



1/20/15

Location: Stepping Stones, Joliet

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Val Starr, Robert Snipes

**Members/Guests Present:** Gloria Bloodsaw, Peter Bradley, Pam Davis, Tiffani Holloway, Paul Lauridsen, Scott Miller, Dave Raskowski, Erika Sidenstick, Lisa Snipes, Bob Sullivan, Judith Sutter

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**Minutes:** Larry Dunbar moved to approve the minutes of the November 2014 meeting. Pam Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/Membership Report</b>	<p>Robert Snipes provided copies of the Treasurer's report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance as of 12/31/14 was \$4,241.56</li> <li>• Expenses for December totaled \$438.78</li> <li>• Income for December totaled \$72.50</li> <li>• There was no activity in the Jim Russell Scholarship Fund</li> </ul> <p>Robert also provided the proposed vs. actual FY '15 budget.</p> <p><u>Lisa Snipes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gloria Bloodsaw seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Membership renewals are due in June. Any new members or those who have to renew membership will need to contact Robert Snipes directly to obtain a pro-rated membership amount.</p>
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<p>Paul Lauridsen reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IADDA's move into the mental health area – they have made significant improvements by hiring an individual as VP of Mental Health.</li> <li>• IADDA has also become a full state member of the National Council which means if you are a member of IADDA, you will get those benefits</li> <li>• Medicaid's Managed Care – If your organization accepts Medicaid services and you have any concerns, you can contact Sarah at <a href="mailto:askhow@IADDA.org">askhow@IADDA.org</a>.</li> <li>• There have been 33 confirmed heroin overdose deaths last year in Will County which is still down from two years ago</li> <li>• The Community Forum preparation is going well. Representative Lange will be speaking about heroin. Larry Walsh and James Glasgow will also speak on the</li> </ul>	<p>Any agencies interested in having a table at the Community</p>

	local perspective. The event will be held on Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> . There will be two hours for the resource expo.	Forum should contact Katheryn Wiedman. The tables will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis reported that speakers for monthly meetings have been booked through May. Speakers for the Fall and Spring conference have also been booked. The committee will discuss food for the conferences.</p> <p>Gloria Bloodsaw reported that she is working on ordering food from Boston Market for the Spring Conference, as we have in the past. Gloria reports that she has been able to keep the cost down in the past but that we may be looking at \$10 per person for the next order. <u>Gloria moved to approve paying up to \$10 per person for the Spring Luncheon. Robert Snipes seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	Anyone interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting after June, please contact Gloria Bloodsaw.
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	No report	
<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three new posts were added in January for a total of seven since November.</li> <li>• The calendar is updated to reflect all meetings through March 2015.</li> <li>• It was discovered that the website was hacked and Bill Patrianakos was contacted to fix the problem. Bill also showed Lisa how to address future issues of this nature.</li> <li>• The membership directory was updated.</li> <li>• All minutes from 2014 were posted on the website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	No old business.	
<b>New Business</b>	Katheryn reported that per the by-laws, we will need to vote for Nominating Committee members at the next business meeting. The committee will then work together to seek members who will fill executive positions in the next fiscal year. Dave Raskowski and Gloria Bloodsaw agreed to volunteer as the Nominating Committee.	At February business meeting, members will vote to approve Dave Raskowski and Gloria Bloodsaw as the Nominating Committee members for the next fiscal year.
<b>Announcements</b>	Larry Dunbar reported that he is now an Instructor of Addictions at the University of St. Francis. The program is looking for bachelor level internship sites. If any agency is interested in having interns from USF, please contact Larry.	

	<p><b>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 11:00 am at Silver Cross Hospital.</b></p> <p><b><u>Special Instructions:</u></b> Enter through Pavilion A on the west side of the building. There is free valet parking. Stop at the information desk to be escorted to conference room 1C. Please do not come to the main entrance for the hospital or the Behavioral Health entrance.</p> <p>The speaker will be Eric Brown, MA MHS LCPC CADC and the topic will be: Hypnotherapy for Addictions</p>	
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A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Dunbar and seconded by Pam Davis at 11:58 am. Motion Carried.



**2/17/15**

**Location: Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Val Starr, Robert Snipes

**Members/Guests Present:** Carolyn Chambliss, Camilla Rabjohns, Gloria Bloodsaw, Mary Egan, Pam Davis, Peter Bradley, Peter Dell'Aquila, Rachel Ridge, Ruth Reiter, Tiffany Holloway, Vicki Lewis,

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Pam Davis moved to approve the minutes. Larry Dunbar seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/Membership Report</b>	<p>Robert Snipes provided copies of the Treasurer's report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance as of 2/17/15 was \$4,128.17</li> <li>• There were no expenses or income received since the last report</li> <li>• One person in attendance is interested in becoming a member and will be provided with a pro-rated amount</li> </ul> <p><u>Larry Dunbar moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vicki Lewis seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Membership renewals are due in June. Membership applications are available online. Any individuals interested in joining the Coalition will need to contact Robert Snipes directly to obtain a pro-rated membership amount.</p>
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<p>Paul Lauridsen provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IADDA will be attending a DHS budget briefing on 2/18/15 following the Governors address. Expect to see cuts. IADDA will be reporting to membership and developing advocacy strategy. IADDA has a strong advocate in Randy Wells, new IADDA VP for Mental Health who is well known in Springfield.</li> <li>• Expect to see the Heroin Crisis Act within the next two weeks. Legislation will involve heroin prevention education, best practices for the prescription of pain medications, development of the State's Narcan program, overdose information gather, and other elements.</li> </ul> <p>Regarding prevention topics, Peter Dell'Aquila reported that Chestnut Services is working with Wilmington and Reed Custer High Schools to implement a prevention program. The program is in its first year and is being provided to 10<sup>th</sup> graders through their health class. The purpose is to help reduce</p>	

