



January 16, 2018
Meeting called to business- 11:20 am

Attendees: Adriana Trino, Debbie Brower, Gabriela Zapata-Alma, Gloria Bloodsaw, Lisa DeLaura, Peter Bradley, Quincy Owens, Robert Snipes, Sunette Thompson, Allison Thomas, Don Mitckess, Zaia Chirkina, Kaylaa McGinnis, Victor Needham.

October/November minutes approve.

Announcements:

Quincy moving on to Wheaton Youth Outreach

Guests:

Don Mitckess -Recovery Works, Indiana
Victor Needum -DUI services

Treasure report-

Kaylaa presented budget, just under \$5,000 total
Senator McGuire is newest member
Gloria recommended a welcome letter for Senator McGrath
Member list was recommend to be shared with all.

Advocacy

Discussion of the report on 42 CFR compiled by Paul Lauridsen regarding release of information.

Education

Chapter meetings set through March
Commitments for:
April -Carolyn Chamblis



May- Peter Bradley

June- Larry Dunbar

2nd half of the year meeting locations will be discussed at the February meeting,

Thanks to Gloria for her hard work on the luncheon.

Donations

Nothing to report; Sunette asked for suggestions.

May 1, 2018 is deadline for Jim Russell Scholarship Fund.

Facebook Page and Mailing list was suggested to spread word for scholarships and the criteria for it.

Robert emailed Vicki, never heard back, there is no current committee, and last one was 2014.

Anita Young received donation and sent thanks.

List of committees- None

Website

Gabriela has been assigned as an administrator of **Facebook** Kaylaa McGinnis and Lisa DeLaura volunteered to administrator for Facebook page. . Please like our page.

Our goal is to double followers by next meeting

Old Business

None

New Business

Spring Conference: Friday, May 4th

6 CEUs for attending event



Kaylaa suggested Joilet Soft Landings location, Stepping Stones was offered as a location as well.

Natalie was asked to present for spring conference on MAT Women's Issues was suggested as a topic

Survey monkey to membership for ideas for conference

HEROS HELP set for 2nd week in April (ACES is topic to be presented)

Announcements

Peter/ Don chairing the NIEAPA 40 th Conference,
Tuesday June 5th Drury Lane Oak Brook

Scholarships available

April meeting is free

February meeting at Presence

Meeting moved to be adjourned at 12:07pm
February meeting to be held at Stepping Stones.

February 20, 2018
Meeting called to business- 11:08 am
Sunette Thompson called meeting to order.

Attendees (including guests): Edna Brass, Eileen Lacy, Debbie Brower, Kaylaa McGuinness, Tony Sunzeri, Kim Baczynski, Jamelia Hand, Steven Fenske, Dan Mitckess, Bob Sullivan, Crystal Sylvestre, Zaia Chirkina, Lisa DeLaura, Chuck Conway, Victor Needham, Sunette Thompson, Nancy Guzman, Peter Bradley, Brian Hazard, Cherry Powell, Jennifer Hahs, Shell Christine, Debralee Townsend, Dianna Feeney, Carolyn Chambless, Allison Thomas, and Steve Fenske

Correction to welcome/thank you letter note from January minutes,
January minutes approve.

Announcements:

Special Guest --Sargent Eileen Lacy with the National Guard.
She shared her agency's purpose to work with coalitions. Her agency offers liaisons, prevention, initiatives, and resources. They help organizations to increase capacity to be efficient in their community. Helps supply drug take back boxes.

Treasure report-

Kaylaa- no changes, some payments on memberships.

Advocacy-

Advocacy report was discussed. Questions were raised as to whom to call. Suggested to contact Eric at IABH

Education

Gloria absent- Coalition is set for presentations till June. All three submissions have been notified and submitted.

April May June Coalition meetings have been confirmed.

