



HLM RECOVERY 180

Meeting Title: Kankakee County ROSC Council Meeting

Date: July 28, 2026

Location: Virtual

Facilitator: Magdalena Campos

Attendees: Sarah Winkel (Project Sun); Liz Gibson (Birth to Five Illinois); Libby Baird (OMNI Youth Services); Jenny Steinberg-Martinez (Stepping Stones); LeShae Hudson (NDEN & 2MORROW Startz 2Day); Tyler Johnson; Dr. Ruby Powell (Oasis Empowerment Zone Inc.); Michelle Hibbard (Rosecrance); Dominica Dybas (DEA Chicago Field Division); Tarcia Leak (HLM); Magdalena Campos (HLM); Celeste Fonseca (HLM)

Status Report on items pending from last meeting:

Who	Task	Status
HLM Recovery 180 Kankakee County ROSC	Email June Meeting Minutes	Emailed

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Welcome & Presentation by
LeShae Hudson, MHS, Program manager
2MORROW Startz 2Day
New Day Employment Network

- **Overview/Notes:** The HLM Recovery Kankakee County Council Meeting began with a prayer and an introduction of Magdalena Campos as the facilitator. Libby Baird from Omni Youth Services introduced her role in providing prevention and harm reduction resources for youth. LeShae Hudson from New Day Employment Network (NDEN) discussed their services for justice-impacted individuals, including reentry support, mental health treatment, and document acquisition. NDEN's Justice Alliance includes various local organizations. Hudson also highlighted their 40-hour essential skills training program. Additionally, Hudson introduced 2MORROW Startz 2Day, an enrichment center for youth aged 7-24, offering educational, therapeutic, and recreational support.

Participants from various organizations, including Birth to Five Illinois and Stepping Stones Treatment Center, introduced themselves and their roles.

- ***Opening Remarks and Introduction of Meeting Facilitator:*** Tarcia-HLM opens the meeting with a prayer, expressing gratitude for the community and the new fiscal year and introduces Magdalena Campos as the facilitator for the meeting. Magdalena Campos welcomes everyone and asks if there are any first-time attendees. Libby Baird from Omni Youth Services introduces herself and explains her role in providing prevention, education, and harm reduction resources for youth and emerging adults across Illinois.
- ***Introduction of Keynote Speaker LeShae Hudson:*** Magdalena Campos introduces LeShae Hudson, a nationally recognized community strategist and founder of LeShae Ann LLC. LeShae Hudson thanks HLM for the opportunity to present New Day Employment Network (NDEN) and 2MORROW Startz 2Day. LeShae explains NDEN's focus on reentry services for justice-impacted individuals, including post and pre-incarceration support. NDEN's services include recovery care, mental health treatment, family assistance, and document acquisition.
- ***Details of NDEN's Services and Justice Alliance:*** LeShae describes the Justice Alliance, a collaboration of organizations assisting justice-impacted individuals. NDEN's services include food insecurity, mental health services, recovery services, housing services, and workforce services. LeShae emphasizes the importance of collaboration and partnership to help individuals reintegrate into society successfully. NDEN's location in Joliet allows them to assist regionally, and they will be giving away feminine hygiene bags in Joliet.
- ***Q&A and Further Explanation of NDEN's Services:*** Magdalena asks LeShae to break down the services NDEN provides in more detail. LeShae explains the impact services, including food insecurity, mental health services, recovery services, housing services, and workforce services. LeShae highlights the importance of teaching essential skills like using cell phones, ATMs, and filling out applications. Magdalena and LeShae discuss the challenges faced by individuals reintegrating into society after long periods of incarceration.
- ***Introduction of 2MORROW Startz 2Day:*** LeShae introduces Tomorrow Starts Today, an enrichment center for young people aged 7 to 24. The center offers free services, including field trips, tutoring, group therapy, and peace mediation training. 2MORROW Startz 2Day serves vulnerable students, including those with autism, victims of sexual assault, and those from foster or adopted families.
- ***Q&A and Personal Motivation of LeShae Hudson:*** Dr. Ruby E. Powell asks LeShae about the duration of services provided to incarcerated individuals. LeShae explains that services are provided for six months to a year before release, but assistance can continue for as long as needed. Dr. Ruby E. Powell inquires about the criteria for receiving services and the personal motivation behind LeShae's work. LeShae shares her background, including her servant's heart and her passion for helping justice-impacted individuals and their families.
- ***Closing Remarks and Participant Introductions:*** Magdalena Campos thanks LeShae for her presentation and invites participants to introduce themselves. Liz Gibson from

Birth to Five Illinois introduces herself and her role in advocating for families and children. Dr. Ruby E. Powell introduces herself and her organizations, Oasis Empowerment Zone and Dr. Ruby Powell and Associates. Jenny Steinberg-Martinez from Stepping Stones Treatment Center shares her role and expresses gratitude for the meeting.