

## **Westside ROSC Council**

**Lead Agency: Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition**

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

**10am – 12pm**

**Zoom Meeting Information**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/695761637?pwd=eVVOUzJlN3VUcXl6WFJzSnVNOVJXdz09>

**Meeting ID: 695 761 637 | Password: 038839**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome Extended by; Venessa Moreno:** Expressed appreciation for members present, and continued support, and to those who were attending ROSC meetings for the first time. Also mentioned that from now on ROSC will be offering CEU's.

**Participant Introductions:** Clara Porter, Service Providers: Harm Reduction, Breakthrough Urban Ministries; Darren A. Dunham, Treatment: Local Provider, Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare; Danny Sourbis, LCPC, Recovery Supports: RCO, DuPage ROSC; Debra Laws, Recovery Supports: Other, Renewed Hope; Borris Powell, Education: Local University, Malcolm X College; Blake Worman, Recovery Supports: Other, Serenity House; Wateka Kleinpeter, Service Providers: Other, Social Worker; Aimee Rabe, Recovery Supports: RCO, CRCC; Candyce Banford, Recovery Supports: RCO, CRCC; Charlotte A. Estell, Recovery Supports: Housing, Kalimba Foundation; Tiffany Webb, Treatment: Local Provider, Healthcare Alternatives System; Walter Houston, Recovery Supports: Housing, Kalimba House; Venessa Moreno, Recovery Supports: RCO, CRCC; Dora Wright, Recovery Supports: RCO, CRCC; John Wright, Recovery Supports: RCO, CRCC; Jocelyn Beckham, Recovery Supports: Housing, Adrian's Purpose Sober Living; Kimberly Haywood, Recovery Supports: Other, Brighter, Behavior, Choices; Angelina Sanchez, Recovery Supports: Other, Brighter Behavior Choices;

Our council is made up of members including Hospitals, Treatment Centers, Mental Health Facilities, First Responders, Recovery Programs, Schools, Local Government, Employment Agencies, and importantly persons with lived experience.

**Goals and Objectives by; Venessa Moreno:** Westside ROSC Councils overall goal is to advocate and assist with guiding and monitoring the development of an integrated system of recovery by creating a shared vision to improve availability of services by building a sustainable ROSC Council. Our objectives 1. To create communities of recovery that encourage and integrate resources for the recovering individual, families, and friends. 2. Develop supportive recovery communities that foster growth, respect and understanding of those who have identified problems in the areas of substance use and mental health. 3. Implement effective communication that will allow for inclusion of PLE's (persons with lived experience) voices to be heard.

**ROSC Council Speakers:** ROSC Council Updates and Report Back from Statewide Collaborative (Open Discussion) ROSC Council Members: Presenter: Dora Dantzler-Wright & Venessa Moreno, CRCC, Westside ROSC Council

Shared the information about the in-person State Collaborative that was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Governors State University. How RCOs and ROSC Councils across the state come together. How we take what was discussed at a high level and then as a council we will take this to how we will conduct this in our community.



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## Supporting a Diverse Chicago West Side Community

What is a ROSC: A Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to experience recovery and improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those with or at risk of substance use and/or -co-occurring conditions. The central focus of a ROSC is to create an infrastructure, or "systems of care", with the resources to effectively address the full range of substance use and/or co-occurring disorders within communities.

Our council represents this in our own community. Promote recovery and community involvement.

What is our coalition activity for our council:

- Fostering collaborations and maximizing combined strengths and resources of diverse stakeholders to achieve meaningful impact and positive change in your communities
- ROSC councils focus should be big picture, systemic changes, implementation of systems that will outlive the life of a ROSC council
- Harm Reduction, Recovery 101, Addiction 101, Health and Wellness trainings open to the public and for everyone to gain knowledge
- Coalition Outreach should be for coalition engagement not for recruiting clients for services
- Advocating for policy changes, raising awareness, or address broader societal or systemic issues or challenges
- Community Education/Stigma Reduction Efforts

We need to bridge together and look at the system of care for an individual. There is now not Harm reduction and then recovery. It is all part of recovery, and we need to look at the disparities of services for individuals especially women. Why are there not enough doctors prescribing different types of MAR medication.

What are the top 3 needs you have identified in your community here on the west side of Chicago?

- We need recovery to be present where we can walk through and see where we can get help.
- There are stable recovery homes for people and to make sure those homes are supporting the need in the community to promote recovery. Affordable housing (needs to be affordable) and affordable pay wages (to pay for housing and take care of family).
- Shelter system access. Emergency shelter issues with the 311 system. Even for just an overnight. Short term emergency shelter. Access to living room services. Immediate crisis and can avoid interactions with law enforcement. Late night places that they can receive care and deescalated. Need more support from political figures in the community to help address the stigma in our community.
- There has been progress in getting housing for returning citizens, but we can also find more that allows for long term integration back into the community.
- Get more advertising/public awareness about what services are available to help individuals and families.
- The ROSC council needs more alderman and other local political folks to be more active in the west side.

### Discussion Highlight Talking Points:

**Venessa:** This council is about the community and about creating this ROSC here on the Westside. Collaboration and Communication create a stronger community. Education is needed in the community to promote resources and the community knows we exist.

**Boris:** If you are looking to get certified that Malcolm X College can help you to get your CRSS through class and there are other paths that are still open that Boris can help with this. Venessa asked how people can register for this class. Boris is looking for individuals for a panel he is hosting.

**Darren:** He would like to raise his hand to work on the panel with Boris.

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**Dora:** We need to stand up for each other. We need to work together. We have all these services, but we are all in our corners, but we need to find a way to get it all out of the way and what can I do to help.

**Danny:** All the challenges being covered here today also apply to DuPage County.

### Closing Remarks

Venessa: Thanked the membership for sharing openly and respectfully and we will see everyone next month. Next Westside ROSC Council meeting will be hosted via Zoom June 28, 2024

### **Please Join Us in Building a Sustainable Westside ROSC Council**

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