



# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY25

## ABSTRACT

Assessment will include a gap analysis comparing results from the community resource list and the needs identified by the community survey results.

The Near South Side Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Council has assessed its perspective communities (Near South, Armour Square, McKinley Park, and Bridgeport) in order to give an account for the Services provided for those with substance use disorder.

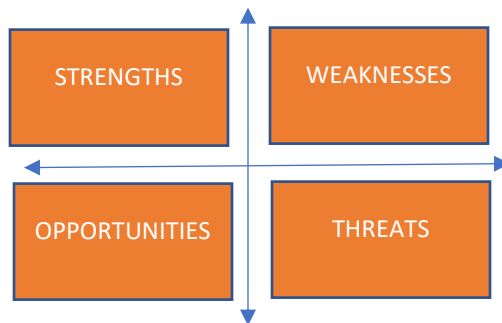
The assessment was completed using a questionnaire format created by the Statewide ROSC which also included 5 additional questions created by NSSR. This questionnaire was sent out electronically, as well as passed out in hard copy form. In addition, the document was sent out in Chinese, Spanish and English. The NSSR pushed to get this document into the hands of stakeholders such as, Police, Aldermen and Alderwomen, Community Organizations and Community members. Although the community is full of resources, the community can benefit from expanding existing mental health and substance use care programs to increase access across the neighborhoods. Also, there is evidence of stigma as well within the community. Additional findings are listed below.

1. One of the biggest findings were number of people who either believed people suffering from substance use disorder or mental illness are not worthy of respect at all or Neither agree/ nor Disagree.
2. Most stakeholders believe Medicated Assisted Recovery is effective for substance use disorder.
3. There was almost a tie between the number of people who believed it is difficult to find providers who offer Medical Assisted treatment and those who neither agree nor disagree.
4. Most people believe Harm reduction services reduce the risk of drug use.
5. There was a close tie between the number of people who believe it is difficult to find harm reduction services like Narcan and those who neither agree or disagree.
6. Most people believe that it is difficult to find mental health services in their community
7. Many respondents believe Government funding for Mental Health and Substance use services needs to be increased.
8. More people believe that it is more difficult to get Mental Health Services and substance use due to income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status
9. Many answered yes to knowing how to access local health and substance use services.
10. Most people answered yes to knowing how to tell when someone is overdosing on drugs.
11. Although there were many people who answered yes to knowing about the ROSC council efforts in their neighborhoods they were just as many people or more who answered "no" and or "I don't know."
12. Majority of survey respondents answered yes to I am aware of my own family and/or friends who may need treatment for drug and alcohol use disorder.
13. Many answered yes to being aware of volunteering opportunities that will help make the community better.

When we look at the survey results and compare it to the resources that have been identified in the community we can see increase promotion and awareness of these resources.....

We believe the community is partially ready to support the ROSC council. We have been fortunate to connect with community organizations that have showed up consistently to assist the ROSC in moving forward to reach our goals. Additionally, we have experienced some lack of interest from other organizations that has shown us that we have to be focused and diligent in expressing our goals and objectives as a council. Below we have our SWOT Analysis which breaks down the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and Threats. Also, the resources and gaps have both been identified below and will be expounded upon in the upcoming strategic plan.

### SWOT Analysis



<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
Detox facility	Lack of community awareness of services
Inpatient & Outpatient facilities	Employment Opportunities
Mentors and role models	Stigma
Partnerships between recovery/non recovery organizations	Housing opportunities
Certified Peer Specialist	Transportation
Residential treatment Facilities	Involvement of Family and community in planning services
Continuing recovery support services	Lack of awareness of Substance use education
Variety of treatment options	Lack of family support education
Grief support	Limited number of providers
Diverse service providers	Knowledge of Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Harm reduction techniques
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
Partnership Collaborations	Funding for Housing
Increase Community Sober events	Lack of family support
Community Education events	Stigmas
Improve the building of partnerships	Lack of employment
More funding/Grants	Resources spread thin
Increase overall outreach to family and other natural supports	

**Some services that are provided are:**

- Intensive Outpatient/Partial Hospitalization
- Outpatient Counseling
- Buprenorphine / Suboxone / Office-based Opioid Treatment
- Residential programs are licensed and accredited and use evidence-based approaches to care.
- Recovery Support Services.
- Drug and alcohol addiction education groups
- Family counseling and education
- Recreational and team building activities12-step education
- Recovery planning, and relapse prevention
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR)
- Recovery Coaching
- Medication Information / Assistance
- Hepatitis C / Viral Hepatitis Resources & Information
- Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Services (Narcan/Naloxone)
- HIV / AIDS Resources & Information
- Vivitrol / Injectable Naltrexone

**There are Mental Health Clinics that offer:**

- Individual therapy
- Family therapy
- School consultations
- Mental health seminars

**Some Gaps that exist are:**

- Transportation
- Housing
- Employment
- Stigma
- Lack of awareness of substance use disorder education
- Lack of Family Support education
- Sober Community Events

**Resources:**

- Marijuana Anonymous Illinois
- Where the heart is
- Midwest Asian Health Association's Community Mental Health Clinic
- Wellness Home Behavioral Health
- Chicago treatment and counseling center
- Insight Hospital and medical center Chicago
- Ashe Counseling Center
- Legacy Healing Center
- Pui Tak Center
- McK-UDOS (through MAHA)
- Oak Street Health Chinatown Primary Care Clinic
- Chinese American Service League
- China Square Clinic
- Access Cabrini Family Health
- Restoration
- New Life Church
- Central Community Church
- Pilsen Wellness Center
- Bridgeport Free Clinic
- Safe Place Counseling
- New Valentine Alano Club
- Ada S. McKinley

We still believe one of the biggest strengths in these communities is their police and community member presence through the CAPS programs, Beat Meetings and Ward nights. Many community members take time to learn what is going on in their neighborhood.

Although we were able to gather information to support the existence of Treatment and Recovery Support services, we did notice that many stakeholders did not have the information that these services existed. The communication and marketing of these services can be strengthened. We also desire to expand ROSC in the community. We have come to believe that the best method to do so is consistency. We plan to continue to show up to meetings that our community organizations are hosting and continue to introduce ourselves and always ask “how can we serve you”? We send out our newsletter to community members monthly and invite them all out to our monthly Zoom calls. We also community organizations individually if they will present at our monthly meetings; we have had several present during our calls this fiscal year. Also, we are seeking to be involved in projects that these organizations are implementing. We have been extended an offer to work with youth who suffer from substance use issues from one of our partners. We will document our progress as we continue our journey and continue to make progress.