

**Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition  
Westside ROSC- ISN 5/28/2021 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 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 Westside 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, Bethel New Life, CLICK Services, Cook County Department of Public Health, Herbert Ballard Foundation/Gerald's House**
- **Organization Overview: Dora Wright Westside ROSC 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.

**Recovery Support Services**

**People with Lived experiences of Recovery**

- **Francisco:** The dimensions of learning sponsorship, mentorship, and relationships. Before working with CRCC he mentioned being incarcerated, experienced homelessness because of the use of alcohol and drug use, he felt like there was no purpose. Keeping his

recovery upfront by first starting with yourself. You must work on self before you start transmitting information to others. Also, he mentioned learning about Narcan treatment, CEUS, to continue to gain knowledge, asking questions, supervision, confidentiality, ethics, and the structure of all recovery meetings. These were all tools to help Francisco be a successful recovery coach. Learning Opioid prevention, stigma, shame and guilt, and trauma. Demographics, grants, proposals, PPE, and resources. All these things are The Role to Recovery.

- **April:** Made the choice not to waste any more time and started journey while in prison. Before going to prison she already had a couple years of being clean which made her more motivated. She mentioned taking courses such as drug education, 18 months of residency, and writing. When she got out of prison is when she was introduced to BCOR which helped her get back involved with the community. The BCOR program helped her get grounded back into a normal life. Also being able to supply clients with the resources they need for a successful recovery. Working as a client and house manager you learn a lot about the different roles in your community. Also, being able to talk about things that is going on in the house and being guided by Venessa so that her work can be sufficient. This helped her look at things in a way of expanding her recovery by getting a sponsor and therapist. Along with these groups like BCOR it helped her get mode. She mentioned learning about being professional, Narcan, being able to save a life, and helping people understand they can trust you with their information.

**Dora Danzler- Wright.** People with live experienced to have a voice. 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 June 24, 2021.

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

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