

Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition
Westside ROSC- ISN 1/22/2021 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Expressed appreciation for members present, and continued support, and to those whom 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 8 individuals were made: **CRCC, Association House of Chicago, Institute for non-violence, Bethel New Life, Northwestern Medicine, Father Secure, Illinois Association of Extended Care, Faith way Men Independent Living Facility.**
- **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.
- **Tony Patrick (Intern CRCC):** Spoke on his experience in the Austin community. He agreed with Dora that the community means a lot to him. Tony was diligent enough to go out and pass PPE in the pandemic. He seen a lot of people without PPE which made him strongly advocate for it just because these are his people, even kids were walking around without mask. He appreciates Dora and John for giving him the opportunity to give back.

He mentioned one of the many places he went to with John and seen a lot of devastation. John told him we need to be out here to help these people cause of the services CRCC provides. When John made that statement, Tony said right at that second, he made his mind up that no matter the place or how bad it may look he need to be a part of this fight for his people. He had to put himself in those people shoes because if was not for someone else he would not be at the place he is today, a part of the organization. Tony concluded that he understands what the organization really stands for with the services. He is grateful. Dora asked Tony how difficult it was to navigate recovery services in the community. He replied that it was difficult for him because he did not know which organization had the best services he needed until CRCC. Dora asked what he think that they can do at CRCC to help people in recovery. He replied keep doing the good work by people, the services are excellent and keep promoting.

- **Les:** He first thanked Dora and John for the work they do everyday and not only the work but most importantly their consistency. He is not ashamed to be in long term recovery. We need more troopers and warriors to help this fight that is not afraid. He mentioned for example at the hospitals when patients come in for assistance if it is not trauma related, they will not even keep them most times. Most people have some form of substance abuse that triggered something else off. He strongly suggested that will need more advocates in the hospitals to inform people about the services these different agencies provide like CRCC. Even facilities barriers like insurance people that do not have the proper insurance should still be able to be prepped until they get in these services. Give the people more resources and options that may motivate them to do better and get focused. Also, he mentioned in most cases after serving victims they have other underline issues such as substance and mental illness, but if we have more people to commit this thing would go far.
- **Francisco:** Being open minded and honest. Monitoring and learning how things affect him and the people around him. Anything he can do extra to help the community he willing to help cause that is the right thing to do. He mentioned someone reached out to him by the name of Patrick who wants to start the first CDC here in the state of Illinois with the help or our mayor and a grant. This will help the people who has preexisting diabetes issues. He recognized we are in a pandemic and opioid pandemic so still being open minded and honest about everything. Moving forward he wants to make a difference in the Austin community, but he can not do it alone. He concludes that he is committed to the people in recovery and willing to learn and do more training to be a successful recovery coach.
- **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 February 26, 2021.

*Please Join Us in Building
A Sustainable Westside ROSC Council*

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