
Creating a community that embraces and cultivates recovery while reducing the stigma of substance use disorders and mental health

Minutes Lake County ROSC Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 25th, 2022 Time: 10:30 am – 12:00p

Location: Virtual Zoom

I. Call to Order: Dr. Mary Roberson E.D. NIRCO

Sectors in attendance:

Individuals that live in the community
Local hospital system(s)
Law enforcement
Local business owner(s)
Local government & policy makers
Persons with lived experience
SUD Prevention Provider(s) SUD Intervention Provider(s)
SUD Treatment Provider(s) SUD Peer Recovery Support Services Provider(s)

II. Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introduction
- LCRC updates
 - Recovery Advisory Committee
 - Statewide Recovery Partners
- Council Presenter/Jaseem Answer, Ph D. Global Executive Council Services
- Mental Health Clinic
- Q&A
- Announcements: Councils attendees

III. Council Presentation:

Jaseem Answer- The Managing Director of Global Executive Council Services. He's also a scientist/toxicologist consultant with GECS. The last 16 years he has served the people as a non-profit organization. The foundation is Islamic. Global Executive Council Services is a not for profit Tax-Exempt 501 (c) 3 multi-cultural organization established in 2016 with a mission. There they have a free clinic in Libertyville, distribute food boxes, provide Covid testing, vaccinations, donation

drive, clothing drive for the refugees, and created the Social Justice Task force for the brutal murder of George Floyd.

Their mission is to empower and educate women, minorities, and immigrants to excel in their lives, careers, and businesses.

Primary area of operation are as follows:

To provide job and business expansion opportunities to minorities, women and immigrants.

Services:

Workforce development- Take steps toward a better future

Social services – There certified and trained social workers assist clients in applying for various forms of government assistance, including Medicare, Supplemental insurance, Extra help, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, Disability Benefits, SSI, Etc....

Small business and Entrepreneurship – Entrepreneurship Program are designed to help small business in expanding their connections through our business networking and one-on-one consultation

Mental Health Program – the behavioral program designed to help clients to find a safe environment where they can feely and safely express their needs

Referral services- GEC works diligently and actively collaborate with other service providers in Chicago Metropolitan area in order to support, connect, and link our clients to services that they desire outside GEC.

IV. Old Business
N/A

VI New Business:

VII. Announcements:

- Dr. Mary shared about the over does rates in Lake County. NIRCO, NICASA and other entities offer NARCAN, and NARCAN training to organizations if needed.
- NIRCO is doing a Block -by-Block series to involve the community in with the safety of our community when it comes to the use of opioids.
- NIRCO, and NICASA, also has fentanyl strips to encourage using individual to test their product to prevent overdose.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2022

Presenter: Family Services Of Lake County

VIII. Adjournment
Dr. Mary Roberson E.D. NIRCO