

Southwest Coalition  
June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Bonnie McPhillips, Larry Dunbar, Jennifer Hahs, Shell Christine, Samantha Ritacco, Tom Moore, Michael Wathen, Carolyn Chambless, Robert Snipes, Gloria Bloodsaw, Beth Fuqua, Kevin Watson, Brittany Grover, Cherry Powell, Allison Thomas.

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Advocacy Report:** None

**Education:** Workshops have been scheduled (CEU application submitted), for programs through the end of 2019. Volunteers to host workshops in 2020 are asked to utilize the form on the Coalition's website to make sure they are submitting all the information necessary to apply for CEU's.

Bonnie McPhillips will see about hosting at the Sheriff's Department in January or February of 2020. Larry Dunbar (U of SF), will take June of 2020.

Spring Conference: Awaiting report from Kaylaa McGinnis to find out the proceeds from the conference. Gloria Bloodsaw understood from Kaylaa that \$1500.00 in workshop fees had yet to be collected from attendees.

Research is needed to determine the best method to accept credit card payments for future events.

Gloria has again agreed to plan the Coalition's 2019 Christmas party.

**Membership:** The Coalition welcomed three new participants at today's workshop: Samantha Ritacco, Victim/Witness Advocate for the Will County State's Attorney, Tom Moore, Business Development with Northern Illinois Recovery Center, and Michael Wathen, Coordinator of Behavioral Health Day Treatment Programs at Cornerstone.

**Elections:** Robert Snipes, Carolyn Chambless and Mardi Wunderlich will remain President, Vice-President and Secretary, in that order, while candidates for those positions are pursued.

**Announcements:** Gloria Bloodsaw informed the Coalition that, effective July 1, 2019, Gateway will open a 10-bed residential program at their Aurora location solely for the treatment of alcohol dependence.

Bonnie McPhillips informed Coalition members that the Will County Sheriff's Office has grant funds to find treatment for addicts who avail themselves of their Office's safe passage program. The Sheriff's Office had partnered with Family Guidance for this purpose. Addicts interested in seeking treatment, and treatment providers who are interested in serving this population are advised to contact Bonnie McPhillips at 815-724-1878.

Tom Moore announced that Northern Illinois Recovery Center offers PHP, IOP, out-patient, and sober living services at their new facility in Crystal Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on the motion of Larry Dunbar.

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich on 6/18/19