina Banda from the Illinois Family Resource Center announces a webinar on May 6 and mentions their upcoming partnership with HLM Recovery 180 Tri-County R.O.S.C.

- **Final Remarks and Closing:** Neesha thanks all attendees for their participation and contributions to the meeting. Mentions the importance of sharing information and updates with the ROSC and other partners. Neesha also invites attendees to the next meeting and expresses gratitude for their ongoing support and collaboration.

- **New Partners:**

Dominica Dybas from the Chicago DEA's Diversion Control Section introduces herself and discusses her role in outreach and prescription drug control.

Morgan Roberts from the University of Illinois Extension introduces herself and explains her focus on food and health systems.

Angie Caldwell from Pink Heals Area Chapter of Joliet introduces herself as the President.

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