August -Dianna offered TASC as location
September -Soft Landings Joliet
October – Stepping Stones- Don M... host
Spring Conference is at Presence St. Joseph in Joliet – cost is \$ 75
Friday, May 4th. No tables.
Job announcement-Recovery Coordinator at Aunt Martha's-
Jefferson St, Joliet, Il -family reunification- thru Stepping Stones-
full time salaried position.

Donations

No reports, scholarship committee merged with donations committee.

List of committees- None

Website

Facebook paged managed by Kaylaa M, she encouraged everyone to share Facebook page

Old Business-

Brian Hazard explained 42 CFR- update part 2. Brian shared that it was created in 1970s, due to increase in managed care. It is supposed to protect SUD identity. Most of the policy has not changed; the biggest change is consent, in regards to whom a release is to be addressed to. Specifics as to reason to disclose—general release, past present and future—record keeping---security, and to all lawful holders that are expected to keep that information secure. See website for further information.

No discussion on legislation reform

New Business

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Kaylaa waiting for DEA license, Soft Landings will be distributing meds at Joliet location- 22 Haines, Joliet

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April meeting for NIEAPA is free

Meeting moved to be adjourned at 12:00 pm
MARCH 20th meeting to be held at Serenity House.

March 20, 2018
Meeting called to business- 11:18 am
Gabriella called meeting to order.

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February minutes approved.

Announcements: None

Treasure report-

Kaylaa- contact list updated.

Advocacy-

Advocacy report was discussed. IBH billing - amendments to 2060 at IABH- treatment is =any service that is supportive of recovery. Defined as whole person recovery.

Education

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Kaylaa flyer for conference

PRN social work CEUs (included in fee)

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Gender responsive for the afternoon conference schedule

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Donations

No report

List of committees-

No membership committee- Kaylaa will update membership list ---
- no restriction to locale of memberships-

Website

Crystal updated website- through June 2018

web report reviewed

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Steven Fenske, Kim Branch, Nikole Green, Peter Bradley Robert Snipes, Mardi Wunderlich, Lisa
DeLaura, Bob Sullivan

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04/17/18

Southwest Coalition Minutes
Location: Stepping Stones – Joliet, IL

Officers Present: Gabriela Zapata-Alma, Sunette Thompson, Kaylaa McGinnis

Members/Guests Present:

Bob Sullivan, Carolyn Chambless, Cynthia Bill, Debbie Brower, Dianna Feeney, Don Raymer, Gloria Bloodsaw Larry Dunbar, Marjory McNichols, Peter Bradley, Robert Snipes, Crystal Silvestre, Shell Christine, Vickie Lewis Allison Thomas, Zaia Chirkina

 Gabriela Zapata-Alma 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 3/20/18 meeting was reviewed by the attendees and edits were proposed.

Agenda Item	Report	Follow-up/Actions Needed
Treasurer/ Membership Report	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report:</u> 2 organizations membership dues paid, 2 individual membership dues paid. 72 total members. Approximately 10-12 memberships have not been paid this year, several outreach attempts have been made.</p> <p><u>Membership Report:</u> Insert stuff here</p>	
Advocacy Committee Report	Paul Lauridsen emailed the report. No discussion.	

Education Committee Report	Gloria reported: we are up to date with chapter meetings – Aug/Sept/Oct were “slotted. Gloria will speak with Don Mitckess about where he will host and if he’s the speaker, he has changed agencies. Conference: Presence St. Joe’s - we can bring in our own snacks. No fee to use the conference room. PRN will not charge a fee. We need more registrations. We will be blasting on Facebook, etc. Discussed paying for “boost” on Facebook and possibly will purchase advertisement on Patch.	
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Donations Committee Report	No scholarship applications as of 4/17/18. Gabriela will send out an email blast and Kaylaa will add it to the Facebook page.	
Website Report	Lisa Snipes & Crystal Silvestre submitted a written report regarding website updates. Added Spring conference and Hero Helps/Join us at the summit.	
Old Business	None.	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision to get quotes for pens with logos and attempt to secure prior to conference in order to have available at conference and Hero helps. <p>Nominations for FY19 board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voting for next committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer - Gabriela nominated Kaylaa for Treasurer. Kaylaa accepted. Sunette seconded the nomination. - Vice President – Crystal nominated Carolyn. Carolyn accepted. - President – Cindy volunteered herself. Robert seconded the nomination. - Secretary – undetermined 	
Announcements		

Meeting Adjourned at 12 pm.

