

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Rosc Monthly GBPS Meeting **Date and Time:** April 28 , 2025, 12:31 PM CDT
(Meeting started) **Location:** Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

- Bamani Obadeli (Coordinator)
- Kenneth Bell (Statewide ROSC, Technical Assistant Region One)
- June Reed (Executive Director, Sylvester House Enterprises)
- Marvell Singletary (Site Supervisor, Acclivus)
- Carolyn Wadlington, EdD (Intern, Grand Boulevard Prevention Services)
- Yolanda Woods (Intern, Grand Boulevard Prevention Services)
- Stacy Munroe (Working on the ROSC)
- Cecilia Butler
- Aimee Potter (VA)
- Nygeria Slayden-Figgers (Laura, Executive Director, Grand Boulevard Prevention Services)
- Narestus S Coley MSW LSW (Lawrence Hall)
- Edward Boone (West Side ROSC)
- Zoom user (identified as June Reed)
- 17734801002 (identified as Cecilia Butler)

Absent: (CPS partners were mentioned as not being on the call)

Agenda Items and Discussion:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Bamani Obadeli welcomed everyone to the annual ROSC monthly meeting (Recovery Oriented Systems of Recovery).
- Participants introduced themselves and shared their current feeling on a scale of 1 to 10.
- Attendees were reminded to sign in via the chat, providing their name and organization.

2. Upcoming Events:

- Bamani Obadeli inquired about upcoming events from organizations present.
- An event from CPS partners was anticipated but they were not on the call.
- Bamani Obadeli announced a successful Narcan and fentanyl strip testing giveaway in the Fuller Park community, in partnership with a local business owner.

3. Presentation by Sylvester House Enterprises:

- Nygeria Slayden-Figgers introduced June Reed, the Executive Director of Sylvester House Enterprises.
- June Reed presented on her upcoming residential facility for single women, returning citizens, and survivors of sexual violence on the south side of Chicago (65th and Vernon), with a target opening date in June.

- The facility will offer stable housing and connect residents with resources for recovery, reentry, job readiness, mental health support, and eventual independent housing.
 - June Reed shared her personal connection to substance use and her motivation for this work.
 - The program will be a mix of recovery-focused and reentry support.
4. **Lawrence Hall - Hopes Program:**
- Narestus S Coley MSW LSW of Lawrence Hall shared information about the Hopes program, which supports returning citizens (ages 16-99) with hospitality and culinary arts training.
 - The program is located at their South Shore location.
 - A flyer with contact information will be shared.
5. **Grand Boulevard Prevention Services Updates:**
- Laurel Taylor-Dudley highlighted upcoming summer events and potential youth work opportunities.
 - She emphasized the role of the ROSC Council in bringing agencies together to support recovery and providing information on available services.
 - An invitation was extended to Lawrence Hall to become a member of the council.
 - The importance of verifying the operational status of referred service providers was discussed.
6. **Strategic Plan and Sober Events:**
- Stacy Munroe discussed Goal 6 of the strategic plan: strengthening prevention and early intervention efforts.
 - A key activity is to develop and implement sustainable, safe, and sober community events.
 - They are also enhancing youth substance use prevention efforts, providing resources to parents and schools.
 - Volunteers were requested to help with planning sober events, potentially starting in the fall. Interested individuals were asked to put their name in the chat or email Bamani Obadeli, Stacy Munroe, or Nygeria Slayden-Figgers.
7. **Upcoming Announcements:**
- Marvell Singletary announced a job fair hosted by Acclivus on Monday, May 12th, at 8350 South Cottage Grove (Discover Center), encouraging attendees to bring resumes, ID, and social security cards. A flyer will be shared.
 - Edward Boone from West Side ROSC invited everyone to their May 23rd Zoom meeting at 10:00 AM, celebrating women in recovery and reentry. CEUs will be offered, and an invitation will be sent.
 - Kenneth Bell commended the recent ROSC for meeting and announced the next monthly meeting for all Cook County ROSC Councils on Tuesday, May 27th.

Decisions Made:

- Lawrence Hall will share a flyer about their Hopes program.
- Grand Boulevard Prevention Services will share a flyer about the Acclivus job fair.
- Edward Boone will send out an invitation to the West Side ROSC meeting on May 23rd.

Action Items:

- **Narestus S Coley:** Send flyer and contact information for the Lawrence Hall Hopes program to Bamani Obadeli.
- **Bamani Obadeli:** Share the Hopes program flyer with meeting attendees.
- **Bamani Obadeli:** Share the Acclivus job fair flyer with meeting attendees.
- **Edward Boone:** Send out an invitation to the West Side ROSC meeting on May 23rd to meeting attendees.
- **Interested Attendees:** Contact Bamani Obadeli, Stacy Munroe, or Nygeria Slayden-Figgers if they are interested in volunteering to plan sober events.
- **Kenneth Bell:** Send out communications regarding the Cook County ROSC Councils meeting on May 27th.

Next Steps:

- Follow up on action items listed above.
- Continue planning for summer events and youth prevention efforts by Grand Boulevard Prevention Services.
- Further discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding with Sylvester House.
- Grand Boulevard Prevention Services to share information on their service area at the next meeting.