	<p>alcohol use in the southern Will County areas.</p> <p>Katheryn reported that the Community Forum preparation is still underway and planning is going well. The event will be held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Edward Hospital Athletic and Events Center. The doors open up to the public at 8am. Katheryn reiterated that there will be two hours for the resource expo from 8-9am and 11-12pm. The resource tables will be closed during the speaker presentations. Tiffany Holloway is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Forum and is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer any amount of time before, during or after the event.</p> <p>Katheryn reported that Vickie Lewis will staff the table at the Forum on behalf of the Coalition. The table will have fliers for the Spring Conference, membership brochures and applications.</p> <p>Katheryn reported that she is looking into pricing for a plain tablecloth and a sign with the logo of the Coalition to have for the Coalition's table at the Forum. <u>Robert made a motion to allow Katheryn to purchase a standard tablecloth and sign with the Coalition logo at an unspecified dollar amount. Larry seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Any agencies interested in having a table at the Community Forum should contact Katheryn Wiedman. The tables will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Please contact Tiffany Holloway if you would like to volunteer for the Forum.</p>
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis and Gloria Bloodsaw reported that they are looking for speakers and agency hosts for the monthly meetings from August through November. A few members in attendance offered to cover those meetings and will work with Gloria to confirm and provide details on speaker names and topics to update the program calendar.</p>	<p>Anyone interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting in the Fall, please contact Gloria Bloodsaw.</p> <p>Robert reported that we still need to choose a topic from Scott Miller's list of topics for the Fall Conference. Robert will bring the topics to the next meeting.</p>
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	No report	
<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Robert Snipes reported that due to work responsibilities, Lisa Snipes may not be able to attend many Coalition meetings. Lisa will attend when she can but will continue to maintain the website. No report on website updates.</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Per the by-laws, we are required to vote for Nominating Committee members. Dave Raskowski and Gloria Bloodsaw</p>	Any members interested in

	<p>both agreed to serve as the committee. <u>Robert Snipes made a motion to approve Dave Raskowski and Gloria Bloodsaw as the Nominating Committee members. Larry Dunbar seconded. Motion carried.</u></p> <p>There are currently two positions (President and Secretary) open for the 2015-2016 year. The slate of Officers will be presented in April and will be voted upon on May.</p>	<p>serving as President or Secretary for the upcoming year, please contact Gloria Bloodsaw or Dave Raskowski. If there are any questions regarding these positions, please feel free to speak to current Officers.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>There was discussion regarding displaying the picture of Jim Russell at the Community Forum and providing information about the scholarship. The picture and information will be displayed at the Coalition table.</p> <p>There was discussion about having pictures from Coalition events to display at future conferences. Robert Snipes agreed to take pictures at Coalition events going forward.</p> <p>There was discussion about cancelling the March Coalition meeting going forward because it falls on the same week as the IAODAPCA Conference every year. This event makes it difficult for members to make Coalition meetings.</p>	<p>Discussion regarding cancelling March Coalition meetings in the future will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Larry Dunbar reported that he has agreements available for any agency that wishes to host interns from the University of St. Francis.</p> <p>Mary Egan reported that Rosecrance has upcoming workshops for family members who have a loved one with a substance abuse issue. Please visit <a href="http://www.rosecrance.org">www.rosecrance.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Rosecrance in Frankfort and will begin at 11:00am after the presentation.</b></p> <p>Due to the recent unexpected cancellation of the speaker, a new speaker will be determined to cover the same topic of Interventions.</p>	<p>Any agency wishing to host interns from the University of St. Francis, please contact Larry Dunbar</p>

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Egan and seconded by Larry Dunbar at 12:05 pm. Motion Carried.



**3/17/15**

**Location: Rosecrance, Frankfort**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Robert Snipes

**Members/Guests Present:** Carolyn Chambliss, Camilla Rabjohns, Gloria Bloodsaw, Mary Egan, Pam Davis, Peter Bradley, Rachel Ridge, Ruth Reiter, Tiffany Holloway, Vicki Lewis, Brian Hazard, Joan Leigh, Jasmine Hester, Suni Leal, Ruth Reiter

