

Westside ROSC Council

Lead Agency: Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition

Friday, July 26, 2024

10am – 12pm

[Zoom Meeting Information](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/695761637?pwd=eVVOUzJ1N3VUcXl6WFJzSnVNOVJXdz09>

Meeting ID: 695 761 637 | Password: 038839

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Extended by; Dora Dantzler-Wright: 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: Richard Butts, The Guildhaus; Cristina Banda, Illinois Family Resource Center; Jorge Martinez, Healthcare Alternative Systems (H.A.S); Perrise Thomas, World Vision; Sharon McDaniel, Westcare Illinois; Carlos Freytes, Rincon Family Services; Derrick Sanders, Campaign For Drug Free Westside; Candyce Banford, CRCC; Mary Dowling, West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force; Samantha Adamaitis, individual; Tanya L Johnson, IL Behavioral Health Workforce Center; Nicole Moreno, New Directions Addiction Recovery Services/ A Way Out; Linda Sharp, CPD Police Administration Clerk. CADC, ICDVP; Charlotte A. Estell, Kalimba Foundation; Aimee Rabe, CRCC; Yulanda A Thomas, CRCC; Borris Powell, Malcolm X College; Charlotte A. Estell, Kalimba Foundation

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; Dora Dantzler-Wright: 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 Speaker: ROSC Council Updates | Discussion Pregnant/Postpartum Group | Recovery Month – How Your Organization Can Participate | New Fiscal Updates | Needs Assessment; Presenter: Dora Dantzler-Wright, CRCC

Council Updates by Dora Dantzler-Wright: Reminder that if we do not have an MOU with your organization the council would like to make sure to have an MOU with every organization at this meeting. As a goal of the Westside Council, we will always be working on bringing more speakers like our speaker today and providing needed community education.

Council Updates: Focus Group about Serving Pregnant and Postpartum Women with SUD happening July 29, 2024. This is for Peer Specialists in the council as well as any women that your organizations serve that meet the criteria. It will be located at one of council members location: Association House. Why this is important? This is to develop a peer support specialist curriculum and national credential for peers who are working with this specific target population.

The impact this has on the West Side of Chicago is huge. We no longer have The Women's Treatment Center which was the only one of its kind in Illinois. Women could seek help for their SUD and also have their children with them (crisis nursery/childcare and no



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separation) to increase chances of success as they go through their recovery journey. Doulas that assist moms are so important and are missing as a postpartum goes as long as 2 years post pregnancy. There are services missing for women with not having a facility like Women's Treatment Center.

Participating in this program helps our community because an outcome of our needs assessment always addresses the needs for woman with SUD and children that lack in services. Being active in this as a council is good for our community.

August 31st is Overdose Awareness Day and leads into September National Recovery Month. This is important more so than ever in our nation is because we get a chance to put a face and voice on recovery. This year it is particularly important for Illinois because the national rally for recovery is this year in Chicago.

September is Recovery Month and there will be events happening throughout the US. Here in Illinois, there will be events in our community and there is the National Recovery Rally that is in Chicago on September 21, 2024, at UIC Credit Union 1 Arena. The Rally promotes Recovery for the entire nation to reduce stigma and show that recovery is possible. You can attend, be a volunteer, donate or be a vendor. There will be something for everyone.

For Recovery Month there are resources available for your organization to promote Recovery the entire month. Go to websites like: <https://www.overdoseday.com/> and <https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery-month> and download the toolkit to get images and text that you can use for your organization to celebrate with your participants.

For those that are new to the council we have the needs assessment to fill out and this is vital to the work we do with this council. <https://forms.gle/rmYtSN2zCZBSBsr29>

Discussion Highlight Talking Points:

Dora: It is vital we work together in our community to put a face and voice on recovery to show the public that recovery is just as visible in the community as addiction.

Dora: The Westside ROSC Council will be with the West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force for their event on August 30th.

Everyone: Various Events being shared by council members were discussed as a council.

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 August 23, 2024

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