

**Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition
Westside ROSC- ISN 7/22/2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

- **Welcome Extended by; Venessa Moreno:** Expressed appreciation for members present, and continued support, and to those who were attending ROSC meetings for the first time. Also mentioned that from now on ROSC will be offering CEU's.
- **Goals and Objectives by; Venessa Moreno:** Westside ROSC Councils overall goal is to advocate and assist with guiding and monitoring the development of an integrated system of recovery by creating a shared vision to improve availability of services by building a sustainable ROSC Council. Our objectives 1. To create communities of recovery that encourage and integrate resources for the recovering individual, families, and friends. 2. Develop supportive recovery communities that foster growth, respect and understanding of those who have identified problems in the areas of substance use and mental health. 3. Implement effective communication that will allow for inclusion of PLE's (persons with lived experience) voices to be heard.
- **Participant Introductions:** *CRCC, Wright Way Association, Rush University, West Care, C.L.I.C.K Services, West Side Heroin/ Opioid Task Force, Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center, Better Behavioral Choices Inc., DVA Leadership & Development, Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery, South Side Task Force, Serenity House, Perfectly Flawed Foundation, Guildhaus, Westside Health Authority/Good Neighbor Campaign, PCC Wellness Center.*
- **Speaker 1: Francisco Yanez, Event Planner for Bethel New Life (BNL) and Consultant for Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition.**
Francisco started with the vision and mission to strengthen families, providing programs and initiatives that will prepare individuals on health and wellness for all stages of life. BNL is built of a board of supporters, president, Finance Department, Facilities, Staff, Clinical Health Workers, Programs Manager, Events Manager.

We also have immediate partners on site and location

- *Beth Anne Place*
- *Evergreen Health*
- *Asbury health*
- *Mary Crane Molade*
- *Early Education*
- *U of I Extension*
- *Entrepreneurs Academy*
- *Project Exploration-youth, community, and re-entry*
- *I Can Ministries*
- *Build INC*
- *Snap and Ban Site-Greater Food Depository, Pantries Vouchers*

We offer a plethora of on-site and location resources and collaboratives to help our community evolve. Our events a safety policy, community collaborative and Celebration of life has been that place to start and build new relationships. Walk-ins are welcome for anyone wanting to get involved in, needing resources or collaborations

- **Speaker 2: Jarrett Burton, Coordinator for DuPage County ROSC**
 - *Vision and mission There is a need in DuPage County for sober housing but education and advocacy is the biggest thing because the people in DuPage county are not so sold on the idea so collaboration is very important to help break down the stigma.*
 - *We want to build a culture of recovery; we want to do this by building a healthy community of productive and positive individuals.*

Our council make up members include. Hospitals, Treatment Centers, Mental Health Facilities, First Responders, Recovery Programs, Schools, Local Government, Employment Agencies, and importantly persons with lived experience.

- We offer quarterly trainings for recovery coaching we've trained over 40 individuals in our first year.
- We cover topics on harm reduction, dual diagnosis, leadership in recovery, stigma reduction, sober living, specialized treatment for LGBTQ and more
- We offer opioid overdose kits
- We work with Just DuPage for re-entry
- We have collaborated with Serenity House to teach prevention education in the schools in DuPage County

Our goals are to:

1. Partner with first responders to deploy coaches and ROSC members.
2. Partner with the health departments on the creation of anonymous self-serve Narcan machines at local hospitals.
3. Plan public events in collaboration with partner organizations visibility helps us with stigma reduction, recovery café has offered to collaborate with DuPage ROSC.

Closing comments were from Venessa opening floor for any announcements and reminding everyone to leave any information of upcoming events in the chat. lastly, she thanked both presenters and all attendees meeting was adjourned.

Next Westside ROSC Council meeting will be hosted via Zoom August 26, 2022

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

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