

Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition
Westside ROSC- ISN 2/26/2021 Meeting Minutes

10:00am-12:00pm
Via Zoom Online

- Welcome extended by; *Dora Dantzer-Wright, Executive Director*

Expressed appreciation for members present, and continued support, and to those who were attending ROSC meeting for the first time.

- **Dora Wright:** Chicago Recovering Communities Coalitions co-founder, shared the continuing mission and vision of CRCC of year two, and the ways in which the organization has grown building relationships to strengthen the network of recovery in the Austin Community. She provided ROSC overview : Reminded all and orientated first time attendees on the purpose of West side ROSC Council work that is 1) centered around supporting individuals in their recovery by 2) providing counseling, 3) transitional supports, and 3) information to address healthy living, and 4) building of network of community stakeholders, community SUD providers, peer advocates, and volunteers to increase visibility and reduce stigma's preventing addicts and affected families from seeking recovery.
- Introductions to all individuals were made: **CRCC, Westside Heroin Opioid Task Force, CLICK Services, Association House of Chicago, Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery, Bethel New Life, Haymarket, To Walk In My Shoes, and Phoenix Recovery Support Services.**
- **Organization Overview: Dora Wright West side Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Council.** The westside ROSC Council was created in September of 2018. Recovery Oriented Systems of Care is a coordinated network of community-based services working together. ROSC Councils will assist the community by building on the strengths and resilience of individuals and families to achieve abstinence and improve health, wellness and quality of life for those with or at risk of alcohol and drug problems or who struggle with mental illnesses. Our goals and responsibilities are to build a community culture that nurtures recovery by collaborating with other community members, A Recovery oriented system of care. Achieve authenticity by valuing all areas of the community and all paths of recovery. Promote the needs of the recovery community and promote infrastructure development through training and education. Respect the sustainability of the ROSC by actively participating in Council meetings and activities and maintaining current information. Also recognize that community ROSC councils are part of a larger statewide network. ROSC community assessment.
- **What is the Assessment:** The community needs assessment was developed using a social model approach placing emphasis on the importance making sure the entire community knows what recovery looks like and how to support recovery through the continuum of care. The focus of this assessment was in the areas of substance use

prevention/ mental health, early intervention, long term recovery, recovery support, peer support, employment, recovery housing, permanent housing, re-entry and legal. Westside ROSC identified gaps, and strengths in resources and or the absence of resources needed which will be addressed throughout this assessment to enhance those who are in recovery, family friends and over-arching community.

- **Outcome of the Assessment:** We can get direct community input as to what is needed in happen on the Westside to have positive impact. When we roll out services that will inform the programs, we provide to the Westside community. The input is instrumental and direct what we do in this council as it provides the gaps. The community voice is heard and directs what we provide in the community.
- **Dora Danzler- Wright.** This is pertinent to the work we are doing in the council, in the RCO, in recovery support services. It is important that we understand this information to better do our jobs and practice it on the front lines every day.

Meeting was adjourned by Dora Wright, and encouraged all to take information gained, thoughts they may have and share with others, and if members knew of individuals who wanted to volunteer at upcoming events let him know.

Next Westside ROSC Council meeting will be hosted via Zoom on March 26, 2021.

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A Sustainable Westside ROSC Council

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