

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
01/15/13 Meeting Minutes**

Southwest Coalition President Robert Snipes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Members in attendance:** Beth Fuqua, Jim Russell, Mary Egan, Katheryn Wiedman, Lisa Snipes, Cherry Powell, Maureen McLeod, Erica Sidenstick, Laura Lorenz, Peter Bradley, Sarah Sheets, Robert Snipes

**Approval of Minutes:** None to be approved

**Treasurer's Report/Jim Russell:** Report as of 01/15/13 was distributed. Christmas party expenses ran slightly over budget; webmaster was paid for calendar year. Membership dues collected from two agencies for the month. Motion made to purchase domain name southwestcoalition.net to coincide with renewal of southwestcoalition.org in February. Motion approved. Cherry to check on pricing for current hosting and domain name ownership costs.

**Advocacy/Paul Lauridsen:** IADDA continuing to work on restoring funding for prevention services. Reported that EHR making advancements in meaningful use; largest concern is ability to enforce confidentiality to 42CFR standards. Without this in place, addiction providers will be unable to work within future health care systems. IADDA is meeting with leaders within HFS, DHS and the Governor's office to discuss domiciliary rates in the residential programs for Medicaid expansion, yet they have yet to reach any real resolution.

**Education/Cherry Powell:** Looking for suggestions for Spring Conference topics and presenters. EMDR and mindfulness, alternative and experiential therapies were addressed. Perhaps having a mini conference highlighting multiple alternative therapies would be good. Individuals not in attendance at this meeting should get their ideas into Cherry ASAP. Only February is confirmed for future monthly meetings (Gateway in Aurora, info is on website). Please sign up your agency and educational topic today.

**Membership/Jim Russell:** New member Gateway/Aurora

**Old Business:**

- **Katheryn Wiedman, Digital & New Media Marketing Committee** – brochure draft distributed for Coalition review. Logo is almost complete, committee still working out color issues; brochure content is finished, next project is website development. Committee to look at removing the word "oldest" from brochure and adding a more diverse cover photograph. Need administrator passwords for existing site, Cherry

will provide. Coalition agreed to pay webmaster Antoinette standard fee of \$100 for 2013 services.

- **Jim Russell, FY2013 Budget Proposal** – in process of revising the budget and will be meeting with Joni; will present in February.
- **Jim Russell, 501(c)3 Status** – going well. Need 3 to 5 people for board of directors. Jim to check and see if existing members can fill the board structure as required.

**New Business/Paul Lauridsen:** Save the Date for the HERO HELPS Forum 04/19/13. Larry Walsh and other legislators, Robert Crown Center, members of local law enforcement, etc. will all be present. Illinois Director of Public Health Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck will be speaking and Silver Cross and Stroger Hospitals will be represented. This year will emphasize SBIRT and prescription drug monitoring among health care providers.

**Announcements:**

Allen “Skip” Land formerly of A Safe Haven and the Illinois Association of Extended Care passed away 12/25/12.

**Next Meeting:** February 19, 2013 Gateway/Aurora

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
02/19/13 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Beth Fuqua, Gloria Bloodsaw, Jim Russell, Joan Leigh, Katheryn Wiedman, Mardi Wunderlich, Mary Egan, Pam Davis, Patricia Alberty, Peter Bradley, Robert Snipes, and Pete Dell'Aquila. Guests attending were Terri Alm from Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals and L. Marie Asad from Illini Care Health Plan.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Mardi Wunderlich to approve the January minutes, seconded by Pam Davis. Motion carried.

**Advocacy:** No report

**Education:** Cherry Powell has stepped down from chairing this committee due to her work responsibilities at Chestnut. In the future, Chestnut will try to have one member representative at monthly Coalition meetings.

**Spring Conference:** The Coalition may pay to develop and print the Spring Conference brochure. Topics for the upcoming conference will focus on Experiential Therapies such as EMDR and Mindfulness. The format will be either three two-hour segments or two three-hour segments.

Jim Russell will ask Jim Scarpace to present. Gloria Bloodsaw will contact Governor State to ask if they can contribute a speaker. Robert Snipes will contact Aurora University to inquire about awarding Social Work CEU's.

**Coalition Website and Brochure:** Katheryn Wiedman passed around the proof of the newly developed Coalition brochure. The membership voted in favor of purchasing 1000 glossy copies. The Coalition would like to have the brochures available for distribution at the March 18<sup>th</sup> IAODAPCA Conference.