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting will need to be approved.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/Membership Report</b>	<p>Robert Snipes provided copies of the Treasurer's report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The balance as of 3/17/15 was \$4,129.55</li><li>• There were expenses totaling \$155 from CEU's for the April Forum, Spring Conference and the mailing list</li><li>• Income totaled \$37.50 from membership dues</li><li>• No activity for the Russell Scholarship Fund</li></ul> <p><u>Mary Egan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Brian Hazard seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Membership renewals are due in June. Membership applications are available online. Any individuals interested in joining the Coalition will need to contact Robert Snipes directly to obtain a pro-rated membership amount.</p>
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<p>Joni Leigh provided the following report:</p> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The state does not have money to pay all of the current year expenses. It looks like they will try to cover most of this by sweeping state funds that have a positive balance. They are also looking at reducing funding for some services.</li><li>• FY16 budget process has begun. State is looking at large deficit for next fiscal year. Governor's budget proposal eliminates funding for prevention and significantly reduces funding for treatment. The house and senate have begun appropriation hearings this week.</li><li>• IADDA is actively advocating on behalf of SUD and MH service providers. They have met with governor's office and key legislative staff. They are testifying at appropriation hearings this week. They are asking providers to meet with legislators to let them know the impact reductions would have on services.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heroin Crisis Act:</li> <li>• Act has been introduced. The legislation is comprehensive. It calls for: heroin prevention education throughout communities in accordance with federal and state parity requirements, physician education on opioid addiction, restrictions on prescription of pain medications, expansion of State's Narcan program, expansion on MAT options and payment for medications, overdose information and gathering and posting on the Dept of Public Health website, and other elements.</li> <li>• Expect opposition by doctors, pharmacists, insurance and managed care and other groups. Will require active advocacy. Representative Lang will be presenting at our HERO HELPS event on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Email <a href="mailto:paullauridsen@steppingstonetreatment.com">paullauridsen@steppingstonetreatment.com</a> if you would like a copy of the act.</li> </ul> <p>Katheryn reported that the Community Forum preparation is still underway and planning is going well. The event will be held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Edward Hospital Athletic and Events Center. The doors open up to the public at 8am. Tiffany Holloway is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Forum and is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer any amount of time before, during or after the event.</p> <p>Katheryn reported that Vickie Lewis and Camilla Rabjohns will staff the table at the Forum on behalf of the Coalition. The table will have fliers for the Spring Conference, membership brochures and applications. Robert Snipes confirmed that he would bring laptop to the forum.</p> <p>Katheryn reported the Coalition logo needs a digital file to be created in order to enlarge it for the Display on the April 10<sup>th</sup> Forum table. Due to the cost being \$300 or more a decision was made to get more quotes before committing to the vendor who gave original quote. Vicki Lewis moved to approve getting more quotes. Pam Davis seconded. Motion carried. Quotes due to Katheryn Wiedman by March 20<sup>th</sup> and digital file due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Quotes to be given by Joan Leigh, Camilla Rabjohns and Ruth Reiter</p>	<p>Any agencies interested in having a table at the Community Forum should contact Katheryn Wiedman. <b>However, there is currently a waiting list for the resource expo.</b></p> <p>Please contact Tiffany Holloway if you would like to volunteer for the Forum.</p>
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis distributed the Spring Conference brochures. Brochures will be on the Coalition table at the IAODAPCA Conference and the Ben Franklin Conference.</p> <p>Brian Hazard offered to create a Face book page to advertise the Spring Conference.</p>	<p>Anyone interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting in the Fall, please contact Gloria Bloodsaw.</p>



	<p>Gloria Bloodsaw reported that we have speakers for the monthly chapter meetings through December 2015. However, she did request that if you have agreed to host a meeting please submit your speaker information as soon as possible.</p> <p>Robert Snipes led a discussion of the speaker's topic for the Fall Conference. The group settled on "The Future of the Field: Surviving and Thriving in an Era of Accountability." The speaker is Scott Miller, Ph.D.</p>	
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	There has been one application submitted for the scholarship. Discussion to find better ways to advertise the scholarship.	
<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes reported the following updates have been made to the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Directory has been updated as needed</li> <li>• Meeting minutes for Calendar Year 2014 were consolidated into one .pdf file and "archived" underneath the CY13 meeting minutes for easy reference</li> <li>• January meeting minutes were added</li> <li>• The 04/10/15 HERO HELPS Public Heroin Forum event was added to the Event Calendar</li> <li>• The Southwest Coalition 05/01/15 Spring Conference event was added to the Event Calendar</li> <li>• With the information I have been provided, all Coalition monthly meetings have been updated</li> <li>• Eight new posts have been added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#"><i>Federal Medical Marijuana Bill Unveiled</i></a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#"><i>New Painkiller Rules Cause Grief for Vets</i></a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#"><i>Marijuana Industry Eager for Own Bank</i></a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#"><i>"Synthetic Marijuana" Not Like Real Marijuana</i></a></li> <li>✓ <i>Heroin Vaccine Faces Funding Challenges</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Half of Young Drivers in Traffic Fatalities Under the Influence</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Binge Drinking Hampers Immune System</i></li> <li>✓ <i>December Impaired Driving Prevention Month</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	Nominating Committee: There are currently two positions (President and Secretary) open for the 2015-2016 year. The slate of Officers will be presented in April and will be voted	Any members interested in serving as President or Secretary for the upcoming

	<p>upon on May.</p> <p>We currently have one candidate nominated for each position.</p>	<p>year, please contact Gloria Bloodsaw or Dave Raskowski. If there are any questions regarding these positions, please feel free to speak to current Officers.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>There was discussion about cancelling the March Coalition meeting going forward because it falls on the same week as the IAODAPCA Conference every year. This event makes it difficult for members to make Coalition meetings.</p> <p>Discussion put on hold due to several members not in attendance today.</p>	<p>Discussion regarding cancelling March Coalition meetings in the future will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Rachel Ridge reported that Rosecrance has several upcoming workshops. Please visit <a href="http://www.rosecrance.org/trainings">www.rosecrance.org/trainings</a> for more information.</p> <p>Rachel also reported that Rosecrance now has a medical detox unit for adolescents and an opiate specific unit for adults at the Harrison campus.</p> <p>Rosecrance Florian Program offers treatment for Firefighters and Paramedics.</p> <p>Gloria Bloodsaw reported Gateway Foundation is offering a free 3 hr CEU program in Aurora on April 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. Please call Donna Butler at 630-966-7403 by April 21<sup>st</sup>. <b>Space limited.</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at Serenity House Counseling Services in Addison and will begin at 11:00am after the presentation.</b></p> <p>Please call Lisa Snipes at 630-620-6616 ext. 129 if you have any questions about directions.</p>	

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Rachel Ridge at 12:24 pm. Motion Carried.



