

Community Advocates Coalition meeting minutes

Feb. 6th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:00am in person at Goodwill Day Rehab

Facilitator: Kris Wigda

Co Facilitator and Treasurer: Tammy Fiala

Kris read the mission statement. He went over the agenda and minutes. Rachael motioned to approve the agenda and Heidi seconded it. Mike motioned to approve the minutes and JR seconded it.

Tammy gave a treasurer's report. Nothing changed. The balance is \$8,102.57. She informed everyone that in the next few months we will draw on the account for conference expenses and for the WRAP 1 and 2 classes.

New Business:

Hunter Ludwig from Region 3 came to speak on suicide. He was well received and the group would like him to return and speak at the conference.

The Question was asked: How do you find information on a provider? The group provided input...they use their phone, talk to others, talk to their doctor, use Google, call insurance, talk to therapists or case managers. They talk to Community Support staff. They look at brochures, flyers and can call 988 or even the Salvation Army. Tammy said she will share this information with Region 3 so they can improve the way they communicate information to the people they serve.

The Group then brainstormed ideas on how to spend the coalition funds in 2025. Ideas were:

The Coalition

Redesign the brochure

Art therapy activities

Refrigerator magnets for wellness/crisis plans and affirmations

Sound Therapy speaker

The group agreed upon the Conference theme of: You are not alone

The group also agreed that they would like Aaron Ross to be their Keynote Speaker and speak about their theme.

Kris passed out scholarship forms and several people filled them out and gave them to Tammy or Kris.

Old business: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

The next meeting will be on March 12th at 10:00 am the Goodwill Day Rehab in Grand Island. This will be the last planning meeting before the conference.

Meeting Adjourned.