

## Ogle/Dekalb ROSC Council Meeting

Location- Virtual

September 13, 2023 3:00

**Attendance:** Kourtnee Mezo, Alex Ocampo, Ben Rudolph, Amanda Rick, Danny Sourbis, Geoff Livengood, Marta Jarka, Jeffrey Helfrich, Jackee Ohlinger, Gerald Lott, Michael Dale, Penny Stark, Brooke Planchno, Laura Dinderman, Giselle Navarro, Cindy Bergstrom, John Gay, Kyle Auman, Rose Gleiter, Nick Buccieri, Audra Puleo, Ashley Maki, Deanna Cada, Shantel Williams, Steve Lekkas, Katrina Valencia

**Absent:** Joe Simms, Ruth Carter, Norman Donahue

Meeting was called to order 3:00 by Daniel Stewart

General Business:

- Daniel did a quick overview of the ROSC it is funded through SUPR (Substance Use Prevention and Recovery) Coalition of stakeholders coming together to discuss issues concerning recovery, we will all participate in a community assessment and will form a strategic plan. It's a statewide initiative.
- Gerald Lott discussed the last 3-4 years of Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery and what was Project OPEN. The hope is that all of you will be able to work with the RCOs and advise if there is a need for something in the Ogle/DeKalb area. He said SVVOR is excited to have everyone involved in the process. Your voice is needed.
- Quick Introductions of attendee's name and where do they work.
- Group voted on the regular schedule of ROSC Council meeting to be 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month.

Vote was at a majority of 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Daniel discussed:

- 1) How we invite new members to the ROSC Council- Help Daniel get in touch with those people that show interest so he can reach out and meet them. We want people that are passionate about recovery.
- 2) Feedback on information schedule – too many emails or not enough? Right now 2 weeks out, 1 week out, the day before, and minutes to follow. Group seemed ok with schedule but we are concerned that Otter AI and other software may be sending “phantom” e-mails. We will rectify.
- 3) WhatsApp. Daniel described the DuPage ROSC giant group chat. If someone is looking for detox or treatment- we put GENERAL information out there and we all see it and work together on meeting their needs along with transportation. Thoughts? Would you participate? Able to give referrals or opening in real time. Danny Sourbis believes it helps people get treatment faster with several people connected in one group chat with resources. He's willing to answer questions for anyone wanting to know more info. Gerald says its similar to a floating electronic Safe Passage for people to put it out there and where you are and what's available. In your area -quicker than

phone calls searching for an opening- if we are all connected. Sounds like it would be beneficial for us to create our own. (Danny Sourbis can help Daniel set it up)

4) Recover-Con Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 Barsema Visitors Center at NIU Dekalb.

Questions:

Penny Stark - Is Whatsap HIPPA safe secure- general information only (age, drug of choice, first name, sex, insurance -generic information)

Daniel Stewart - Should we start our own WhatsApp or join DuPage County? The overwhelming response was that Ogle/DeKalb should start their own.

Adjournment

We will notify when the next meeting will be via email.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Toomsen – 9/15/23