

Lee/Whiteside ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Location- Virtual

September 20. 2023

Attendance: Ben Rudolph, Christa Cornelius, Danny Sourbis, Gerald Lott, Jarrett Burton, Melanie Marrandino, Sam Rameriz, Samantha Petty, Sandy Toomsen, Lisa Stewart, Stevie Carney, Marcy Lawrence, Ashley Dober, Sapna Patel, Daniel Stewart.

Absent: Andy McFarlane, Carlee Kelly, Steve Howell, Hilary Hanna, Lisa Hart, Michelle Elmendorf, Mike Wilcox, Rebecca Johanning, Wyatt Zakosek

Meeting was called to order 3:03 by Amanda Rick

General Business:

- Amanda 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.
- Quick Introductions of attendee's name and where they work
- Gerald Lott discussed the HRSA grant for \$200,000 was a Federal grant to KSB for planning and when that ran out there was an implementation grant spread over 3 years for \$1 million dollars. It was made up of approx. 60 stakeholders in all different sectors and organizations. One outcome of the grant was SVVOR. Gerald did a quick overview of last few years of Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery and what Project OPEN was. He said Everyone's voices are needed and the ROSC Council can grow into an advisory council for the RCO and others to come.
- Group voted on regular Schedule - 3rd Wednesday at 3:00 every month.
- Discussed how we invite new members and need to be directed to Amanda first and set up meeting to make sure they are passionate, active participants
- Reminders will be sent out 2 weeks before, 1 week before agenda will be included and Monday before meeting reminder.

Amanda discussed the benefits of WhatsApp for the group and Danny Sourbis explained how if we create a ROSC group chat like DuPage ROSC and 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 of openings 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 . It was then supported with interested parties Jarrett, Ashley, Lisa, Stevie, Sandy, Daniel. The group decided to join the WhatsApp that Ogle/DeKalb ROSC is creating.

Gerald outlined the leftover Project OPEN Initiatives and mentioned that it was from all areas of care, Education, prevention, Healthcare, Environment, deliverables. Amanda read through all of them and mentioned we will attach a copy of them for everyone to read through. There was a great desire and interest to look further into items 8, 9, 12, and 14 (involving youth education and prevention with Opioid

education and prevention) Policy to have Narcan in schools. and then 5,6,7 (training of probation, and court staff on trauma and mental health.

Amanda mentioned the Facebook page and said we will share the link to that as well.

We will send Calander invites for the next scheduled meeting which (wont be the 18th due to Springfield Meeting) NEXT MEETING WILL BE 10/25/23 at 3:00 pm.

Members of SVVOR invited all to Recover-Con on Oct 7 in DeKalb. Stevie Carney talked about a project she is putting together with the men at the Sinnissippi Recovery Home. More info to come on that.

Adjournment.