
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 24, 2023, Time: 10:30 am – 12:00p

Location: Zoom Virtual Platform

I. Call to Order: Dr. Mary Roberson EdD NIRCO

Sectors in attendance:

Persons with lived experience
Nicasa BHS
Chestnut ROSC Region 2
DuPage County ROSC
Faith Based Organization
Veteran Organization- Community Engagement & Suicide Prevention Team
Kalimba Foundation
DuPage Federation
NIRCO BCOR
NEIU
Peer Doula
RFU
Waukegan Township
Lovell
The Alliance for Human Services
North Chicago Think Tank
Lake County Public Defender Office
Serenity House Counseling Service
Lake County Health Dept.
Lake County Probation Office
Eddie Washington Center

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Overdoes Awareness
- Pathways to Recovery
- Recovery Month
- International Recovery Day Activities and Events

II. Council Presentation:

Dr. Mary Roberson Organizational Lead Lake County ROSC Council reviewed the elements of a ROSC Council for all attendees. The forum was open to attendees to announce their events and activities for overdoses awareness and give details for new comes. The Lake County Probation office posed an observation to the group. They are experiencing less overdose deaths than they had in the pass 1-2 years but are seeing an increase in positive testing of Fentanyl and METH. Fentanyl in cocaine more so than heroin. It was mentioned that due to the lower cost of fentanyl it could be why it's being used to cut drugs. Information and links were shared on creating a safe space for people to talk openly and honestly about their use, news link on an increase of fentanyl overdoses deaths in Cook and DuPage County. Discussed changing the language to reduce the stigma. Nicor services.

LC ROSC Council sector members were given the opportunity to briefly discuss their International Recovery Day Events and Recovery month activities.

III. Old Business

Solicitation of updated MOUs

VI New Business :

January 1st, 2024, New Law that Probation and Parole members will not have mandatory drug testing without a strong suspicion of drug usage.

Obtaining fentanyl test strips

Fentanyl the new Heroin

National Recovery Rally

Next Meeting: September 28, 2023 ---- virtual

Presenter: TBD

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Mary Roberson Ed.D NIRCO