

Westside ROSC Council

Supporting a Diverse Chicago West Side Community



Membership Protocols

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Abstract

The Recovery Oriented System of Care's adherence to etiquette and precedence regarding the ROSC Council.

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Overview

The Westside ROSC is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that are: people-centered and build on the strength and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to achieve recovery, improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those who are affected by or at risk of substance use and/or mental health disorders.

Protocol is a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to follow in different situations. We can add further that it covers anything that is proper etiquette and not in distaste to other people's opinions or lifestyle choices. We will respect one another and not put forth judgement amongst our peers. We should always display proper respect to anyone that is in recovery at the ROSC council meetings or related events. In no way will we pass judgement or criticize a person for their mental illness or substance use issue.

Our Goals

The 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. 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.

Our Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of each month from 10am-12pm. All monthly meetings are virtual (via Zoom) unless notice is given of a hybrid meeting which will invite members to meet in person and provide the option of still participating via Zoom. All meetings are recorded. The minutes are uploaded to the GSU website.

Our Membership

Recovery-focused organizations, community business organizations, workforce development programs, recovery homes, homeless shelters, community centers, supportive services organizations, government entities/decision makes, police departments, families, individuals in recovery and those interested in learning more about recovery.

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How to Become a Member

1. Attend a ROSC Council monthly meeting and begin to engage with the council.
2. Commit to becoming part of the council and sign a MOU.
3. Become an active ROSC member in the community sharing resources and information about ROSC.

Expectations of the ROSC Council Members?

Endorse the values and general principles of the Westside ROSC Council, as reflected in its strategic plan:

- Be active in the community providing resources for all individuals and families.
- Promote community involvement, multiple pathways to recovery, peer supported recovery, and focus on values, person-centered services, client choice, and health & wellness.
- Participate in (12) twelve learning collaborative ROSC Council meetings per year, in person or via zoom.
- Participate in ROSC activities, such as newsletters, sharing new ideas, data, best practices, and other important, relevant news related to the ROSC.
- Link to the ROSC website from your organization's website.
- Actively initiate and participate in collaborative activities with other ROSC organizations to promote health for all.
- Promote the work of the Westside ROSC Council

Roles and Responsibilities

- It will be every member of the ROSC Council's responsibility to recruit by word of mouth. The ROSC Council will recruit by educating and empowering our communities.
- The council will orientate all new members to create a more educated and productive council.
- Members will attend ROSC Council trainings based on the needs assessment data collected. Council education is vital in addressing stigma surrounding substance use disorders and mental illness in our local community.
- The Council will adhere to the strategic plan and goals to meet our long-term vision of the council and the West Side/Surrounding Chicagoland area we serve as well as meet the grant deliverables.
- Participation is encouraged by all members of the council and anyone from the community is welcome to join at any time. The council is here to provide a voice to people with lived experience and our council is enriched by having these voices present.
- The community needs assessment will be updated annually. Keeping the assessment and strategic plan up to date will be the responsibility of the ROSC Council. The reports will be available to all members of the ROSC Council as well as community members.