Always remember to check the website for up-to-date program locations.

Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues
May, 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Gabriela Zapata-Alma, Robert Snipes, Larry Dunbar, Zina Chirlain (sp?), Jennifer Hahs, Debbie Brower, Carolyn Chambless, Peter Bradley, Kristyn Smith, Victor Needham, Jr., Allisin Thomas, Mardi Wunderlich, Crystal Silvestre, Marty Allsup, Sunette Thompson.

President Gabriela Zapata-Alma called the meeting to Order at 11:16 a.m.

March meeting minutes were approved on the motion of Robert Snipes (seconded by Larry Dunbar).
April meeting minutes were approved on the motion of Larry Dunbar (seconded by Sunette Thompson)

Renewal notices will be going out in July.

Paul Lauridsen emailed the Advocacy Committee report. Gabriela provided some highlights—the Medicaid Waiver was approved. Licensed agencies can apply to take part in the initial pilot program. Agencies will be allowed to increase bed limits. Reimbursement for recovery coaching will be permitted.

Crystal Silvestre is pleased with the Tele-Health provision. Although it takes a great deal of coordination at the agency level, having access to psychiatrists is made possible.

Gloria Bloodsaw is to be congratulated on spear-heading a spectacular Spring Conference. The speakers were great (particularly Gabriela)! Coalitionists Sunette Thompson, Pam Davis and Kaylah McGinnis did a phenomenal job.

Gabriela will ask her student intern to review the workshop evaluations and prepare a summary of the results.

Robert Snipes has received one scholarship application, which he will forward to Sunette and Quincy for their committee recommendation.

The Website Administrator's report was distributed to members. Lisa Snipes and Crystal Silvestre will update the "event" section with information about meeting locations and topics as it becomes available.

Mardi Wunderlich was asked to send CEU approval information from ICB, Inc. to Crystal at csilvestre@fgcinc.org.

Hero Helps was a big success. Crystal suggested having two coalition members man the table, instead of just one.

Kaylah is keeping the Coalition's Facebook page updated. If you "like" our Facebook Page you will receive meeting notifications.

Robert Snipes volunteered to be President for the 2018-2019 year. Mardi Wunderlich volunteered to serve as Secretary.

Coalition member Victor Needham, talked about the consequences of changing DASA to SUPR (Substance Use Prevention and Recovery), as it relates to written materials that now have to be updated. Members wondered how this might affect DASA 2060, which requires insurance companies to reimburse services rendered by CADCs.

The June meeting will be held in the Moes Auditorium at the University of St. Francis in Tower Hall (next to the Cafeteria).

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich
May 15, 2018



No minutes were available for posting
following the June, 2018 Southwest Coalition Meeting



No meeting of the Southwest Coalition took place during July, 2018

Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues
August 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Swanson, Gloria Bloodsaw, Liz Cruz, Adriana Trino, Diana Feeney, Zaia Chirkina, Danielle Carleton, Paul Valipour, Taylor Booth, Peter Bradley, Robert Snipes, Mardi Wunderlich.

President Robert Snipes called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Education Committee: Gloria Bloodsaw reported that meetings have been scheduled and submitted for CEU's through the end of 2018. She will double-check with Donald Mitckess, the October presenter. He recently changed positions, but that hopefully will not impact his ability to give the presentation at Stepping Stones.

The Christmas luncheon will be held on 12/18/18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is only open to members. Location is yet to be determined.

Advocacy Committee: No report

Treasurer: No report

Donations: A scholarship, in the honor of Jim Russell, has been awarded to a University of St. Francis student (the only applicant).