Katheryn advised that a lot of the content of the website has been developed, but the website design still requires a lot of input.

**Budget:** Jim distributed copies of the Coalition's Treasurer Report as well as the 2013 Budget (July 1, 2012 to June 20, 2013). Membership approved the budget on the motion of Mardi Wunderlich, seconded by Mary Egan.

**Membership:** Potential new members include Riveredge Hospital and Allini Care.

**Nominating Committee:** Mary Egan, Pam Davis and Patricia Alberty were appointed to select a slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

**501C3 Status:** No report

**Hero Event:** Volunteers are needed for the April 19<sup>th</sup> event. People interested in volunteering should contact Beth Fuqua. Beth advised that volunteers are needed to staff the memorial tent, check in the speakers and sort through audience questions.

**Announcements:** Rosecrance is hosting an Open House to kick off a new satellite office in Northbrook, according to Mary Egan.

Gloria Bloodsaw advised that Gateway is expanding outpatient services to Bloomingdale, South Pekin and the River North neighborhood in Chicago.

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich  
February 26, 2013

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
03/19/2013 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Beth Fuqua, Gloria Bloodsaw, Katheryn Wiedman, Lisa Snipes, Mardi Wunderlich, Pam Davis, Robert Snipes, Tim Cramer.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Katheryn Wiedman to approve the February minutes, seconded by Pam Davis. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Robert distributed copies of the Coalition's Treasurer Report. Katheryn requested status of funding for the HERO event. Robert stated that \$900 in available funds would be split between the HERO event (\$450.00) and an event requested by Tula Beene (\$450.00).

**Membership:** Robert Snipes noted new member Nicky Fox.

**Advocacy:** Tim Cramer reported IADDA is planning to increase the number of members on its steering committee. IADDA is looking to expand its scope to include broader behavioral health issues.

Pam Davis raised questions about Senate Bill 924 which may affect the hearing, assessment and treatment process for people arrested for DUI. Pam is in contact with Eric Foster of IADDA about SB924 and will forward her e-mail correspondence to Robert for distribution to Coalition members. Lisa Snipes is in contact with John Quinn about SB924 and agreed to forward her e-mail correspondence about this bill to Coalition members.

**Education:** The presenter for the April 16 meeting is Rhonda Sykes on the topic of EMDR. The meeting will be hosted at the Joliet Police Department. Robert Snipes offered to host the May meeting at Stepping Stones and Gloria Bloodsaw offered to try to get a speaker. If Gloria is unable to get a speaker, Robert will find one. Hosts and speakers are needed for all other 2013 meetings.

The group discussed the current gap in meeting and education session planning left by the resignation of the Education Committee chair. The group discussed the need for members to commit to hosting meetings, identifying presenters, and gathering the necessary information (bio and agenda) that Jim Russell needs to qualify education sessions for CEUs.

Mardi Wunderlich raised a concern about organizations sending different representatives each month which may not allow for continuity and effective committee participation. Mardi also suggested that Coalition member organizations could help the scheduling processes by choosing a specific month to host the meeting each year. Lisa Snipes offered to host meeting in October at Serenity House. Mardi offered to keep track of a list of hosts and speakers by month.

Robert Snipes will send an e-mail to all Coalition members asking members to sign up for hosting meetings and providing speakers.

The group discussed responsibilities of the Education Committee which include:

- Help facilitate speakers.
- Make sure speaker resume & bio information is sent to Jim Russell.
- Update members at meetings about months where hosts and speakers are still needed.
- Arrange speakers for conferences.
- Produce brochures for conferences.
- Organize food, registration and cleanup for conferences.

Katheryn Wiedman suggested the Education Committee Chair position might best be filled by Coalition members personally inviting member candidates who we believe would be well suited to the position.

**Spring Conference:** No report. The conference was discussed concerning how many speakers and for how long (either three two hour presentations or two three hour presentations) it was generally agreed that two three hour presentations would be better but will have to wait until Jim Russell can provide input.

**Coalition Website and Brochure:** Katheryn Wiedman distributed copies of the new brochure and reported Jim Russell had them in time for the IAODAPCA conference. 1,000 brochures were printed. The Website and Brochure committee will be making a decision soon between two design options for the new website. The text content for the website is established and has been provided to the web designer. The committee is working on design decisions.

