

GBPS ROSC Council Meeting

Quick recap

The monthly Ross meeting began with attendance updates and check-ins from various community partners, with most participants reporting moderate engagement levels. The meeting highlighted significant achievements of the Ross Council over their two-year impact, including strengthened partnerships, harm reduction activities, and community engagement through various events. Multiple program updates were shared regarding youth services, street outreach initiatives, and upcoming community events, with specific focus on violence prevention, substance abuse awareness, and mental health workshops planned for Washington Park.

Next steps

- [!\[\]\(f15d3c54be60b4fd0ce1da9fb3f67256_img.jpg\) Stacy to look up and provide the exact number of Narcan distributed by the Ross Council.](#)
- [!\[\]\(7bf135d42c40a6430c927b2fd03d7659_img.jpg\) Laurel to send out job postings for youth employment coordinator and job coaches for ages 16-24.](#)
- [!\[\]\(2bcc37677ea6b96900e4d746ad300082_img.jpg\) Obadelli to follow up with Marvell Singletary about scheduling a date for the Narcan and food giveaway partnership with Fuller Park.](#)
- [!\[\]\(b62812e390f75b509ead0f847e76b4ce_img.jpg\) Latrina Silas to put her contact information in the chat for potential collaboration.](#)
- [!\[\]\(702f396a3c354a80d179cf62e75a5343_img.jpg\) Ross Council partners to set up information tables at the Family Fun Day event in Washington Park on Saturday, June 28th.](#)
- [!\[\]\(c4a9e26ffee79396bf5db4da66793f2a_img.jpg\) GBPS to have a representative attend the Region One monthly Ross meeting on June 27th at 2 PM via Zoom.](#)
- [!\[\]\(05829f1dfede3fb516a7a7a32441dc04_img.jpg\) Obadelli to send out email notifications about the proposed in-person meeting on July 28th at 5410 South State Street.](#)
- [!\[\]\(eacad74b03a8da6fc0adc9238f9330a0_img.jpg\) Obadelli to send out a flyer for the upcoming sober event in July once approved.](#)

Summary

Ross Monthly Prevention Services Meeting

The monthly Ross meeting began with Bamani Obadelli, the Grand Boulevard Prevention Services Ross coordinator, welcoming attendees and reminding them to sign in via chat. Participants checked in on a scale from 1 to 10, with most reporting feeling around 8 or 8.5 due to the hot weather. Laurel mentioned finding necessary information, while Destiny checked in at 7.5. The meeting continued with discussions and updates, though some partners were absent, including representatives from CPS and community member Miss Walton.

Ross Council's Two-Year Impact Review

Stacy reported on the Ross Council's two-year impact, highlighting their success in strengthening partnerships across sectors, promoting harm reduction activities through community events, and elevating community voices. The council has conducted over 15 events in Fuller Park, Douglas, Grand Boulevard, and Washington Park, distributing Narcan and fentanyl strips while engaging residents. Looking ahead, Stacy mentioned plans to develop sober events and increase advocacy for more service providers in under-resourced communities. The council has also prevented at least two overdoses and is running out of Narcan supplies.

Youth Violence Prevention Collaborations

Laurel discussed the extensive collaborations and partnerships Grand Boulevard Prevention Services has established, including work with various community organizations, schools, and government representatives to address youth violence and substance use. She highlighted their ongoing efforts in prevention, intervention, and outreach, mentioning upcoming employment services for youth aged 16 to 24 and a potential basketball camp to foster community unity. Destiny shared details about the Washington Park Community Partners Coalition, a Drug-Free Communities Coalition, which focuses on youth substance use prevention and awareness, and has organized events like a community peace fair and a national night out.

Coalition Activities and Partnership Planning

GBPS discussed the Coalition's activities, including capacity building with members and an upcoming event planning meeting. Nicole from Regeneration Schools mentioned they are on summer break and providing support. Marvell from Fuller Park inquired about a potential partnership for a food and Narcan giveaway, which Laurel addressed, noting a need to discuss specific dates and logistics.

Street Outreach Program Update

Latrina Silas, a women, youth, and family service specialist, introduced herself and expressed interest in the community outreach and prevention services discussed during the meeting. Laurel provided an update on the street outreach program, mentioning that it meets every Tuesday and Thursday at their office, with a team of three street outreach workers and a part-time coordinator. The program is still in its early stages and is awaiting training from activists to ensure effective collaboration with the community and law enforcement.

Youth Programs and Violence Prevention

Laurel discussed various programs including CDC, Atlas, anesthesia R3, and youth employment initiatives, emphasizing the importance of listening to youth voices and providing summer employment opportunities. She mentioned a baseball team program at Washington Park operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 PM. Stacy provided details about the R3 violence prevention program, which has enrolled 70 youth and offers social-emotional learning classes and martial arts programs at Mount Carmel Academy, along with baseball activities and community outreach efforts.

Washington Park Weekend Events

Cecilia announced two events happening this Saturday at Washington Park: a "Thriving Through Change" teens mental health workshop from 12-4 PM for ages 13-18, and a Family Fun Day also from 12-4 PM featuring various coalition organizations with information tables. She also confirmed that the next Late Night Basketball event, sponsored by the city of Chicago, will take place on July 5th (the Saturday after July 4th) at the Washington Park Fieldhouse.

Event Planning and Meeting Coordination

The meeting discussed an upcoming event at Washington Park on Saturday, where Nicole will set up a table with information. The group also planned the next monthly meeting for July 28th at 12:30 PM, which will be held in person at Grand Boulevard Prevention Services' garden. GRCC's announced they would organize a sober event in July and would send out a

flyer once approved. Additionally, it was noted that there would be a Region One monthly meeting via Zoom at 2 PM the following day, with GBPS ensuring representation.