

WINNEBAGO ROSC

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 7/9/24

ATTENDEES: Erick Williams (Host- EDDR Foundation), Ayanna Brice (EDDR Foundation), Richard Springs (EDDR Foundation ROSC), Danny Sourbis (DuPage ROSC Region 2), Jarett Burton (DuPage ROSC Region 2), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 Technical Assistant Statewide ROSC), Chris Burton (Chairman for Prison Works NAACP), Adam Hartzell (Boone County Health Department, COAR Program Manager), Daniel Castree (Food Pantry Coordinator, Saint Elizabeth Center)

TIME: 10:00 am -11:00 am

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.
- II. ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why it is important to the community? Mission: Building a collaborative community while recognizing multiple pathways to recovery. Vision: to be a resource to the community including persons in recovery, their families, and others.
- III. NAACP Rockford Peace Rally: Peace rally was held in Andrew Park on June 29th. Served the community food and activities, as well as connected them to resources and information. Specifically information related to EDDR was given out. There were some issues with placement of the event, but much of the community was reached. There are already plans for another event in the Fall.
- IV. COAR Program: Works with Boone County residents to help with issues related to mental health, substance use, housing, benefits, and other things. They are both jail based, and community based. Was recently given a grant which prompted them to join ROSC and are now helping to build a collaborative community.
- V. Saint Elizabeth Center: Offers a food pantry five days out of the week to all Winnebago County residents, which they can come to once a month. They also have a clothing closet two days out of the week. Looking to do a soft re-open of their soup kitchen in the fall. Work to connect the community with the resources within the community.
- VI. DuPage ROSC: Have been working as mentors for the Winnebago ROSC over the past few months. This mentorship period has ended, but they are planning on still attending meetings to keep up a

connection and relationship. Their council meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and all are welcome to attend.

VII. Contact and Resources: Erick shared an experience he had with trying to get a friend of his into a treatment center. He was almost unable to be admitted, and only was able to after Erick used his personal contacts and resources to get him through. This gave a new perspective on the importance of ROSC and connecting community with the proper resources.

VIII. Strategic Initiatives

Goal 1: Increase the involvement of family members and other natural supports in the Recovery process of loved ones

Goal 2: Decrease Stigma in the community

Goal 3: Housing

Goal 4: Employment

Goal 5: Transportation

Goal 6: Improve knowledge of recovery events in the community

Goal 7: Build Recovery programs alongside providers

Goal 8: Increase and Maintain ROSC Council

Goal 9: Establish Recovery Support Services for Winnebago County

IX. Additional topics included, upcoming healthcare events, and continued efforts to connect with community. There was also discussion of potential future events for next month. Richard told all people on the meeting to invite anyone who gives out support services to attend the monthly meetings.