Katheryn said a new position will need to be created within the Coalition for website content (meeting dates and locations, news, etc.) up to date once the new web site is complete. Lisa Snipes said the software is fairly easy to use but does require some training.

Pam Davis suggested we update the old web site by removing outdated information (2012 meetings) and adding information about April and May 2013 meetings. Robert indicated that he would contact web site administrator to ask her to remove outdated information.

**Nominating Committee:** Pam Davis reported that we do not have a full slate of officers nominated. People willing to serve or who would like to nominate someone to serve should contact Pam Davis (pdavis@silvercross.org) or Mary Egan (megan@rosecrance.org).

**501C3 Status:** No report.

**HERO Event:** Volunteers are still needed for the April 19<sup>th</sup> event. Contact Beth Fuqua (beth@goDTW.com or 815-405-6496) if interested. Katheryn Wiedman reported that the Coalition has a table reserved for the resource fair. All 30 tables are reserved, but there is accommodation at Lewis for some extra tables.

**Announcements:** Pam Davis provided an update regarding the significant changes in DSM-5. Pam encourages Coalition members to read about the changes at [www.DSM5.org](http://www.DSM5.org).

Lisa Snipes announced the "Swing into Spring" gala fund raiser being held at Serenity House in April. More information can be found at [www.serenityhouse.com](http://www.serenityhouse.com).

Robert provided a flyer for Bremen Youth Services' Open House on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm. All are invited to "drop by" anytime between those hours at:

15350 Oak Park Ave.  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
708-687-9200

Minutes prepared by: Beth Fuqua

March 20, 2013

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
04/16/2013 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Beth Fuqua, Bonnie McPhillips, Jim Russell, Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Mardi Wunderlich, Mary Egan, Pam Davis, Scott Miller, Tiffany Holloway, Tim Cramer, Tula Beene.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Larry Dunbar to approve the March minutes, seconded by Bonnie McPhillips. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition's Treasurer Report. Current treasury balance is \$4,596.59. Motion made by Mary Egan to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Tula Beene. Motion carried.

**Membership:** New member Tiffany Holloway with Synergy was present. New member Bill Blunt (individual membership) was mentioned but not present.

**Advocacy:** Tim Cramer reported that Joni Leigh attended a local training on medical marijuana. Problems experienced by states where medical marijuana is legal were discussed, and participants were encouraged to contact legislators opposing legalization. Joni will provide e-mail copies of her meeting notes upon request.

**Education:** The Spring Conference will be held May 3. Registration begins at 8:30AM. The first conference session will be held from 9:00AM – Noon. The second session will be held from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. This year there will not be a speaker during lunch. This year's topics are "mindfulness" and "experiential therapy." Jim Russell reported that 500 conference brochures were mailed the week of April 7. Jim also stated that conference brochures and new Coalition brochures will be distributed at the HERO HELPS event on 4/19/13.

A speaker is still needed for the May Coalition meeting. Confirmation is needed from Robert Snipes that Stepping Stones can host the May meeting and that Robert can find a speaker.

**Coalition Website:** Katheryn Wiedman reported that four website "mock ups" have been provided to her by the web developer. Katheryn has provided preliminary feedback to the developer in order to move the project forward.

**Nominating Committee:** Pam Davis announced the proposed slate as follows:

Katheryn Wiedman – President  
Larry Dunbar – Vice President  
Beth Fuqua – Secretary  
Jim Russell – Treasurer



No additional nominations were made from the floor. Motion made by Mardi Wunderlich to accept the proposed slate of nominees, seconded by Bonnie McPhillips. Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Katheryn Wiedman distributed a draft of the HERO HELPS program.

Tula Beene thanked the Coalition for funding the community prevention program for teens in Dalton. Tula described the activities that have taken place and announced success in getting new city ordinances passed.

Mary Egan announced a “Why Families Wait to Intervene” seminar on 4/16/13 at Rosecrance.

Larry Dunbar reported that the IAODAPCA conference had strong attendance and thanked agencies for having tables. Larry also stated the new IAODAPCA committee will be re-writing the code of ethics.

The next meeting will be held May 21. Robert Snipes should confirm that the meeting will be held at Stepping Stones.

Motion by Larry Dunbar to adjourn, seconded by Mary Egan. Motion carried.

