

WINNEBAGO ROSC

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Virtual - Zoom
DATE:	10/8/24
ATTENDEES:	Erick Williams (Host- EDDR Foundation), Halle Berghoff (EDDR Foundation), Richard Springs (EDDR Foundation ROSC), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 Technical Assistant Statewide ROSC), Sana Siddiqui (Mental Health Coordinator, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office), Scott Lewis (Winnebago County Housing Authority), Tiara Sims (Reentry Program Manager, Goodwill of Northern Illinois), Nitro Starling (Jeremiah Development), Bahiyyah Khalilallah (Community Outreach Coordinator, Statewide ROSC), Corey Love-Jones (Fatherhood Coalition Coordinator, Brightpoint), Vincenzo "Enzo" Fiasche (Recovery Coach, Kalimba Foundation Sober Living Homes),
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. Upcoming Events: There is a automotive and mechanic career exploration day on October 15th with Goodwill. Northwest Community Center is celebrating its 75th anniversary on October 26th with a Pancakes and Pianos Sponsorship. A DCFS Accredited Parenting Class and Support Group is starting up on October 17th. And finally, there is the Bridging the Gap and Navigating Mental Illness Together event this upcoming Friday the 11th.
- IV. Bridging the Gap: Erick proposed a question to the group to see what their opinions are on why people aren't taking full advantage of the services available to them as well as how to bridge the gap between communities and services. What resulted was a conversation mainly centered around shame and stigma within communities and how it keeps people from pursuing services they may need. This stigma can come from both internally within the individual and externally from surrounding communities. Ben, Enzo, and Erick all spoke on the push back that recovery houses often receive from the neighborhoods they are located in and how this can keep people from seeking help. There was discussion on how coming together as organizations, proudly owning titles, and raising

awareness within neighborhoods can help fight these issues and hopefully encourage people to get the help they may need.

V. 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

VI. Additional topics included EDDR providing spaces for any community events that may be hosted, and EDDR's programs they offer. Erick also spoke on the success of different organizations presenting to EDDR students, and put an open invitation to those present if they wanted to come and present to students as well.