**4/21/15**

**Location: Serenity House, Addison, IL**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Val Starr, Robert Snipes

**Members/Guests Present:** Stacey Allen, Gloria Bloodsaw, Peter Bradley, Tim Cramer, Pam Davis, Diana Feeney, Brian Hazard, Marie Hawkins, Vicki Lewis, Scott Miller, Karen Notko, Camilla Rabjohns, Bob Sullivan

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

**Minutes:** Pam Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Gloria Bloodsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Snipes moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Vicki Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<p>Robert Snipes provided copies of the Treasurer's report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The balance as of 4/21/15 was \$3,738.87</li><li>• Expenses totaled \$518.17</li></ul> <p>A report for the Spring Conference expenses/income was provided reflecting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expenses totaled \$429.00</li><li>• Income of \$1,050.00 was received for registrations</li></ul> <p>Robert also reported a total of 24 registrations received to date, 16 were paid in full and eight will be paid by Stepping Stones. Eight more were received on Friday; they were not included in this report.</p> <p><u>Brian Hazard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Camilla Rabjohns seconded. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Membership renewals are due in June. Membership applications are available online. Any individuals interested in joining the Coalition will need to contact Robert Snipes directly to obtain a pro-rated membership amount.</p>

<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<p>Katheryn thanked the group for providing \$1,500 towards the community forum on heroin. The event was well received and included 274 attendees. Vicki Lewis tended to the Coalition table and reported that there was very good traffic and she was able to pass out many Coalition brochures.</p> <p>Tim Cramer reported that Chestnut's prevention funding was cut by \$26 million from IDHS. This will greatly impact prevention treatment, staff and training through the end of the 2016 fiscal year. Tim encouraged the group to go to the IADDA website to learn more on how to advocate for treatment and prevention services.</p>	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis and Gloria Bloodsaw reported that plans for the Conference are going well. Gloria will be ordering food for 70 individuals based on previous attendance numbers and to include any walk-in registrations.</p> <p>Gloria reported that all speakers have been secured through the end of the year. <u>Anyone who confirmed speaking for a meeting, please provide Gloria with the speaker info and topic as soon as possible so that the information can be submitted to IAODAPCA.</u></p> <p>Brian Hazard reported that he created a Facebook page for the Coalition and encouraged all who use the social networking site to "like" the page. Anyone can post related information within the page. The link is <a href="https://www.facebook.com/thesouthwestcoalition?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/thesouthwestcoalition?fref=ts</a></p> <p>The yearly calendar was also reviewed and revised.</p>	
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	<p>Val Starr reported that the committee will be meeting soon to discuss the scholarship candidates and other details regarding the process and eligibility of scholarship recipients going forward.</p> <p>Val mentioned that one issue was deciding on a deadline. The group suggested May 1st as a deadline</p>	<p>Donations Committee will meet to discuss awarding of scholarship for May 1st and will report back on candidates and other suggestions regarding the scholarship at the next business meeting.</p>

	in order to stay in line with many other scholarships and for the recipient to be able to use the award for the beginning of the Fall semester.	
<b>Website Report</b>	No report.	
<b>Old Business</b>	No old business.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Officer elections will be held next month. Larry Dunbar and Robert Snipes have agreed to continue serving for another year. Candidates who will be voted on at the May meeting are as follows:</p> <p>President - Brian Hazard Secretary - Peter Bradley</p> <p>There was discussion regarding cancelling or rescheduling the March meetings due to the IAODAPCA annual conference falling on the same date every year. Since the March meeting is still well attended, it was decided that no change is necessary at this time.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Katheryn announced that anyone who works with not for profit boards can sign up for a monthly governance newsletter by going to <a href="http://www.centerpointinstitute.com">www.centerpointinstitute.com</a></p> <p>Robert reported that invoices will be sent out in May for membership renewals.</p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at Gateway Foundation in Aurora and will begin at 11:00am after the presentation.</b></p>	<p><b>Those who will be attending the May business meeting, please RSVP to Gloria Bloodsaw at <a href="mailto:gsbloods@gatewayfoundation.org">gsbloods@gatewayfoundation.org</a> so that she can get a count for food.</b></p>

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Brian Hazard at 12:40 pm. Motion Carried.



5/19/15

**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

**Location: Gateway Foundation, Aurora, IL**

**Officers Present:** Katheryn Wiedman, Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes

**Members/Guests Present:** Gloria Bloodsaw, Peter Bradley, Pam Davis, Dianna Feeney, Marie Hawkins, Brian Hazard, Tiffany Holloway, Vickie Lewis, Karen Notko, Camilla Rabjohns, Ruth Reiter, Rachel Ridge

Katheryn Wiedman called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. She thanked Gloria Bloodsaw / Gateway Foundation for providing lunch. She announced that today's meeting would be her last as President since she cannot attend the June meeting. Larry Dunbar will chair the June meeting. She thanked her co-officers for their help and job well done. Pam Davis also thanked Katheryn for her two years of service as President.

