



# NEAR SOUTH SIDE

## MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION:** Virtual - Zoom

**DATE:** 10/08/2024

**ATTENDEES:** Gloria Prowell (Near South Side Community Coordinator), Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Cristina Banda (IL Family Resource Center), Bahiyyah Khalilallah (Community Outreach Coordinator – Statewide ROSC), Allegra Connors-Nava (Miles Square Health Center), Florence Wright (South Side Heroine/Opioid Task Force), Melissa Wee (Midwest Asian Health Association), Jennifer Jordan (Midwest Asian Health Association), Johanna Gonzalez (IDHS/SUPR), Everett Wilson (A Safe Haven), Ivan Ortiz (Community Members/PLE), Janet Conner (National Caucus Center on Black Aging Inc.), Arieonnia Brown (Alternatives Health Solutions), Omari Moore (Neighborscapes)

**TIME:** 10:30 am -11:30 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.**

**III. Data:** Data included receipt of substance use and mental health treatment in individuals with any mental illness and serious mental illnesses. Data also included how people with SUD are at risk of lower health literacy and how health literacy affects overall health.

**IV. Presentation Guests:**

- Ui Health Miles Square Health Center
- Allegra Connors, Psychiatric-Mental Health Advanced Practice Nurse, Community Psychiatric Nurse,
  - o The presentation included behavioral health services, substance use treatment, and primary medical care for individuals regardless of ability to pay. MAR services include Suboxone and Naltrexone.

**V. ROSC in Action, Deliverables Submitted:** Communication/Outreach Plan, Update Membership Protocols

**VI. Cook County Events and Trainings: OCTOBER EVENTS**

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| 10/8/2024  | Near South Side ROSC Monthly Meeting   |
| 10/10/2024 | Mug of Mindfulness with The Phoenix  |
| 10/15/2024 | Statewide ROSC in-person   |
| 10/16/2024 | Statewide ROSC in-person   |
| 10/22/2024 | ROSC SUD-COE Presentation "Supporting Medicated Assisted Recovery - Mental health and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder", Presented by Rush Hospital's Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence |
| 10/30/2024 | ROSC 101 Re-Air  |

**VII. ROSC Council Member Updates/ Discussion, Questions:**

- Attendees requested a follow up email with INFORMATION AND RESOURCES PRESENTED
- Discussion discussed the need for more methadone programs, medication-assisted recovery, therapy, and primary care, with a focus on comprehensive treatment for substance use and mental health. Gaps discussed include accessible services for justice-involved individuals living with SUD.

**VIII. Adjournment:**