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## **RECOVERY HOUSE IN ADAMS COUNTY**

### **MINUTES ~ January 8, 2019**

Present (including sectors): Pat Miller (Superior Court/Drug Court), Kelly Sickafoose (DFAC/Drug Court), Stephanie Beaver (ACCC), Scott Smith (AMH), Wes Kuntzman (Mt. Zion UB Church), Ken Meyer (City of Decatur), Curtis Rose (Community), Jim Couples (DMA), Sarah Wolfe (Healthy Families), Baldemar Silva (AMH), Phil Hutson (Park Center), Mandy Lengerich (Adams-Wells Special Services), Chris Garrett (Biggs), Ian Gilbert (ACCC), Amy Covington (Brianna's Hope), Alycia Galvin (AMH) and Bob Becker (Redeemer Lutheran Church)

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Patrick Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Oxford House**

- A representative from Oxford House, Jessica, came to ACCC.
- Oxford House does not employ staff members to be present in each home. Individuals in recovery work together to remain sober.
- Alycia expressed concern regarding allowing residents to have Suboxone, staff may not be meeting new residents, and the risk of residents using in the house.
- Baldemar expressed concern about the lack of structure.
- Coalition members acknowledged that it may difficult to separate feelings when deciding on new residents in a small community such as Adams County.
- Another question referenced whether recovery house residents are voted in or out for appropriate reasons. Residents are newly sober and regulating themselves – could this be a problem?
- Ken Meyer asked if coalition members visit a house in a rural community.
- Regarding ownership of the property, could we use our finances to pay 2-3 months rent and have our own house?
- A church in Berne is housing individuals with very little structure. ACCC is not permitting individuals to use this program.
- Can someone be there from another facility to establish some initial consistency?
- Because Serenity House can utilize a rental house, should the coalition have them here?

#### **3. The Immediate Need for Public Transportation**

- Oxford House requires that public transportation is available in the communities in which they bring homes.
- The Ministerial Association met today. The members questioned whether having volunteers was sufficient structure? Discussion included the development of a rotation schedule for a specific time period. Churches are asking for potential volunteers. There is concern for the safety of the volunteers.
- Residents riding bikes was discussed. Is it realistic to have people riding bikes in inclement weather? Oxford House did not dismiss the potential of bikes. The City of Decatur has some bikes available.
- Further discussion suggested that it may be best to coordinate Uber drivers.
- A licensed driver may live in the recovery house and offer transportation.
- Biggs suggested that perhaps leased vehicles could be utilized, but this plan would take time to implement.
- Individuals can get specialized driving privileges, and their reinstatement fees can be waived to

help individuals get valid licenses.

**4. Information for the Community**

- Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

**5. Other Ideas**

- None at this time.

**6. For the Good of the Order**

- We would like to have Steve Smith from Serenity House at the next meeting.

**7. Adjournment** at 1:06 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2019, Adams Memorial Hospital, Monroe Room***