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
05/21/2013 Meeting Minutes**

Robert Snipes called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

**Present:** Beth Fuqua, Bonnie McPhillips, Jim Russell, Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Lisa Snipes, Mary Egan, Patricia Alberty, Pam Davis, Paul Lauridsen, Peter Bradley, Robert Snipes, Scott Miller, Tim Cramer.

**Minutes:** Pam Davis moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Scott Miller. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition Treasurer Report. Current treasury balance is \$5,501.59. Motion made by Larry Dunbar to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Pat Alberty. Motion carried. Pam Davis suggested we review the FY2014 budget for possible cuts in light of the fact that we did not bring in as much revenue from the spring conference as originally projected.

**Education:** The June 17 meeting will be held at Silver Cross Hospital. Participants should use parking lot "I" near the Behavioral Health entrance rather than the front parking lot and entrance. Robert Snipes will send an e-mail with directions and parking instructions. The topic of the presentation will be the use of parental control software with the internet.

The education calendar for the remainder of 2013 and early 2014 was established. Hosts are as follows:

July – no meeting.

August 20 – Gateway – specific site TBD. (Gloria Bloodsaw)

September 17 – Rosecrance in Frankfort. (Mary Egan)

October 15 – Serenity House. (Lisa Snipes)

November 19 – Stepping Stones. (Robert Snipes)

December – Holiday party.

January 21, 2014 – Ingalls Memorial Hospital. (Peter Bradley)

February 18, 2014 – Presence Behavioral Health. (Maureen McLeod)

Pam Davis urged hosts to identify their speakers and obtain speaker bios and brief presentation outlines as soon as possible. This information should be submitted to Pam Davis or Jim Russell. The Coalition saves money by submitting several speaker bios/outlines at once rather than one at a time to IAODAPCA for CEU approval.

**Membership:** Jim Russell reported that new member dues were received from Paramo Counseling Services, William Blunck, April Zurlo and Tiffany Holloway. Non-renewing members include Michael Pinnick of Done With Drugs Foundation, Barbara Brooks and Jill Stohl of Agape.

Robert Snipes said he has Coalition brochures if anyone needs them to give prospective members.

Katheryn Wiedman will provide Jim Russell a copy of the Resource Fair database from HERO HELPS for Coalition marketing.

**Coalition Website:** Katheryn Wiedman reported that our home page has been set up along with the format for other web site pages. The next step is for content to be added. Our contractor will be back in town this week after an extended out of country trip and Katheryn expects to meet with him soon.

**Elections:** Robert Snipes reviewed the current slate of nominees for office:

Katheryn Wiedman – President  
Larry Dunbar – Vice President  
Beth Fuqua – Secretary  
Jim Russell – Treasurer

Robert invited additional nominations were made from the floor. No additional nominations were made. The new officer slate was approved.

**Spring Conference Results:** Net profit from the Spring Conference was \$1,465.00. The overall evaluation from participants was excellent.

**Fall Conference:** It was decided that the Coalition will host a Fall Conference again this year. The date will be October 25, 2013. Several members expressed interest in having a full day program on Experiential Therapy as an expansion on what was presented by Christine from Rosecrance at the Spring Conference. Mary Egan is looking into possible presenters. Other suggestions for speakers are welcome.

**Announcements:** Paul Lauridsen provided an update on the possible consolidation of mental health services and substance abuse services within the IL department of human services. Theodora Binion, the Director of Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, has been asked to solicit input and develop plans for merging/consolidating the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse into a behavioral health division. This is something that addiction service providers have opposed in the past. It has been suggested that this is likely to occur and it would be in addiction service providers best interest to provide their recommendations for how to preserve SUD services in a merged behavioral health division.

The next meeting will be held June 18 at Silver Cross Hospital. Robert Snipes will e-mail directions.

Robert Snipes closed the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Beth Fuqua, May 21, 2013

**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
06/18/2013 Minutes**

Robert Snipes called the meeting to order at 11:08AM.

**Present:** April Zurlo, Beth Fuqua, Bob Sullivan, Dave Raskowski, Jim Russell, Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Lisa Snipes, Mardi Wunderlich, Mary Egan, Pam Davis, Peter Bradley, Lisa Snipes.

**Minutes:** Pam Davis noted her name was missing from the "Present" section of the May minutes. This correction will be made and distributed. Larry Dunbar moved to approve the minutes with this correction. Mary Egan seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition Treasurer Report. Current treasury balance is \$5,591.59. Motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Katheryn Wiedman and seconded by Lisa Snipes. Motion carried.