**Minutes:** Corrections were made to the April minutes: Stacey Allen and Karen Notko attended. Robert Snipes moved to approve the corrected minutes of the April meeting, Pam Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Robert Snipes provided copies of the Treasurer's report highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance as of 4/30/15 was \$5871.09</li><li>• Expenses totaled \$3330.77</li><li>• Income totaled \$2970.00.</li><li>• Net: -\$360.77</li><li>• Jim Russell Scholarship Fund Carry Over \$500.00</li></ul> <p>Spring Conference expenses were \$4339.58; registrations were \$4590.00; the net was \$250.00.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. Robert Snipes abstained.</p> <p><b>FY 16 Budget:</b> The proposed budget of \$5500.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016 was submitted by Robert Snipes. Office supplies were increased from \$300 to \$500 for reprinting of brochures. Larry Dunbar moved to accept the budget, Brian Hazard seconded, motion carried. Robert Snipes abstained.</p>	

	New member Marie Hawkins was welcomed. Marie works for Hope Behavioral Services.	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	Robert Snipes submitted the advocacy report on behalf of Paul Lauridsen and Joni Leigh who were absent.	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis recapped the Spring Conference. Evaluations of Dr. Mitchell were very good. The group discussed possibly using a higher registration fee for late registrations. There was also discussion of using Event Brite or PayPal for conference registration in the future. No decision was made.</p> <p>Dr. Miller will return for Fall Conference.</p> <p>Gloria Bloodsaw reported that all speakers and locations are fulfilled for the rest of 2015. There will be a luncheon in December instead of a program. Location to be announced.</p>	<p>Education committee and Treasurer develop a recommendation regarding higher registration fees for late registrations and an online fee payment method.</p> <p>Gloria will make arrangements for the holiday luncheon.</p>
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	<p><b>Jim Russell Scholarship Fund:</b> Larry Dunbar reported the committee received three applications for scholarships. One of the individuals had received a scholarship previously. The committee recommended the other two applicants. Larry Dunbar moved that the two applicants receive a \$500 scholarship each. Robert Snipes seconded, motion carried. Larry reminded members that the next deadline for submitting scholarship applications accepting applications is May 1, 2016.</p> <p><b>Grants:</b> the group discussed the coalition's grants program and the future eligibility of organizations that did not comply with the terms of the grant – to submit an event summary and receipts. Robert Snipes moved that the recipients of a support grant who fail to return the required event summary, including receipts for how they used the grant, will be excluded from consideration for another grant for at least one year and any following years until such event summary and receipts are received. Brian Hazard seconded the motion. The vote was 8 ayes, 5 nays, and one abstention. Motion carried. The deadline for submitting a grant request is September 1 of each year.</p>	<p>Larry will notify the scholarship recipients. Robert will send checks to the university registrars offices.</p>

<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes submitted a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A problem with WordPress that affected time zone and calendar functionality has been fixed.</li> <li>• All the coalition monthly meetings have been added to the Event Calendar.</li> <li>• February and March meeting minutes were added to the site.</li> <li>• Four news items were posted.</li> </ul> <p>There was discussion about whether events and announcements from other organizations should be posted to the coalition website. Robert Snipes moved that events of other organizations would not be posted on our website. Larry Dunbar seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>	“Like us on Facebook” to be added to the website.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Election of Officers. Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2015-2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President: Brian Hazard</li> <li>• VicePresident: Larry Dunbar</li> <li>• Treasurer: Robert Snipes</li> <li>• Secretary: Peter Bradley</li> </ul> <p>No nominations were made from the floor. The slate was elected unanimously.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert announced that there will not be a luncheon in June; there will be an educational presentation and business meeting at Stepping Stones, Larry Dunbar speaker, Vickie Lewis hosting. Stepping Stones Conference Center is at 1620 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL.</li> <li>• No July meeting.</li> <li>• The August 18, 2015 meeting is 10am-12pm, Location: Rosecrance Health Network, 20635 Abbey Woods Ct., Frankfort, IL. 779-771-2982</li> </ul>	

A motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Reiter and seconded by Vickie Lewis at 12:45 pm. Motion Carried.

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6/16/15

## Southwest Coalition Minutes

Location: Stepping Stones, Joliet, IL

Officers Present: Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes

Members/Guests: Gloria Bloodsaw, Pam Davis, Dianna Feeney, Marie Hawkins, Brian Hazard, Vickie Lewis, Rachel Ridge, Mary Egan, Paul Lauridsen, Camilla Rabjohns, Tamara Ingram, Deb Lewin, Mardy Wunderlich

Larry Dunbar called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Due to time issues, he allowed Pete McClenahan CEO of Stepping Stones to address the group about research on Behavioral Health services, barriers to services and outcomes. McClenahan distributed information from Will County which was gathered in an online survey. He would like our group to review it and give some suggestions and help with marking, assistance and determine where barriers to service delivery may be.

The business meeting then began with Introductions of attendees.

Minutes: Robert Snipes made a motion to approve the May minutes, Pam Davis second, motion carried.

Treasurer/ Membership Report: No report for month of July, will have one for the month of August. Snipes reported that he has created a new spreadsheet to help with tracking and documenting financials.

Membership: R. Snipes encouraged members to submit their membership dues for the next fiscal year soon.

Advocacy Report: Paul Lauridsen announced that the Heroin Act passed the Illinois Senate and House. The Governor still has to sign it but is expected to. It is not original bill and has a few changes. You may go to the State of Illinois website to review House Bill 1. The bill includes making Narcan available to first responders.

