



Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 1/29/2024 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Zoom

PRESENTER(S): Angelia F. Smith, Meeting Facilitator

TOPIC: New Year... New Us!...A Lot of Recovery Territory to Cover

ATTENDEES		AFFILIATION	ATTENDEES		AFFILIATION
1	Angelia F. Smith	Cornerstone Lead Fiscal Agency	16	Eula Burge	Proactive Community Services
2	Yvonne M. Orr	ICSC, Partner Agency	17	Capucine Walls	Cornerstone, Workforce Coor
3	Kathryn Straniero	Together We Cope, Partner	18	Christine Cornacchia	Together We Cope
4	Kamil Walton	Cornerstone, Deputy Director	19	Katie Huffman	Together We Cope
5	April Haymond	HHI, Network Coord	20	Latrina Silas	IL Family Resource Center
6	Leonard Noble	Cornerstone, Workforce Dev Dir	21	Denise Jones	Tender Touch, Executive Dir
7	Kami Garrison	Statewide ROSC TA – Region 3	22	Yasmeen Hismeh	Together We Cope
8	Bridgett Carter	Carter & Carter, Consultant	23	Marianne Bithos	NAMI South Suburbs
9	Lamont Wallace	ICSC; Cornerstone Comm Navigator	24	Kenneth Brown	Proactive Community Services
10	May Salman	Together We Cope	25	Kenneth W. Bell	Region 1 TA
11	Maya Hardy	United Way of Metro Chicago	26	Jordan Steward	ICSC; Cornerstone Comm Navigator
12	Souheir Rahman	Together We Cope	27	Bahiyah Talilala	Comm Outreach Coord, Statewide ROSC
13	Neesha Stringfellow	HLM Recovery Will Grundy ROSC	28	James Hoskins	PLE, Cornerstone lab
14	Andrea Coletta	Together We Cope	29	Ed Boone	PLE, ICSC; Volunteer: Comm Surveying
15	Eula Burge	Proactive Community Services	30		

MEETING SUMMARY: Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Council Meeting

The Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Council Meeting faced challenges due to the absence of the lead and a technical assistant. Participants included representatives from various organizations like Cornerstone, Together We Cope, and NAMI. The meeting emphasized the importance of the community survey, which aims to identify service gaps and demographic needs. The survey, which includes questions on respect for substance users and harm reduction services, has faced some confusion and will be reviewed for next year. The council also discussed asset mapping to enhance service coordination and upcoming events, including a black cultural connection event in March. The meeting concluded with updates on federal grant freezes affecting reimbursements and advocacy efforts. **Angelia** leads introductions and goes around the screen for each person to introduce themselves.

Survey Distribution Outreach & Updates

- Angelia introduced various ways SRC could develop and evaluate strategies to conduct an effective community survey to inform the Southland Recovery Council's initiatives moving forward. She noted and discussed the importance of the community survey and its impact on identifying service gaps and focusing on community needs.
- She went over the survey with attendees and gathered talking points from ROSC Members.
- Angelia mentions the use of incentives like gift cards and token gifts to encourage survey completion.
- Kathy Straniero shared her methods for engaging seniors in the survey process, including bingo and senior lunches.
- Yvonne highlighted the importance of asset mapping and the need for more participation from churches, community service organizations, and individuals with lived experience.



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Key Discussion Points:

- Purpose of the Survey: The survey includes questions on respect for people who use drugs, respect for people with mental illness, and opinions on harm reduction services.
 - Understand community needs and priorities for recovery efforts.
 - Gather data on economic, social, and environmental concerns.
 - Foster community engagement and inclusivity.
- May explains the challenges of collecting data within the given timeframe and the need to meet state deliverables.
- Ed Boone raises concerns about the short window for completing the community survey.
- Johanna mentions the possibility of making revisions to the survey questions for next year based on feedback. She also shares the importance of accurate data collection and the need for community input.

Action Items

- Reach out to Johanna Gonzalez offline to discuss potential modifications to the wording of the community survey questions.
- Share the NAMI South Suburbs mental health program flyer with the group.
- Continue aggressive outreach efforts to get community members to complete the ROSC community survey.
- Finalize the asset mapping for the ROSC, focusing on expanding participation from additional sectors. In the next meeting, we must ensure that we highlight the importance of asset mapping and the need for more participation from various sectors to provide comprehensive services.

General Announcements

- Yvonne mentioned “*Black Cultural Connections*” an event planned for March 26, hosted by SRC, Together We Cope, Indigenous Community Service Center, and Higher Heights Initiative. The event will feature discussions on racial injustices, equality, and the challenges of being uninsured.
- Register here> <http://bit.ly/blkcultureconnect326>
- Angelia announced Marianne Bithos as the guest speaker for February, focusing on mental health awareness.

Next Steps:

- Reconvene to start planning for Asset Mapping due in February; SRC partners will discuss further.
 - Next ROSC Council meeting: Wed., Feb, 26th at 9:30am – Marianne Bithos, NAMI South Suburban Chicago, Guest Speaker
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ROSC COUNCIL

(Recovery Oriented Systems of Care)

Virtual

Standing Monthly Meeting

FYI: SRC ROSC Council Meetings occur the last Wednesday of every month via Zoom unless noted in the schedule.

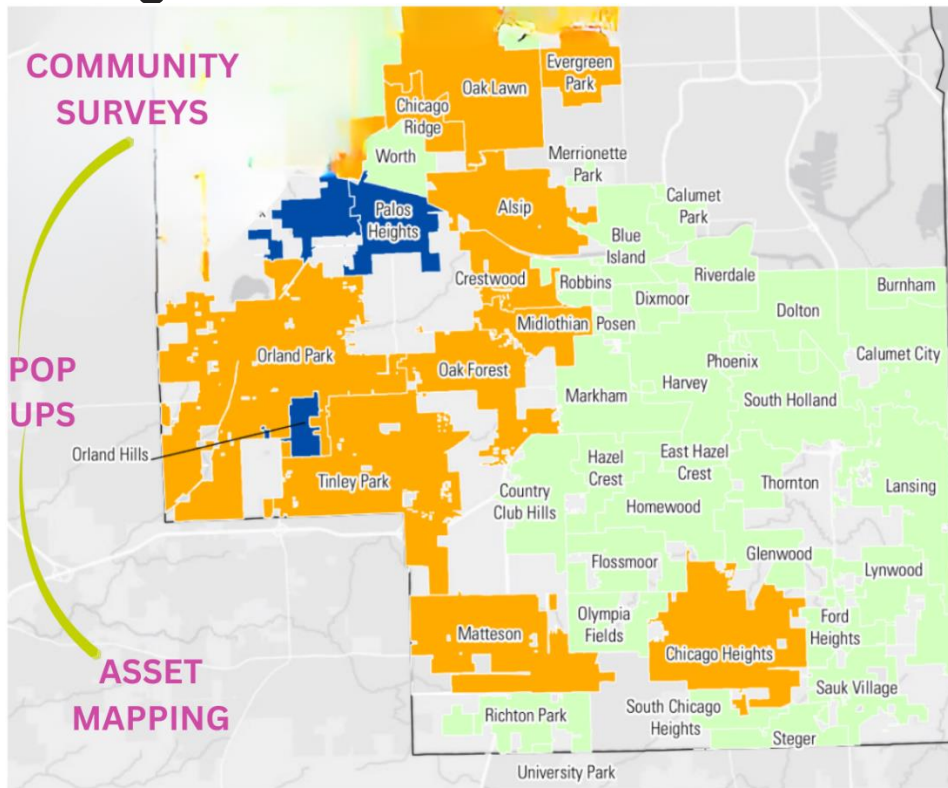
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 | 9:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.



New Year... New Us!
+ A Lot of Recovery Territory to Cover
Discovering What's on the Other Side of the Wall



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Indigenous Community Service Center • Together We Cope (Partner Agencies)



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Community Assessment Survey

Getting to Understand Recovery Needs in the Southland

The Southland Recovery Coalition (SRC) would like to thank you for your willingness to complete this brief survey. SRC seeks to identify barriers to essential resources in our community to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery. Now we want to know what that means for you!

The purpose of this survey is to measure public opinion on issues related to recovery. The information collected helps SRC to identify areas for improvement in our recovery awareness efforts to benefit the Southland community. Your responses are confidential, so please answer the questions honestly and to the best of your ability.

Thank you for completing this survey!

<https://bit.ly/SRCsurveyFY25>



TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!



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PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE PER QUESTION.

People who use drugs deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

People with a mental illness deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders (e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) is an effective treatment for substance use disorders.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
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- 4-Agree
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It is difficult to find healthcare providers who offer Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders (e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
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- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and substance use disorders.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
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- 5-Strongly Agree

Everyone in my community can get help for mental health regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.

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- 4-Agree
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Demographic Information

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over

Income level:

- Prefer not to say
- Under \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-and over

Gender:

- Prefer not to self-identify
- Male
- Female
- Gender Fluid
- Nonbinary

Location:

County: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please name the community you live in:

Ethnicity:

- Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic or Latino

Race:

- African American/Black
- Asian
- Caucasian/White
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

Primary Language: English Spanish

Other (specify) _____

GIVE BACK THROUGH VOLUNTEERING WITH US!

If you're interested in volunteering with SRC, please provide your email to receive more information about our ROSC Council and community events.

Name: _____ Email address: _____



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BLACK CULTURAL CONNECTIONS



WEDNESDAY
MAR 26TH
9:00 to 11AM
Registration
8:15 - 8:45 AM

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

presents

SURVIVAL OF THE "FITTEST": CREATING A NEW STRATEGIC MINDSET

A guided conversation about the state of mental illness, health, and social injustice in our communities.

REGISTER > <http://bit.ly/blkcultureconnect326>

Hosted at: Cornerstone Community Development Corporation
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Chairman Dr. Fred Hampton, Jr.



Felicia M. Houston
MA, LCPC, CWA



Myron Graham
LCSW



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