**Advocacy:** No report was given.

**Education:** Jim Russell reported that he has speaker bios and outlines for the meetings in September 2013 and February 2014. He needs speaker bio and outline information from all hosts for August, October and November 2013 and for January 2014.

**Membership:** Several new people joined the Coalition immediately following the HERO HELPS event. Jim is going to use the HERO HELPS Resource Fair participant directory to reach out to those agencies and invite non-members to join the Coalition. Robert Snipes still has Coalition brochures if anyone needs some.

**Old Business:**

- **Fall Conference:** Mary Egan proposed two speakers in Experiential Therapy (counselors at Rosecrance) who are willing to speak at our Fall Conference on October 25. The group agreed on this agenda for the Conference. Mary agreed to work with the speakers on an outline and bullets to use when promoting the Conference.
- **Web site:** Lisa Snipes presented the new Coalition web site to the group demonstrating the various features. The new web site will be going live in approximately one week and an e-mail will be sent to members notifying them when the new site is live.
  - Members are encouraged to explore the features of the site.
  - Information about upcoming meetings and events is detailed and information such as directions and parking instructions can easily be included.
  - There will be a "host a meeting" section of the site with an automated form to be used by hosts when setting up monthly meetings.

- For meetings already set up using the old manual system, Jim will send Lisa copies of all the relevant information so she can post it to the web site.
- Members can submit articles of interest to the membership or articles about members. Lisa Snipes is the contact.
- Jim Russell will notify the current web administrator that we will no longer need her services once the new site is live.
- Katheryn will contact Cherry Powell to make sure we have login and password information, and information about the domain name renewal and web hosting.
- The consultant on the web project will be paid the remaining balance of his fee once the site is live and we have completed a review.
- The group suggested a “banner” be placed on the site during Recovery Month (September).
- The group suggested we add a section to the site for member “announcements” such as agency events.
- **Recovery Month:** Robert Snipes raised the topic of Recovery Month and asked if the Coalition wants to plan an event considering Stepping Stones will not be playing a “lead” role this year. The group discussed and decided that since we are having a fall conference and have limited budget we would not do an event this year. It was decided that we would seek Recovery Month Proclamations from the Joliet City Council and Will County as a way to retain visibility. Katheryn Wiedman and Lisa Snipes volunteered to lead this effort.
- **New Officers:** New officers were installed as follows:
  - President – Katheryn Weidman
  - Vice President – Larry Dunbar
  - Treasurer – Jim Russell
  - Secretary – Beth Fuqua

**Announcements:**

- Ingalls Hospital will be hosting a five year celebration event in October. The event will include clinicians, former clients and families. Exact date and speakers TBD.
- Rosecrance has added another August date for “Understanding Adolescent Addiction.” Details are on the Rosecrance web site.

The next meeting will be held on August 20 at Gateway. Details will be forthcoming.  
**There is no meeting in July.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Mardi Wunderlich.  
 Motion carried.



## Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues

### 8/20/13 Minutes

Kathryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

**Present:** Bobby Altman, Gloria Bloodsaw, Gina Curtin, Pam Davis, Pete Dell Avida, Larry Dunbar, Mary Egan, Jim Russell, Lisa Snipes, Robert Snipes, Katheryn Wiedman, Mardi Wunderlich

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved from the June meeting. Lisa Snipes moved to approve the minutes. Larry Dunbar seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition Treasurer Report. Current treasury balance is \$4941.59. Larry Dunbar moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Robert Snipes seconded. Motion carried.

**Advocacy:** No report.

**Education:** Katheryn distributed an outline and schedule for upcoming meetings through February 18, 2014. All meeting dates/locations/speakers and topics are listed on the website.

Also, details for the Fall Conference were discussed. The conference is on October 25, 2013. Speakers will be Keri Fager and Christine Nicholson from Rosecrance. Jim Russell still needs the bio and outline for Keri and some suggestions about the title of the workshop. Jim will develop the brochure and mailed to our mailing list. We also discussed getting an e-version out to members early to distribute electronically to potential interested attendees.

Details for the spring conference were also discussed. Larry Dunbar will follow up regarding obtaining a speaker to address the new DSM V.