Education Committee Report: Pam Davis reported that we are all set for calendar year 2015 speakers. Gloria Bloodsaw reported that next meeting in August is at Rosecrance, in Frankfort at the Abbey Woods location. Bloodsaw has identified 2 locations for the December; Red Stone in Oakbrook and White Chocolate Grill in Naperville. The group voted on Red Stone in Oakbrook and is open to members only. She will be looking for next year's speakers and meeting places, Mardy Wunderlich signed up for January, Rachel Ridge for February, and Dianna Feeney for March. Information will be forwarded to Lisa Snipes for inclusion on the web site.

Donations Committee Report: In Scholarships, Larry Dunbar reported that two \$500 scholarship letters were sent to recipients and one letter of denial per last month's discussion. R. Snipes will now send the checks to the appropriate school Registrars. In Funding, the recipient for "She's all That" for the \$200 scholarship from last year was received which validated expenditures for that grant. That organization is now eligible for next year.

Website Report: Lisa Snipes submitted a written report about updates: April minutes were added, all Coalition meetings were added, a social media "plug in" has been added to all of our posts and blogs. Two new posts have been added.

Old Business: none

New Business: R. Snipes reminded members to get their membership dues in asap.

Announcements: Bloodsaw announced that Gateway in Aurora is opening 10 more beds for a total of 44 beds for Adults.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Snipes and seconded by Bloodsaw at 11:50am. Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Rabjohns



No meeting took place during the month of July, 2015.



8/8/15

**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

**Location: Rosecrance – Frankfort, IL**

**Officers Present:** Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes, Peter Bradley

**Members/Guests Present:** Dianna Feeney, Scott Costello, Bob Sullivan, Scott Miller, Bonnie Phillips, Mary Egan, Carolyn Chambless, Gloria Bloodsaw, Pam Davis, Terri O’Neill-Borders, Rachel Ridge, Cherri Powell

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Larry Dunbar called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The business meeting then began with introductions of attendees.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the 6/16/15 meeting by the attendees. Robert Snipes moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Scott Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<u>Treasurer’s Report:</u> Robert Snipes provided copies of the treasurer’s report highlighting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance through 7/31/15 was \$3,148.</li><li>• Two scholarships awarded at \$500 each.</li></ul> <u>Membership Report:</u> Year-to-date membership dues have totaled \$1,190. Along with the treasurer’s report was a list of agencies and individuals that have paid and others who have been emailed because of failure to update by the allotted renewal date.	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	There was no written report submitted this month. Cherry Powell did pass on behalf of Joni Leigh that they now had a treatment branch in Joliet. Additionally, there has been no State Budget approved but an increase has been given to support and implement programs.	

<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Conference brochures were done and soon to be mailed out.</li> <li>• An electronic form will be emailed.</li> <li>• 500 copies of Fall Conference were given out at meeting.</li> <li>• Firm commitments were needed for those planning to assist with conference.</li> <li>• The Spring Conference date has been secured (1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May.)</li> <li>• Credit card options will not be available for Fall Conference.</li> <li>• Event Brite and other options are being explored.</li> <li>• Program and speakers are almost solidified up to February.</li> <li>• A decision still needs to be made insofar as having a June meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	Larry Dunbar reported that applications must be submitted by September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015.	
<b>Website Report</b>	Lisa Snipes submitted a written report regarding website updates: May and June minutes were added. All calendar updates have been added up to December 15. The framework for the Fall Conference has been added. Three new posts have been added.	
<b>Old Business</b>	None.	
<b>New Business</b>	A decision need to be had insofar as what can be added to the website.	
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Rachel Ridge mentioned that Rosecrance is adding a young adult IOP (for ages 18-29) at the Frankfort location starting September 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Pam Davis announced that Mercy Hospital will soon be starting an IOP program managed by Synergy Behavioral Health.</p> <p>Gloria Bloodsaw announced a workshop at Gateway Aurora on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 CEU's, 9am-11am.</p>	

	<p style="text-align: right;">(cont'd)</p> <p>Diana Feeney has three announcements concerning Serenity House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site Naloxone Community Training – September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm-7pm.</li> <li>• Open House – September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am-2pm.</li> <li>• Mindfulness Training – September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 CEU's, 9am-3pm.</li> </ul>	
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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Snipes and seconded by Cherry Powell. Motion carried.

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**9/15/15**

**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

**Location: Stepping Stones – Joliet, IL**

**Officers Present:** Brian Hazard, Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes, Peter Bradley

**Members/Guests Present:** Dianna Feeney, Bob Sullivan, Scott Miller, Bonnie McPhillips, Carolyn Chambless, Gloria Bloodsaw Pam Davis, Rachel Ridge, Beth Fuqua, Joan Leigh, Katheryn Wiedman, Vickie Lewis, Judy Smith, Brook Griffith, Jessica Olson, John Ryan, Jessie Monreal

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Brian Hazard called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the 8/18/15 meeting by the attendees. Larry Dunbar moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting with the noted name change correction. Pam Davis seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Spent money on conference expenses: \$30.00 for CEU's and \$ 35.53 for Mailing Supplies  15 Fall Conference Registration to date : \$1, 125.00  <u>Membership Report:</u> \$170.00 in Membership Dues have been Collected YTD balance: \$2,058.53	Follow-up with Rhonda Sykes and Correction on Partners in Treatment as both parties are expected to renew membership.
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	Joni Leigh reported that the state is still at a standstill as the wait to get funding restored continues.	



