



3rd Visioning Meeting – Marion County
Minutes
December 15, 2020
3:30pm

➤ Introduction

- ✓ Robert Cooper introduced the organization to attendees. Robert mentions the great turnout for today's meeting and thanked everyone for coming today.
- ✓ Robert introduces himself as Executive Director of Zero Hour Life Center (ZHLC) & Mary Jensen as Administrative Director
- ✓ Robert advised the meeting minutes from November's Visioning Meeting were sent out via email and are posted on our website for review. Robert asked for someone to motion for the approval of meeting minutes.
 - Nancy Castillo motioned to approve the minutes as is.
 - Meghan Riley-Reynolds seconded the motion.
- ✓ Meeting minutes approved.

➤ Review of mission, vision, and value statements

- ✓ Robert read ZHLC's mission statement; To bridge the gap between professional treatment and long-term recovery from substance abuse and homelessness.
- ✓ Robert read ZHLC's value statement: Honesty, Integrity, and Perseverance
- ✓ Robert and Mary both discussed that ZHLC's vision statement needs to be fine tuned and asked for the committees to help with this.

➤ Robert reviewed ZHLC's services.

- ✓ Peer Recovery Coaching
 - ✓ Peer Recovery Support Meetings
 - ✓ CORI – Criminal Offender Reentry initiative
 - ✓ SOAR – SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recovery
 - ✓ DCF Access Florida Community Partner
 - ✓ Community Awareness & Education
 - ✓ Care Coordination
 - ✓ Recovery Coach Academy
- Robert provided RCO Updates:
- ✓ ZHLC held its 1st annual holiday party- at Carrabba’s, 24 participants attended.
 - Social distancing was practiced.
 - This event was very special because family members and some people who have never had a Christmas party/celebration were able to attend and meet each other in person for the first time.
 - Participants expressed that they definitely want to do this in 2021.
- Committees
- ✓ Robert explained the roles of each committee and that ZHLC is still looking for members.
 - Vision Committee
 - Strategic Planning (Renee)
 - Sustainability
 - Organizational Readiness (Megan will lead)
 - Peer Advisory Board
 - Outreach (lots of members, need a leader for this committee)
- Robert opened the floor to take questions about the committees and meetings.
- Mary introduces the website forum.
- ✓ Meeting minutes, updates, and information will be posted in the forum.

- ✓ There is a whole section just for committees, each committee has their own discussion thread.
 - ✓ Tammy Slaughter and Nancy Castillo discuss which committee Tammy is assigned to; Outreach Committee. Tammy cannot be the lead due to time constraints but can assist with social media and the youth recovery piece.
 - ✓ Robert will send Nancy information and social media graphic so she can share the information with other groups.
 - ✓ Ethan Bradley offered his phone number to Carole Williams Hayes in the chat so they can discuss the Peer Advisory Committee; Carole did the same for Ethan.
 - ✓ Mary would like committee members to sign up and become forum members so everyone can see all policies and procedures, meeting minutes, and committee threads.
- Alina Stoothoff suggested ZHLC should add the Alumni Program with the drug courts to the list of services.
 - Robert asked Alina to explain what that program is to everyone. Alina explained the program and its purpose.
 - Robert opened the floor for questions; there were none.
 - Robert announced ZHLC new employees:
 - ✓ Steve Blank – Marion County Recovery Coordinator, he will work on networking and outreach in Marion County.
 - ✓ Ethan Bradley - Recovery Coach & Peer Support Group Meeting Facilitator, Scholarship winner for the Recovery Coach Academy
 - Steve spoke about his role at ZHLC and be a voice of recovery in the community.
 - Robert announced he & Steve had a meeting with the new Chief of Ocala PD and the Mayor of Ocala to inform them about ZHLC and what they do.
 - ✓ Steve elaborated on conversations during this meeting.

- Being able to access care.
 - Being able to provide more resources.
 - It is currently difficult to navigate resources.
 - Preparing to work towards bring community resources together.
 - Wants to get as many and the right people to the table.
 - Nancy will send email to chief Balken and the Ocala Mayor to provide more information to them about resources and community meetings.
 - Alina asked Nancy if ZHLC can have a place on other community meetings allowing a minute of time to provide a ZHLC update to members. Nancy will send the 2021 schedule and invites to ZHLC.
- Steve asked Nancy about the Recovery Response meetings. Nancy discussed that there were meetings, but she was not sure if the if this subcommittee will continue. Nancy will check with Chief Alexander to discuss further.
 - Steve wants to set up meeting with Jesse Blair and his supervisor.
 - Nancy and Steve talk about community concerns, ZHLC, and available resources.
 - ✓ Robert has sent emails to Captain Blaire and community members to invite them to ZHLC meetings and introduce them to the RCO.
 - ✓ Alina would like to invite individuals from The Vines, Public Defender's office, The Centers to the visioning meetings.
 - ✓ Steve Geohegan discussed the importance of including members of probation and justice departments and the immediate response required by substance use providers when individuals are seeking treatment.
 - ✓ Robert agreed with Steve G.
 - There needs to be a hub where individuals can go and get the linkage to resources, services, and supports are available.
 - RCO's are the backbone of the recovery community.
 - Robert wants to have one voice for recovery.

- ✓ Ethan asked about working with RCO's in neighboring counties especially since some areas have limited resources and individuals have to go out of their county of residence to utilize them.
- ✓ Tammy asked about having a membership-based community within the RCO where members pay a nominal fee to participate and be recognized as an RCO partner; members would have to sign an MOU explaining each organizations role and responsibilities. This might aid when making referrals to resources. Organizations who are not treating clients fairly would be removed and not receive referrals.
 - Steve B. explained we would have to examine the by-laws regarding memberships. It might be best to talk to other organizations first and see if they are interested in being part of the RCO before asking for money.
 - Alina expressed that there should be an MOU with any agency associated with the RCO.
- Robert asked if there were any other questions or topics that need to be addressed; there were none. Robert announced the next meeting date and time. He closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and participating in this process.
- **Next Meeting: January 12, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. ZHLC will send out the ZOOM link.**