



Meeting Title: Grundy County ROSC Council Meeting

Date: June 23, 2026

Location: Virtual

Facilitator: Neesha Stringfellow

Attendees: Laurel Mateyka (Plan Family Resource Center); Joy Fink (WFH); Ginni Demko (Chestnut Health Systems); LeShae Hudson (2MMOROW Starz 2day); Kevin Hudfeldt (DRC Will-Grundy); Michelle L. Pruim (NAMI Will-Grundy); Danielle Heffernan (Serenity House); Kirsten Anthony (HLM); Dr. Maria Crawford (HLM); Neesha Stringfellow (HLM); Tarcia Leak (HLM); Magdalena Campos (HLM); Celeste Fonseca (HLM)

Status Report on items pending from last meeting: N/A

Who	Task	Status
HLM Recovery 180 Will County ROSC	Email May Meeting Minutes	Emailed

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Welcome & Presentation by
Laurel Mateyka, Founder & CEO
Plano Family Resource Center

- **Overview/Notes:** The HLM Recovery Grundy County Council Meeting began with introductions from various organizations, including the Disability Resource Center, Serenity House Counseling Services, HLM Recovery 180, NAMI Will-Grundy, and Will Find Hope. Will Find Hope highlighted their upcoming events: the Back to School Hope Fest on July 25 and the Winter Hope Fest in January. Laurel Mateyka from PAASSS the Plano Area Alliance Supporting Student Success discussed their mission to support early childhood systems and their role as the backbone agency for the Grundy Kendall Iris Network. They emphasized increasing community awareness and developing a consistent messaging framework. The meeting concluded with a discussion on strategic planning and community engagement.

- Introductions and Opening Prayer:*** Neesha Stringfellow welcomes everyone to the June monthly ROSC Council meeting and mentions the agenda, including prayer, introductions, highlights, and a main presenter. Neesha leads a prayer, thanking for the day, the sun, the rain, and the opportunity to work together in God's name. Kevin Huckfeldt from the Disability Resource Center introduces himself and explains their services for people with disabilities, including life skills training and information and referral work. Danielle Heffernan from Serenity House Counseling Services introduces herself and expresses her happiness to be there. Michelle Pruiem from NAMI Will-Grundy introduces herself as the Executive Director. Magdalena Campos from HLM Recovery 180 introduces herself as the program coordinator. Celeste Fonseca introduces herself as the Executive Outreach Admin Coordinator with HLM Recovery 180. Kirsten Anthony introduces herself as a coordinator with HLM Recovery 180 and Project Light. Joy Fink and Ginni Demko from Will Find Hope introduce themselves and highlight their upcoming events, including the Back to School Hope Fest and the Winter Hope Fest. Joy and Ginni provide details about the Back to School Hope Fest, including the date, location, and activities, and mention the need for volunteers and donations.
- Discussion on Will Find Hope Events and Community Impact:*** Joy and Ginni discuss the importance of prioritizing low-income families and the process of pre-registration and vendor sign-ups for their events. They provide information on how to sign up as a volunteer and the benefits of community service hours for youth. Neesha Stringfellow shares her positive experience from the first Foster Palooza and emphasizes the impact of Will Find Hope events on families. Mentions the importance of sharing information about Will Find Hope events and donating items or gift cards to support the cause. Also, encourages everyone to donate and participate in the events, even if they cannot attend in person.
- Introduction of Laurel Mateyka and Pass the Plano Area Alliance:*** Neesha introduces Laurel Mateyka, CEO and founder of PAASSS the Plano Area Alliance Supporting Student Success. Laurel Mateyka introduces herself and explains the new name of her organization, Parents and Agencies Aligning for Stronger Support Systems. Laurel provides an overview of PAASSS's mission, which is to strengthen coordinated systems of support for children and families across Kendall and Grundy Counties. She explains the role of PAASSS as the backbone agency for the Grundy Kendall Iris Network and the importance of the Iris referral and intake system. Laurel shares information about the Iris Network, including the number of partners, referrals, and trained Iris users. Discusses the impact of the Iris Network on the region and the importance of having a warm handoff referral system. Laurel provides an overview of PAASSS's strategic plan, which includes three pillars: educate, collaborate, and empower. She explains the process of developing the strategic plan, including community screenings, partner sessions, and listening sessions.
- Conclusion: Highlights of Pass's Strategic Plan and Community Impact*** Laurel highlights the strategic priorities of PAASSS, including increasing community awareness of available resources and developing a consistent messaging framework. Discusses the importance of having a reliable social media presence and launching awareness efforts each year. Mentions the Illinois Basics project as a potential

awareness effort for the region. Laurel emphasizes the importance of community feedback and input in the strategic planning process. Concludes by reiterating PASSS's commitment to supporting families and children through partnerships and community collaboration.