

Ogle/ DeKalb ROSC Minutes
10/3/2024

Attendees- Gerald Lott (SVVOR), Lauren Metzler (SVVOR), Steven McBride (SVVOR), Ashley (Ampact), Ben Rudolph (State Technical Assistance/ROSC), Marta Jarka (Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center), Melissa Edwards (DeKalb County Health Department), Quortne Hutchings (NIU Assistant Professor), Delphine Hernandez (HOPE of Ogle), Melissa McGraw and Paul Benson (DeKalb Safe Passage).

Gerald Lott

- What has been happening this last month?
- We have been planning Recover Con which will be Saturday, October 12th from 8:00am-6:00pm. Thank you to all you who are sponsoring. We attended the Chicago Recover Rally where over 1500 people showed up. Yesterday I went to Cedar Rapids to Mobilize Recovery. We are also working on the Recovery Farm plan. I've met with the Vice President of student affairs at NIU to talk about the Collegiate Recovery Program. Last month we received 32 referrals. NIU nursing students will be coming to our office October 8th to hear what services we offer and be Narcan trained.

Lauren Metzler

- I've been meeting with some of you this past month and will continue to reach out and meet with everyone. We are looking to do a trial run for a grief meeting beginning on December 18th from 5:30pm-7:30pm, meeting in Dixon at the Riverworks building. This is in partnership with Roberts counseling. We will start with monthly meetings, but may grow to bi-weekly or weekly depending on the need. Starting July 2025 I will start promoting this and opening it to the community.

Gerald

- We have about 150 people who have signed up for Recover Con so far, but we expect over 200. You can find our speaker list and timeline here: <https://www.recover-con.com/>

If planning to attend, please register for the event so you can have a name tag ready for you when you check in.

Steve McBride

- I am the Peer support specialist for Dekalb county. Beginning at 9:00am on Saturday October 19th, we will be holding a men's support group at the Rochelle Recovery Center. This will be every Saturday from 9:00am-10:00am and open to all pathways of recovery.
- There is also a women's meeting every Thursday at the same time and place.

Melissa McGraw

- We are a safe passage helping domestic and sexual violence. October is domestic violence awareness month. We will be hosting vigils October 7th in DeKalb and October 16th in Sandwich. We have also recently hired Paul Benson to help the under-served outreach.

Paul Benson

- I can help provide case information and refer different peers needing support and help. Email address is pbenson@safepassagedv.org and phone number is (815) 756-5228 ext. 135

Marta Jarka

- For national prescription drug takeback day we are having an event on Saturday, October 6th from 10am-2pm. We will be having narcan training and giving out Narcan along with Detera bags to help with proper disposal. Detera bags are bags to dispose of any leftover medications safely in the home. We are booked till December with assessments, but are actively looking to make more room. Our Living Room is active. We would love for more flyers of events and things happening in the community.

Gerald

- Our Sober Night Out is October 25th and at a Haunted House. I will have Steve reach out to you.

Quortne Hutchings

- I've reached out to Dr. Rachel on collegiate recovery. I am also working on a magazine about it with another editor with several articles. I will share more once all has been approved, but should be published March or April 2025. Also working on a grant to help particularly minoritized students needing recovery help. I will be at RecoverCon.

Melissa Edwards

- We have some fentanyl testing strips left for a short time and may not get any more. Please let me know if you would like any.

Gerald

- Narcan stays in your system only 45-90 minutes and then once its effects wear off the person goes back into overdose if they had taken a slow release drug. There is a new drug that is being showcased in Will county that stays in the system for 11 hours. I would like to get it showcased here too.

Delphine Hernandez

- Tonight, we are having our Queen of Hearts drawing at Luna. Rebecca Lottie is our new executive director. Please keep on sending me flyers and information.

Ashley Maki

- We are hosting CIT at DPD on October 8th at 11 am. We are trying to expand our program to reach out to more people. We are dealing with a lot of homeless people, with some who just hangout and drink all day on the streets. We should go out and show our presence and support for them before the winter months.

Gerald

- My team can come out the week after Recover-Con (21-25) to do a walk around and see how we can support them.

Ben Rudolf

- I will be at Recover-Con. I will reach out to Will county to see what the reverse drug is and if we can get it showcased here. I am also on a short vacation this week and next for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Melissa

- I looked up the new reverse drug. The name is Nalmefene hydrochloride.

Marta

- My addiction prevention committee is DCP Safe and we are trying to grow the committee back up since covid. We meet quarterly. Our next meeting is over teams on October 14th. If you would like to join, please contact me, marta.jarka@nm.org