



Lake County Monthly ROSC Meeting Minutes:

February 22, 2024

In Dr. Mary Roberson's absence Barbara Young and Amanda Douglas co-chaired the meeting.

Attendee introductions were made.

Barbara introduced Amanda Douglas who then introduced presenter for today, Dr. Muriel Adams, Founder of One World Share Future Community Labs.

Dr. Adams is a College Professor of Restorative Justice, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership.

She also had a PhD in Sustainability, MBA, MSOL

Her compassion for the frontline community caused her to create One World Share Future Community Labs.

The Community Labs address climate change, health issues, and income.

Her approach of stepping out of safe zones helps develop personal growth, increase awareness, courage and compassion. It helps build relationships, increase networks. It also opens new opportunities for education, jobs and activities.

In addition, stepping out of safe zones helps create stronger, more inclusive, safer and thriving communities.

The vision of One World Share Future Community Labs is to create healthy, equitable, safe, diverse, thriving, resilient and sustainable communities across Lake County, IL.

After Dr. Adams' presentation:

- Questions were raised about the 5-week Community Labs currently being hosted in North Chicago, Waukegan and Zion and the process.

- Stella Jones asked if there is a connection with children of incarcerated parents? Currently there is not, the focus is on the adults. Stella Jones also asked Dr. Adams if she had been invited to speak on the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism's platform (as this is a service they offer.) Dr. Adams has been asked and has joined the Coalition.
- Ellen Ewing from Growing Health Veterans shared their goals align with Dr. Adam's and inquired about the North Chicago Meeting and stated she would attend.
- Linda Ervin, Founder of Seek First God Intercessory Ministries of Round Lake Beach, IL. shared her desire to get people more involved in the community and asked how to incorporate her community to collaborate? Dr. Adams offered her suggestions. An invitation to come and tour NIRCO to visit to see what we offer.

Resource support from Anami Moy, (first time LC ROSC attendee, from University Center of Lake County) was offered.

Jennifer Stephens of Fox Lake noted that her community could use the services Dr. Adams offered.

Beth Schaffer asked how the program is communicated.

Today's ROSC meeting fully demonstrated the following:

- The importance of ROSC councils support in the premise that there are many pathways to recovery.
- ROSC councils' abilities to provide families and communities with more options with which to make informed decisions regarding their care.
- LC's ROSC council, with its well-rounded and diverse members, have a warm and welcoming approach to potential members. We are willing to offer encouragement and support to help them succeed in their areas of expertise and service.

LC ROCS members prudently offered to assist Dr. Adams by sharing her vision and mission with LC residents.

Amanda Douglas shared NIRCO's upcoming events:

February 29, 2024, "Chat-n-Chew", Guest Speaker: Katimahmud I Goldsmith, 12:00-1:30 pm.

March 14, 2024, "Every Story Matters", Speaker: Dr. Sandra Adell, 5:30 -7:30 pm. Please call, email to confirm attendance, gambling@nicasa.org.

March 23, 2024, Nicasa Women Luncheon Reunion, rsvp, mwashington@nircolakecounty.org.

September 21, 2024, National Recovery Rally!!!!!!!!!!!!!! UIC Credit Union One, Chicago, IL

In-House Events:

Grief Recovery, March 12, 2024, a six-week course, hosted by Debra Lewis.

Celebrate Recovery, Wednesdays at 12:00-1:30 pm

All Recovery, Thursday, 11:15 am- 12:30 pm

Peer-to-Peer, Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm

The following events were shared verbally and in the Chat Box:

From Ben Rudolph:

The ACLU and our partners are seeking treatment providers and community orgs to sign on in support of our legislative initiative to end felony penalties for small-scale drug possession in Illinois and shift resources to address substance use as a health issue. You can sign on, get involved in our advocacy efforts, or just learn more by reaching out via email: bruddell@aclu-il.org

From Stella Jones:

Bright Neighborhoods and Solar for All 1906 Sherman Avenue, North Chicago, Il 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2-24-24
Free Event

Need CEUs? Join us for this webinar. It's pay what you can. Thank you.

<https://wolfpacktherapy.com/news/new-3-part-disability-webinar-series>

Anami Moy shared fundraising events for the University Center of Lake County.

Ben Rudolph encouraged us and continued to offer his support to the LC ROSC Council.

Marie Washington read thoughts that reminded us of Dr. Mary Roberson's spirit to serve others.

Also, NIRCO is the **first and only** RCO in Northern Illinois, that provides recovery education, support, advocacy and the host of the LC ROSC Council meeting.

The meeting was concluded by Barbara Young

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