<b>Education Committee Report</b>	Pam Davis reported that the Fall Conference is ready to go. Brochures are available. Outreach people were encouraged to pass out flyers and market the event. Volunteers for the conference were confirmed. The monthly meetings have all been secured with speakers and host sites. There was a discussion on whether or not to have a viewing and discussion of the movie. "Anonymous People" as an educational event.	Need to secure February Speaker due to Rachel filling in for speaker on 9-9-15.
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	Larry Dunbar reported that three appeals were received for donations. 1) Mary Egan on behalf of the Orland Park Substance Abuse Forum (\$250.00). 2) Cherry Powell of Chestnut Health Systems: Lockport Quarterly Meeting; Red Ribbon Week; Greater Joliet Alliance for Youth. (\$500.00). Additional request was made for \$512.75 to obtain 501.3c Status. The Committee approved the first two appeals. Robert Snipes moved to have the checks made out to the recipients whose appeals were approved. Pam Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.	The appeal that was denied will be notified of other areas that the Coalition might be helpful in supporting.
<b>Website Report</b>	Lisa Snipes submitted a written report regarding website updates: All Coalition Monthly Meetings have been added to the calendar through December. Two new posts have been added to website.	
<b>Old Business</b>	There was discussion insofar whether or not to have a Meeting in June. Katherine motioned to have a program meeting in June. Robert seconded the motion. The motion passed.	Education Committee needs to find host and speaker.
<b>New Business</b>	None.	
<b>Announcements</b>	Interns and guests were introduced. Gloria B. suggested we visit the Gateway website for upcoming workshops and webinars. Gateway has workshop at their Aurora location on 10-23 at 9am-11am. Open House at the same location on 10-16 from 1-4pm. Dianna F. announced Serenity House –Open House 09-25 from 11-2pm Robert Snipes announced a new book he has coming out on Abstinence Planning. Next meeting is 10-20 -15 at Stepping Stones.	

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam David and seconded by Larry Dunbar. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 11:41.

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**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

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Brian Hazard called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the 8/18/15 meeting by the attendees. Larry Dunbar moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting with the noted name change correction. Pam Davis seconded. The motion carried.

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<b>New Business</b>	None.	
<b>Announcements</b>	Interns and guests were introduced. Gloria B. suggested we visit the Gateway website for upcoming workshops and webinars. Gateway has workshop at their Aurora location on 10-23 at 9am-11am. Open House at the same location on 10-16 from 1-4pm. Dianna F. announced Serenity House –Open House 09-25 from 11-2pm Robert Snipes announced a new book he has coming out on Abstinence Planning. Next meeting is 10-20 -15 at Stepping Stones.	

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam David and seconded by Larry Dunbar. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 11:41.

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10/20/15

**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

**Location: Stepping Stones – Joliet, IL**

**Officers Present:** Brian Hazard, Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes, Peter Bradley

**Members/Guests Present:** Bob Sullivan, Dave Raskowski, Jamie Gilmartin, Joan Leigh, Katheryn Wiedman, Mardi Wunderlich, Paul Lauridsen, Judy Smith, Jillian Wood, Brook Griffith Scott Miller, Gloria Bloodsaw, Pam Davis,

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Brian Hazard called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

The business meeting then began with introductions of attendees.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the 9/15/15 meeting by the attendees. Larry Dunbar moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Gloria Bloodsaw seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<p><u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Robert S. submitted a detailed monthly report coupled with Fall Conference report of expenses and revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total Overall Ending Balance as of September 30: \$2,566.50</li><li>• Total Conference Expenses: \$3,715.46</li><li>• Total Conference Income: \$2,580.00</li><li>• Total Conference Net: \$-1,135.46 (negative)</li></ul> <p><u>Membership Report:</u> New member: Community Service Council. Michael Azzaline. Total Membership Income: \$127.50</p>	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<p>Paul L. submitted a written report on advocacy efforts locally and statewide. There does not appear to be a resolution to the state budget anytime soon. As IADDA continues to advocate for providers a contact person is available to note organizational and programmatic changes: <a href="mailto:pthomas@iadda.org">pthomas@iadda.org</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HFS has announced several Care Coordination Changes: for detailed information you can visit: HFS Care Coordination webpage</li><li>• Heroin Crisis Act: MAT must be covered under both Medicaid fee for service and managed care programs in Illinois. All opioid antagonists must be covered under Medicaid.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HERO HELPS SWC Spring Forum: First planning Meeting scheduled for week of Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prevention Advocacy:</b> Joan L. submitted a written report on the prevention side of advocacy. Additionally, a hand-out on the Illinois Youth Survey was distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IADDA Prevention Steering Committee met on 10-13 and discussed prevention's role in the state's opioid crisis.</li> <li>There appears to be a push for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivations Centers and others to push for additional diseases and conditions that they believe would benefit for medical marijuana.</li> <li>The committee is making efforts to track data to see the impact and potential impact on Treatment; Public Safety; Workplace Issues: and issues surrounding the legal concerns.</li> </ul> <p>There has been noted discrepancies in the advertisement claims of medical marijuana. The committee is looking into ways and means to advocate and prevent false claims.</p>	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis reported that the Fall Conference had the lowest overall registration to date. Pam handed out a conference evaluation summary and highlighted that there were many excellent reviews with an overall rating of 92%. Some negative feedback was given stating that some of the material was repeated. A discussion ensued as to why the registration was so low.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethics would be a potential topic</li> <li>No June Picnic and all speakers have been assigned through June</li> <li>December 15 is the date for Luncheon. RSVP by 12-11</li> </ul>	We need to be mindful of workshop title. Increase mailing list. Ask Kathy about Social Workers P.R.N.
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	<p>Larry Dunbar reported that he will be stepping down from the committee. Jamie Gilmartin has agreed to become a committee member. Bremen Youth Services was selected for a \$500.00 donation for the summer program. Larry motioned to approve donation. The motion was seconded by Mardi. The motion carried. Joan gave a hand out on donation committee responsibilities.</p>	Responsibilities may have to be amended.
<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes submitted a written report regarding website updates: the website has all monthly meetings on the Event Calendar through March, 2015. Conference content and photos can be accessed on the website along with current</p>	

