



Greene & Scott County R.O.S.C.

Recovery Council

GSRC Membership Protocols

FY2024

Overview of GSRC

The Greene & Scott County Recovery Council (GSRC) will work to build a thriving coordinated network of community-based services and supports (or infrastructure) that are person-centered. GSRC works as an advocate because people can and do recover in our community and recovery is a community responsibility and value.

GSRC Mission:

Empowering and improving connections to ourselves, our families, and our communities within the Greene and Scott County areas to improve recovery outcomes, reduce stigma and educate our community, therefore, improving health, wellness, and the quality of life for all.

GSRC Vision

To build a thriving recovery system within Greene and Scott County that will reduce the risk of substance use and mental health challenges to improve recovery outcomes for all.

Recruitment & Responsibility

Members should maintain the confidentiality and privacy of all participants and members of the council.

It is the responsibility of the ROSC team to fulfill recruitment, outreach, communications, and education within Greene and Scott County. The team will recruit by informing, empowering, and educating our community. This will be accomplished by using the GSRC website, social media, email, text, telecommunications, meetings (in-person and virtual), and other methods.

It will also be the responsibility of every GSRC member to recruit by word of mouth. The goal for our council is to be 100% inclusive rather than exclusive. Members should always display the proper respect and etiquette to anyone, anywhere, at any time and in no way pass judgment or criticize a person for their mental health or substance use challenge, ever. It is the duty of every GSRC Member to work towards the council's mission and vision.

It is encouraged to bring new people to our council.

Orientation

Engagement and involvement are crucial to the success of GSRC. Understanding the council's history, vision, goals, objectives, and structure is important. By taking the time to orient new members to the responsibilities of membership, the council can create a more connected recovery community and productive council. A successful orientation will include but is not limited to:

- Informing new members about the GSRC history, purpose, mission, vision, and structure
- Open access available to all vital documents and recordings available on the GSRC website
- Acquainting all new members at GSRC Meetings
- Motivating new members to return

By following these tips GSRC members will ensure:

- New members know the council and can articulate its purpose.
- Members understand their rights and responsibilities.
- The purpose of orientation is to gain effective members who make an efficient council.

Training

All members and volunteers will be trained on the State of Illinois and GSRC's underlying principles, which is to bring awareness to and educate our communities of substance use and mental health challenges.

GSRC will offer training sessions and members are encouraged to attend. Resource connection and training are vital tools to address stigma within our community.

Mental Health First Aid will be offered by the ROSC Council and the ROSC will retain one instructor equipped to facilitate classes in our community.

Adherence to Strategic Plan

Once developed, adherence to the Strategic Plan is vital to the long-term success of the council. To the GSRC, the goals outlined will reflect the long-term vision of the council and the communities we serve as well as the need to meet all required deliverables according to the grant.

At any time, the council can adjust their choice of strategy and tactics in unplanned ways. Immediate council needs and decisions will be discussed and evaluated as a council and the strategic plan will be adjusted according to team development.

Inclusion and Belonging and Role of Nonparticipants

GSRC's goal is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Membership to the GSRC is open to all persons who agree and understand the mission, goals, vision, and values of the council without regard to age, race, sex, creed, gender, expression, orientation, value, or challenge. Participation is encouraged by all members of the council. There is no need to define the role of nonparticipants as all community members are invited and welcome to join GSRC at any time. Rich and diverse community involvement and creating an environment where everyone feels as if they belong is vital to the long-term success of the council.

Amendments

Proposals to change or amend the membership protocols can be proposed to the council by any member. It shall be the right of the council to change membership protocols by majority vote.

Compensation

Members of the council will not be compensated for their participation in GSRC work. However, GSRC recognizes that compensating individuals with lived experience is a cornerstone of a ROSC. Individuals who aid with GSRC events, and projects, or host a recovery support meeting, who are not compensated through alternate employment, will be provided a stipend, in the form of a gift card, for their attendance/participation in council events and meetings. The stipend will ensure sufficient compensation for the individual with lived experience as deemed applicable by support staff and meeting time. The stipend card will range from \$15, \$20, \$25, or \$50.00, with the latter being for first-time attendees. The council will also have available to the staff, transportation vouchers to help aid in transportation to and from council events and/or meetings on an as-needed basis. Individuals who present or provide training for ROSC will be compensated with a stipend of \$150.

Members Voting

It will be the responsibility of all members to vote on motions presented by any other member of the council. Motions will pass with a simple majority vote and be entered into the record.

Committee

The council will support the development of sub-committees made up of representatives from the full council. These committees will serve as the chief advisors to the staff assigned to the project and will aid in directing the council's work. At a minimum, 2 committees will be formed with monthly meetings for a minimum of 10 months a year. The Executive Committee will be comprised of individuals with lived experience only and the Advisory Committee will be made up of partners from across the community (including PLEs), ensuring safe and healthy dialogue between the 2 groups. Membership will be open to anyone interested in participating. The council may at any time support the creation of any committee deemed necessary, as needed. The council will have the authority to determine membership qualifications for any other committee, as applicable. Any vote taken during the committee meeting sessions will carry the full authority of the full council.

Committee Schedule:

Advisory Committee – Third Tuesday of the Month at 4 PM

Councils' strategy and our work in creating a recovery-oriented system of care

Executive Committee (PLE only) – Third Wednesday of the Month 6 PM

Outreach, engagement, operations, support groups, etc.