
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: July 28, 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
FY22 Close out**
- NIRCO Lead Agency, operates out of 4 Pillars (Support Services, Education, Advocacy, Oriented Systems of Care).**
- ROSC Mission Statement**
- Steady Participation**

III. Council Presentation:

**Dr. Mary Roberson- Executive Director of Northern Illinois Recovery Organization (NIRCO) for 2 Years. NIRCO Promotes Principles of Recovery, individuals, families and communities.
NIRCO is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Substance Prevention and Recovery Division.**

- NIRCO'S Vision is to provide recovery support services and peer to peer education through advocacy for multiple pathways to recovery through all stages of Recovery
- NIRCO'S Mission is to promote recovery principles for individual families to strengthen recovery advocacy, peer engagement and community collaboration in Northern Illinois Community
- "Lake County ROSC'S mission, is to create a community that embraces and cultivates recovery while reducing the Stigma of substance use disorders and mental health"

Primary Area of operation: To educate people about recovery friendly language while putting a face and voice to recovery

Method of operations focuses on:

Completion – completed FY 2022/completed first full year

Funding- NIRCO received funding January 2021/ Kick off meeting was jump started

Involvement – Law Enforcement has gotten involved, currently on board as a sector

Planning- Strategic Planning has began

Division – The state has divided LCRC into different regions, NIRCO is the Northern part of Illinois

Deliverables– To get more sector partners involved

Restructuring Staffing- interested in allowing individuals with learned experience the ability to receive Peer Recovery Certification

Services:

Peer Driven– Recovery Assessments, Recovery Planning, and Individuals and Group Sessions

Recovery Education – Stigma Reduction Trainings, Messaging Training: Our Stories have power, Recovery Topics, Drug Overdose Prevention Program (NARCAN)

Recovery Advocacy– Strategizing with elected officials, lawmakers and their staff on critical issues related to recovery. Encouraging Individuals families, and community partners to see recovery in action at our events. Personalizing recovery issues as it relates to those with influence

Families and Communities-Something different All Recovery Support Services. Community collaborations.

IV. Old Business N/A

VI Announcements:

- Dr. Mary thanked all individuals who supported the First annual Gala
- Dr. Mary thanked everyone who attended her 30th year of sobriety and for everything they do.
- Major goal for FY 23, is to embrace the enormity of Harm Reduction

Next Meeting: August 28th, 2022

Presenter: TBD

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Mary Roberson E.D. NIRCO