

WINNEBAGO EDDR ROSC

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 8/13/24

ATTENDEES: Erick Williams (Host- EDDR Foundation), Halle Berghoff (EDDR Foundation), Richard Springs (EDDR Foundation ROSC), Danny Sourbis (DuPage ROSC Region 2), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 Technical Assistant Statewide ROSC), Anabel Morales (Employment Specialist, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, and Wisconsin Stateline Area, Inc.), Brooke Henderson (Employment Specialist, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, and Wisconsin Stateline Area, Inc.), Sana Siddiqui (Mental Health Coordinator, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office), Jeb O'Rear (CORS Team Lead, Rosencrance Behavioral Health), Scott Lewis (Winnebago County Housing Authority), Jimmie Miller (Community Strategist, Aetna/CVS), Blake Worman (Recover Coach, DuPage County ROSC), Maria (Grupo Lenguaje Del Corazon), Tiara Sims (Reentry Program Manager, Goodwill of Northern Illinois), Michelle Neumann (Aetna/CVS)

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. Invitation to Present: Erick extended an invitation to all of those in attendance, as well as put out a request for other potential organizations, to present at future meetings. He asked for any flyers or information for future events be sent to him in advance so they can be talked about during meetings. Overall, there was a call for more people to come to the meetings and get in connection with the Winnebago ROSC so that future meetings can have guest speakers from the community.
- IV. Upcoming Events: EDDR is hosting an International Overdose Awareness Day Party on August 31st, which is free for all to attend. It is a celebration of life and will have food, non-alcoholic drinks, and board games. There is also the 2024 National Rally for Recovery upcoming on September 21st in

Chicago, which is a major event attended by lots of vendors and with lots of opportunities for education and raising awareness.

- V.** Homelessness in Rockford: Homelessness is a current issue in Rockford, and the members attending the ROSC meeting spoke on the ways that they could potentially help with the situation. Those in attendance shared their own personal experiences as well as resources their organizations offer in relation to helping the unhoused population. They spoke on having stronger mental health services, building a relationship with the unhoused, and creating programs to serve their specific needs.

VI. 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

- VII.** Additional topics included, upcoming community health councils, EDDR providing spaces for any community events that may be hosted, and EDDR's programs they offer. Erick also spoke on setting up a What's App to quickly and easily set people up with the help and referrals they may need.