**Membership:** A new member from Buena Vista group, Gina Curtin was welcomed by the group.

### **Old Business:**

**Website:** The website, [www.southwestcoalition.org](http://www.southwestcoalition.org) is up and running. It looks great and Lisa reported on final details. Consultant Bill has been paid but is available for some further consultation. Members who have previewed the website liked the calendar, map and articles. Send Lisa any relevant articles to add to the News section of the website. All incoming emails will be addressed by Robert Snipes and either responded to directly or forwarded to the appropriate member for follow up.

**Recovery Month:** The Will County Board Recovery Month Proclamation was circulated for viewing; the Joliet City Council Proclamation will be received this evening (8/20/13).

### **New Business:**

- Member agencies can apply for funds from the SWC to help fund initiatives for treatment and community based prevention providers. The application was distributed at the meeting and will also be on the website, [www.southwestcoalition.org](http://www.southwestcoalition.org). Deadline to apply for funds is September 1, 2013.
- Discussion regarding “free-rider issue” -- members who attend programs to collect the free CEUs but do not participate in business meetings or on committees. A discussion was held and points made regarding fear about volunteering, uncertainty about the roles of officers and committee members, whether or not these roles are outlined in the bylaws. Conclusion of the discussion was that there is not so much of a free rider issue but more information given to members regarding definition of roles to increase participation and possibly spotlighting programs at each meeting.

### **Announcements:**

- Stepping Stones is working with Sister and Brother Helping Each Other to provide naloxone and needle exchanges. Also offering education about signs and symptoms of an overdose, and what to do in case you suspect someone is having an overdose. The next presentation will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. These presentations are offered every 3 weeks on Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- Jim Russell announced that Jan Moore has retired from the Will Co. Health Dept. Best wishes to Jan. However, now there is no representative from the Health Dept. attending the SWC meetings.
- Gloria Bloodsaw announced that Gateway has a new location at River North for Adult IOP and insurance payment only. She also mentioned that Gateway will be closing their Bloomingdale site soon and is accepting no new patients.

**The next meeting is September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Rosecrance Frankfort, 20635 Abbey Woods Court N., Suite 310, Frankfort.** The speaker will be Dr. Julie Leonard addressing Teen Pornography and Addiction. The website includes the address and a map if directions are needed. The host for the meeting is Mary Egan and she can be reached at 708-497-5928.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Pam Davis at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.





**Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues**

**9/17/13 Minutes**

**Location: Rosecrance, Frankfort**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Val Starr, Jim Russell

**Members Present:** Peter Bradley, Gina Curtin, Pam Davis, Mary Egan, Juliet Leonard, Maureen McLeod, Erica Sidenstick, Robert Snipes, Marcia VanNatta, Mardi Wunderlich

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Follow-up/Actions Needed</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	Katheryn Wiedman introduced Val Starr, a new member who has accepted the position of Secretary.	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Larry Dunbar made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting. Maureen McLeod seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition Treasurer Report. Total expenses for the month of August were \$100; total income was \$20 from a new membership. The current treasury balance is \$4861.59. Pam Davis moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Larry Dunbar seconded. Motion carried.	
<b>Advocacy</b>	No report.	
<b>Education</b>	<p>Jim Russell reported that the programs for the fall conference and brochures will be mailed as soon as possible. Robert Snipes reported that Stepping Stones will offer to employees to pay for one of the two programs of their choice.</p> <p>The program schedule was updated to include the topic for Christine Nicholson's presentation title</p>	<p>Pam Davis will develop the brochure and send to Jim Russell for distribution to the mailing list. Katheryn Wiedman will email the brochure to members. Mardi Wunderlich will send brochures to the United</p>

