



# NEAR SOUTH SIDE

## MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION:** Virtual - Zoom

**DATE:** 1/14/2025

**ATTENDEES:** Gloria Prowell (Near South Side Community Coordinator), Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Cristina Banda (IL Family Resource Center), Florence Wright (South Side Heroine/Opioid Task Force), Edward Boone (West Side ROSC Council), Kenneth Bell (Region 1 TA), TiJuan Fleming (Alliance Care 360), Leslie Givens (Alliance Care 360), Wanda Ozier (Alliance Care 360), Mimi Tsang (Midwest Asian Health Association), Jennifer Jordan (Midwest Asian Health Association), Ivan Ortiz (PLE & Garfield Park Community Council)

**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 new laws related to the selling of alcohol and tobacco taking effect in 2025, comparison between receiving an SUD diagnoses versus those who have also received a diagnoses and received treatment, and opioid overdose data and the impact of Opioid Response grants.

**IV. Presentation:**

- The meeting highlighted what a ROSC is, including the Near South Side ROSC mission, vision, and FY25 strategic plan.

**V. ROSC in Action, Deliverables Submitted:** Community Assessment / Resource Map due January 30<sup>th</sup>, Community Needs / Resource Assessment due February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

1/7/2025	All-Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health (ISGMH) Northwestern Meeting
1/8/2025	Leadership Essentials (ROSC)
1/6/2025	Bi-Monthly McKinley Park Underage Drinking and Other Substances (McK-UDOS) Coalition Meeting
1/14/2025	Asset Mapping Training (ROSC)
1/22/2025	Taking Care of the Leader: Guarding Your Why to Avoid Compassion Fatigue & Burnout
1/28/2025	2025 Quarterly Recovery Partners Meeting
1/31/2025	Chicago Department of Public Health SUD Coordination Meeting

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

- Participants shared their organizations' services, such as training, bilingual support, and Narcan distribution. Data highlighted 46.3 million Americans with substance use disorders in 2021, with only 14.6% receiving treatment. Concerns were raised about returning citizens, youth relapse education, and the need for more visible recovery resources.
- The meeting emphasized collaboration, education, and addressing gaps such as:
  - **Challenges among youth losing hope after failing to “quit” substance use**
  - **The need for more education on recovery and relapses including the relapse process**
  - **The need for Alateen (AI-Anon) for teens and family members of those in recovery**

**VIII. Adjournment:**