President: Attendees at today's CEU event will receive an email from Robert Snipes. Complete the attached evaluation and return to Snipes to receive the certificate for 1 CEU.

Members are asked to start thinking about possible speaker(s) for our Spring Conference to be held in May, 2019. Gloria will contact Silver Cross Hospital to inquire about meeting space and Social Work PRN to partner for CEUs.

Old Business: None

New Business: Robert Snipes described an initiative allowing substance abusers to seek treatment 24/7 through law enforcement agencies without fearing arrest. Stepping Stones applied for funds to administer this program, but it appears the contract was awarded to Family Guidance.

Announcements:

Rogers Behavioral Health (Skokie), has 8 MISA slots for patients with insurance or private funds.

Gateway opened a new facility in Jacksonville, Illinois. All 17 locations will be celebrating Gateway's 50th anniversary. Joliet and Aurora locations will be celebrating with a luncheon on 9/21 and 9/27 respectively. Contact Gloria Bloodsaw for more info.

Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery will offer a 3-hour training on Motivational Interviewing 9/12/18. An open-house to celebrate their 10 year anniversary will be held on 10/26/18. Contact Peter Bradley to make sure of the date and for further info.

Diane Feeney is opening a private practice in Westmont. Stay tuned for news of her open house planned for the beginning of October.

Stepping Stones will be moving Administration, Assessments, Admissions and Outpatient services to new office space on Larkin. Residential will remain at its current location. Plans are in the works for expanding their residential program.

NIEPA—all October meetings are free of charge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Next meeting will be at Symetria (formerly Soft Landings), on September 18, 2018.

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich
August 23, 2018

Southwest Coalition
September 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Snipes, Don Mitckess, Jaclyn Strahanoski, Crystal Silvestre, Cherry Powell, Kristyn Travis-Smith, Britteny Grover, Mardi Wunderlich, Bob Sullivan, Gloria Bloodsaw, Tracey Petersen, Carolyn Chambless, Dianna Feeny, Teri Thompson, Shell Christine, Don Mitckess.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Education Committee: Gloria Bloodsaw reported that meeting programs were complete through the end of the year. Plans for the Christmas luncheon are in progress. Members volunteered to host 2019 programs/meetings as follows:

January, 2019—D. Feeny Counseling and Consulting in Westmont
February, 2019—Tracey Petersen, Streamwood
March, 2019—Robert Snipes, Stepping Stones
April, 2019—Gloria Bloodsaw, Gateway

Membership voted to approve a \$500.00 donation to support Red Ribbon Week, the Lockport Homer Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention's "Youth Communication Campaign," and the Joliet Alliance for Youth's annual banquet.

Crystal Silvestre is stepping down from website management due to health concerns. Gloria Bloodsaw volunteered to pick up this assignment.

Treasurer Report: Kaylaa McGinnis paid out the \$500.00 scholarship to the St. Francis student recipient. A balance of approximately \$3800.00 remains.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Diane Feeny is hosting an open house for the grand opening of her Counseling and Consulting clinic on 10/12/18 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 200 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 20 and 30 in Westmont, Illinois. She is offering a "winter workshop series". Call 630-481-4101 for further information.

Cherry Powell announced the Will County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a "Drug-free Community Grant." Funds will be used for the prevention of substance abuse.

Teri Thompson, L.C.P.C., C.A.D.C., indicated her interest in joining the Southwest Coalition. Teri has a private practice in Homewood, Illinois.

Symetria is hosting a "Naloxone/Overdose Training," on September 27th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at their Office at 229 N. Hammes Avenue in Joliet. RSVP to Kaylaa McGinnis at 708-378-7566.

Gateway is holding an open house at their Essington Road, Joliet location on 9/21/18 from Noon until 3:00 p.m. to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Contact Gloria Bloodsaw for further information at 312-285-3132.

Crystal Silvestre, Family Guidance Center, announced that FGC is growing and adding new staff. They accept Medicaid for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.