	<p>for the fall conference: "Tools for thinking outside the box." The January speaker will be Rachel Ridge; the topic will be "Grief in Recovery."</p> <p>Larry Dunbar reported that he has been unable to get in touch with Stan regarding speaking on the DSMV for the Spring Conference. There was discussion that other organizations will already be doing the same presentations and that we should look into other options. Robert Snipes suggested that we look into doing a presentation on the ASAM in regards to how it will be affected by the new DSM.</p>	<p>Way of Will County agencies and the Community Services Council (Joliet).</p> <p>Robert Snipes will research speakers to present on the ASAM changes and will report at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Jim Russell reported an addition of one new member, Val Starr bringing the totals to 28 organizations and 8 individual members.</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Katheryn Wiedman provided copies of the committee descriptions and committees. The committee lists were updated. It was suggested by Katheryn that the word, "legislation" be removed from the Community Legislative Forum Committee since the last three forums have not been legislative. There was discussion on the history of why legislation was included in this committee. It was decided that the committee name could be updated, but would require the approval of at least 2/3 vote from the membership.</p> <p>There was discussion about continuing the Rally Round Recovery Committee since it has been decided that the Coalition no longer has interest in sponsoring the event.</p>	<p>Future agenda items will include:  Discussion about possible elimination of the Rally Round Recovery Committee, adding the Membership Committee to the bylaws and changing the name and description of the Community Legislative Forum Committee.</p> <p>Members who would like to join a committee or change the committee that they are on, should contact Katheryn Wiedman.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Jim Russell reported that we received one application for funding support from Chestnut Health System for \$900. It was discussed that the application was submitted past the deadline and did not include explanation of expenses. A motion was made by Robert Snipes to move the discussion to the Donation Committee. Maureen McLeod seconded. Motion carried.</p>	<p>The Donation Committee will review and decide actions on application for support from Chestnut Health System.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>There will be no meeting in December but there will be a holiday luncheon that will be funded by the Coalition.</p>	<p>Any members wishing to submit event information for the website calendar should contact Katheryn</p>

	All presentation and training events will be added to the Coalition website. If you have any events that you would like to add to the Coalition calendar, please submit the information to Katheryn Wiedman or Lisa Snipes.	Wiedman or Lisa Snipes.
<b>Other</b>	<b>The next meeting is October 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Serenity House, 891 S. Rohlwing Rd., Addison.</b> The speaker will be Tom Stamas, MA, LPC, CADC and the topic will be "Principles and Components of the Matrix Model." The host will be Lisa Snipes.	

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Egan and seconded by Maureen McLeod at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried.



**10/15/13 Minutes**

**Location: Serenity House**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Jim Russell, Val Starr

**Members Present:** Pam Davis, Dave Raskowski, Lisa Snipes, Robert Snipes, Mardi Wunderlich

**Guests:** Kate Anderson (guest of Pam Davis)

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

**Minutes:** Pam Davis moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Mardi Wunderlich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Jim Russell distributed copies of the Coalition Treasurer's Report. Expenses in the last month totaled \$479.41, no income was received. Treasury balance as of 10/15/13 was \$4,382.18. Lisa Snipes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mardi Wunderlich seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	No report.	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Mardi Wunderlich reported that she sent information about the upcoming conference to United Way agencies and to the Community Services Council. Jim Russell reported that he mailed approximately 600 brochures out and that the current registrations totaled 12. Robert Snipes reported that he received 8-10 registrations from Stepping Stones employees.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the program calendar. Regarding the spring conference, Robert Snipes reported that he has not been successful in securing a speaker to talk about the ASAM.</p> <p>Suggestions for other programming from members included process addictions, cross addiction, addiction among special populations such as homeless individuals or veterans.</p>	<p>Katheryn will send a reminder email about the conference to all members. Lisa Snipes will send information about the conference to Serenity House employees.</p> <p>Katheryn will send an email to the membership asking for hosts and program topics/speakers for March 2014 thru August 2014.</p> <p>Jim Russell will check with John from Governors State University to see if he would be interested in presenting a workshop.</p> <p>The education committee</p>

		will meet separately to discuss possible topics for future programs.
<b>Membership Committee Report</b>	No report.	
<b>Old Business</b>	Jim Russell reported that the Donation Committee received a response from Cherry Powell on the expenses related to her grant request. The Donation Committee agreed to grant Chestnut Health \$300 for their funding support request.	
<b>New Business</b>	Katheryn reported that she has noticed several revisions that should be made in the committees specified in the bylaws. Since a 2/3 vote will need to be obtained in order to make bylaws changes, Katheryn would need to give members 30 days to respond to the revisions by email or mail. An ad hoc bylaws committee will be formed.	Katheryn to recruit members to serve on a bylaws committee. When a revision is ready, she will send it to members for approval.
<b>Announcements</b>	No announcements.	
<b>Other</b>	<p>A question was asked regarding the Advocacy Committee and its purpose. Members suggested that a member from the committee send an email on reports from IADDA or other important information if a committee member cannot be present at the meeting.</p> <p>Lisa Snipes reported that she has updated the website with latest news from the field. Members can continue to send events and other information for the website to Katheryn or Lisa.</p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held in the Stepping Stones conference center on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Robert Snipes will be the host and speaker on Heroin Overdose Prevention.</b></p>	Katheryn will speak to Joni Leigh and Robert will speak to Paul Lauridsen regarding the Advocacy Committee reports.