	membership. Please contact Lisa if any changes need to be made. <i>A gentle reminder- if you are hosting a meeting for the Coalition, please check out the online form on the website. Go to "Events" and the on the drop down menu there is a section called "Host a Meeting." If you complete the form and hit "send" Lisa will get the information and add it to the website.</i>	
<b>Old Business</b>	None.	
<b>New Business</b>	Katheryn gave a handout on Topics for a Southwest Coalition Policy Manual. Discussion was had on a couple of the items listed. EIN Number has now been secured due to membership requests. A credit card swipe machine will be secured to allow people to register for conferences and membership to the Southwest Coalition. A \$3.00 service charge for use will be added to transactions.	Policy revisions are needed.
<b>Announcements</b>		

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam Davis and seconded by Joan Leigh. Motion carried.  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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**11/17/2015**

**Southwest Coalition Minutes**

**Location: Ingalls Memorial Hospital – Harvey, IL**

**Officers Present:** Brian Hazard, Larry Dunbar, Robert Snipes, Peter Bradley

**Members/Guests Present:** Dianna Feeney, , Tim Cramer, Gloria Bloodsaw, Pam Davis, Judy Smith, Rachel Ridge, Brook Griffith, Jamie Gilmartin, Bakia Madison

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Brian Hazard called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

The business meeting then began with introductions of attendees.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the 10/20/15 meeting by the attendees. Diane Feeney moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Larry Dunbar seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
<b>Treasurer/ Membership Report</b>	<p><u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Balance as of Oct.31 \$1,433.82</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The \$1,500.00 for the April Forum is not going to happen due to current balance.</li><li>• \$60.00 will be used to pay for CEU's</li><li>• December luncheon will not be paid for by Coalition funds due to budget situation</li><li>• Robert S. motioned to have luncheon be self-pay. The motion was seconded by Diane F. Motion passed.</li></ul> <p><u>Membership Report:</u> There was 1 organization Membership and 1 Individual Membership. (New Member: Palos Community Hospital: Debbie Brower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Members were encouraged to push membership in the coalition. Membership will be prorated,</u></li></ul>	
<b>Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are on the verge of having Medical Marijuana Dispensaries being opened up in Illinois</li><li>• According to IAADA Attorney-we have the right to say whether or not an individual has the right to possess on our property</li><li>• The detail of services are questionable at this point</li><li>• The written report submitted by Paul Lauridsen also included information on Heroin Crisis Act Implementation; HERO HELPS SWC Spring Forum and The Parity FAQ Summary.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IADDA is continuing to advocate on behalf of Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health service providers. They are requesting information regarding: 1) staff reductions; 2) reduction in staff working hours; 3) service hour reductions; and/or 4) programs eliminated. You can send information to pthomas@iadda.org.</li> </ul>	
<b>Education Committee Report</b>	<p>Pam Davis reported that Speakers are covered up to June. There was discussion insofar as raising funds through workshops. The idea of having a mini-conference; webinars; fundraisers; and getting co-sponsors and donations were all mentioned as options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diane F. agreed to present a half day (3Hours potentially 9-12 or 1-4) on "The Medical Aspects of Alcoholism".</li> <li>The idea of pushing coalition membership was stressed again</li> </ul>	
<b>Donations Committee Report</b>	Larry Dunbar reported that there was no money and no report at this time.	
<b>Website Report</b>	<p>Lisa Snipes submitted a written report regarding website updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Coalition monthly meetings have been updated through March, 2015.</li> <li>All Coalition meeting minutes have been added to be current</li> <li>The SWC Officers page has been updated</li> <li>Three new posts have also been added</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	None	
<b>New Business</b>	None	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundations Recovery Network and Silvercross Hospital will co-sponsor a workshop at Silvercross , Dec. 10 , 1-4pm.</li> <li>Serenity House will be hosting a seminar series on Last Friday of the Month in January, February, and March( ACT; Intentional DBT; and Self-Care.</li> <li>Gateway's Co-occurring Disorder 10-Bed Unit is up and running</li> <li>Rosecrance is now doing Young Adult (18-29) IOP at the Frankfort Location.</li> <li>Bremen Youth Services sent the Coalition a thank you letter. They are also offering Risk Education for \$200.00.</li> <li>The next meeting will be January 19, 2016, 11a.m. Joliet Police Department: 150 W. Washington Street, Joliet 60432</li> </ul>	

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry D. and seconded by Pam D. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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December 15, 2015

No business meeting of the Southwest Coalition was held during the month of December.