Don Mitckess announced that Banyan Treatment Center has joined the Magellan network.

Next Coalition Meeting: October 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Stepping Stones, 1620 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich
September 18, 2018

Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues
October 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Snipes, Shell Christine, Brittany Gruver, Jaclyn Strahanoski, Don Mitckess, Jennifer Hahs, Mardi Wunderlich, Larry Dunbar, Allison Thomas, Beth Fuqua, Gloria Bloodsaw, Kashima Davis, Andrew Balzer, Fabiola Flores, Peter Bradley.

President Robert Snipes inquired whether all members were receiving copies of the minutes. Those who are not receiving minutes should check with Robert to make sure he has their email address.

Members who plan to announce upcoming events are asked to provide the Secretary with written information about the event to ensure accuracy in the minutes.

Gloria Bloodsaw (speaking for Treasurer Kayla McGinnis), informed membership that the Coalition's bank balance stands at \$3800.00.

Gloria Bloodsaw would like upcoming meeting hosts to submit their workshop outline and bio by this Friday when she intends to start updating our website with that information. Gloria will receive training in website maintenance by Lisa Snipes. Gloria informed membership that Diane Feeney's daughter, Taylor, will assist with the Coalition's social media needs.

Instead of a December meeting, the Coalition will have their Christmas luncheon on 12/18/18. The luncheon will be held at Pappadeaux in Westmont. Members discussed who should be allowed to attend the Christmas luncheon free-of-charge. On the motion of Mardi Wunderlich (seconded by Larry Dunbar), membership voted to allow one agency member to attend for free. Additional agency members will be responsible for the cost of their meal.

The Spring Conference (the 1st Friday in May of 2019), will include a 3-hour segment on non-suicidal self-injury. Plans for the other half of the training day include a presentation on "vaping."

The deadline to apply for the Jim Russell scholarship is May 1, 2019. Scholarship information can be found on the Coalition's website. A successful applicant may be awarded up to \$500.00. This opportunity is available to a person in recovery pursuing an educational objective, or an individual pursuing CADC certification. Priority consideration is given to CADC seekers.

Larry Dunbar thanked the Coalition on behalf of the USF student who was awarded the Jim Russell scholarship in 2018. News of the award was published in the Chicago Tribune and included information about the recipient, our Coalition, and the person for whom the award is named, Jim Russell.

Announcements:

Larry Dunbar announced the University of St. Francis will offer a new certificate program for people seeking CADC certification who already have their Master's Degree and experience. This one year, three-semester program, scheduled to start in 2019, will provide classes, internships and supervision.

USF is also developing a special tuition rate for employees of the Department of Corrections.

Sidebar: Beth Fuqua inquired whether people with a criminal history can secure employment if they obtain certification in substance abuse treatment. Criminal history is not an obstacle to employment for many treatment facilities, according to Robert Snipes. Expungement was also suggested. Larry Dunbar advised Beth contact the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) for further information. According to Don Mitckess, there is a demand for recovery coaches, which involves a three-session training augmented by online learning. Further information is available at Heliosrecovery.com.

Further announcements:

Gateway is opening a 26 bed recovery home in Jacksonville, Illinois. The facility will include 16 residential beds. Gloria Bloodsaw will inquire whether this facility welcomes people taking methadone or benzodiazepines, etc.

Banyan has acquired Sunspire and will soon be providing detox and residential treatment at the facility in Gilman, Illinois.

Peter Bradley invited membership to the Institute for Addiction Recovery's 10th Anniversary celebration on October 26th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. This networking event will provide food and live music.

Diane Feeney is offering a Winter Workshop Series at her Counseling and Consulting Office in Westmont. Please contact her at diannafeeney@gmail.com for further information on this three-session series (6 CEU's each).

Gloria Bloodsaw introduced guest, Kashima Davis, who is employed by Illinicare Health, a Managed Care Organization.

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich
October 15, 2018



There were no meeting minutes recorded for the November, 2018 meeting of the Southwest Coalition.



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