Mardi Wunderlich moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Russell seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



**11/19/13 Minutes**

**Location: Stepping Stones**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Jim Russell, Val Starr

**Members Present:** Katy Anderson, Gloria Bloodsaw, Peter Bradley, Tim Cramer, Pam Davis, Mary Egan, Paul Lauridsen, Dave Raskowski, Lisa Snipes, Robert Snipes, Bob Sullivan, Cathy Guzik

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were approved. Pam Davis moved to approve the minutes. Gloria Bloodsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Jim Russell distributed copies of the November treasurer's report. Two new members joined. Expenses totaled \$1,138.73. Income totaled \$2,820.00. The treasury balance as of 11/19/13 is \$6,063.45.	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	Paul Lauridsen presented an advocacy report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IADDA and CBHA published a "know your rights" brochure advising individuals about their parity rights.</li> <li>• IADDA is working on partnership opportunities with other advocacy organizations such as CBHA, IARF and other.</li> <li>• IADDA is also working on obtaining health insurance rate increases.</li> <li>• The state is applying for a Medicaid waiver which would help define what services Medicaid pays for under the "transformed" healthcare system</li> </ul>	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	Jim Russell distributed copies of the Fall Conference report. The income totaled \$2,540.00. Expenses totaled \$1,078.73. The net profit from the conference was \$1,461.27. A report was also distributed listing the evaluation results concerning the presenters, topics and workshop strengths and weaknesses. Only one suggestion was made to have more handouts. The overall rating of the conference was mostly "excellent."  The committee discussed the program calendar and set tentative topics and presenters for future programs. The committee also discussed the spring conference and all agreed that the workshop should focus on topics concerning process addictions.	Peter Bradley, Mary Egan and Val Starr will contact potential speakers for spring conference. The education committee will meet to finalize the topics for all 2014 programs and conference.
<b>Membership Committee Report</b>	Jim Russell reported that two new members have joined. Both came from Fall conference attendees.	

<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes reported that the calendar is up to date with all programs and events on the website. Lisa also added the Brothers and Sisters Naloxone training dates to the calendar. Additionally, Lisa continues to post news every two weeks from various internet sources.</p> <p>The committee discussed what the policy should be regarding requests for website additions in order to ensure that the information does not get overlooked as well as reduce confusion about submissions. A motion was made by Tim Cramer that any member requesting information to be posted on the website must submit their request to the current web administrator. The motion was seconded by Robert Snipes. Motion carried.</p> <p>A suggestion was also made that all emails to Lisa with information for the website include the words "Post on website" in the subject line so that it is easier for Lisa to catch on her end.</p>	<p>All website addition requests should be sent to the current web administrator email address:  <a href="mailto:lisa.snipes@serenityhouse.com">lisa.snipes@serenityhouse.com</a>  and be clearly marked "Post on Website" in the subject line of the email.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Tasks from the September minutes were reviewed and have been completed to date.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Robert, Tim, and Katheryn comprise the bylaws committee. The committee reviewed the current bylaws and proposed a number of revisions.</p> <p>Coalition members present made no objections to the revisions. Katheryn will ask the membership to respond with a vote to approve the bylaws. The vote will be taken at the next business meeting.</p>	<p>Katheryn will send the proposed bylaw revisions to the members and ask for a vote to be submitted within 30 days.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Gloria Bloodsaw reported that the Gateway Foundation IOP office in Bloomingdale is now closed. The Chicago River North offices have been open since April and are for IOP adults only.</p> <p>Val Starr distributed informational flyers about her program with Catholic Charities which serves homeless and at risk veterans from the Dupage, Grundy, Kendall and Will County areas.</p>	
<b>Other</b>	<p><b>The next meeting will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Stepping Stones Conference Center. There will be no program. A holiday luncheon will be held. All members who wish to attend are asked to register with Jim Russell.</b></p>	<p>Jim Russell will send out a flyer regarding the December holiday luncheon.</p>

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Katheryn Wiedman at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried.