

WINNEBAGO ROSC

MEETING MINUTES

- LOCATION:** Virtual - Zoom
- DATE:** 02/11/25
- ATTENDEES:** Erick Williams (Host- EDDR Foundation), Halle Berghoff, (EDDR Foundation), Richard Springs (EDDR Foundation ROSC), Miracle Cooper (EDDR Foundation), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 Technical Assistant Statewide ROSC), Scott Lewis (Winnebago Country Housing Authority), Nitro Starling (Jeremiah Development Outreach Specialist), Lisa Sargent-Davis (CVS/Aetna Community Facing), Michelle Neuman (Aetna Community Strategist), Johanna Gonzales (ROSC IDHS/SUPR), Jimmie Miller (Aetna/CVS), Sana Siddiqui (Winnebago County Jail Mental Health Coordinator), Bahiyyah Khalilallah (SROSC Community Outreach Coordinator), Janet Campbell (Independent Contractor), Chris Burton (Rosecrance Community Outreach Specialist, Prison Works NAACP Chairman)
- 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. Guest Introductions: We took time going around the meeting to introduce ourselves and our organizations. There was also a call to present at future meetings if anyone was interested.
- IV. Upcoming Events: Nitro Starling spoke on her upcoming Love Rockford 2025 Event, which is a space for community members to connect with the resources available to them. Christ Burton spoke on the NAACP's Annual Black History Month celebration, and highlighted many of the young artists who will be performing there, as well as guests who will be honored. The Winnebago County Fatherhood Mini-Summit had to be postponed due to poor weather, but will be a space for community members to connect in order to help support fathers within Winnebago County.

V. Open Discussion: Erick then opened a discussion regarding the future of many non-profit organizations, with concerns to cuts in federal funding. He emphasized the importance of spaces like the ROSC and stressed how now more than ever organizations need to collaborate. A few people chimed in to share their feelings and how they are doing what they can to prepare themselves best for an uncertain future. Everyone agreed that the most important thing is to continue to focus on helping those we can and building a stronger network of resources for the Winnebago County community.

VI. 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

VII. Additional topics included EDDR providing spaces for any community events that may be hosted, and EDDR's programs they offer.