
**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: September 28, 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
Lake County Opioid
Lake County Sherrif Department
Prairie State Legal
Workforce Development
Growing Healthy Veterans
The Alliance for Human Services
Optimu Wellness Center
Lake County Public Defender Office
Serenity House Counseling Service
Lake County Health Dept.
Lake County Probation Office
Eddie Washington Center
NAACP

Meeting Agenda:

- Moment of silents for Paul Baffico, Founder/President, Lake County Veteran & Family Service Foundation
- Welcome and Introduction
- Staff Changes
- Introduction of guest speaker

II. Council Presentation:

Speaker Idriss Joseph of Optimus Wellness Center:

About us: Organization is dedicated to empowering Black families by providing vital resources, self-sufficiency models, and unwavering support through initiatives such as mutual aid, solidarity circles, and referral programs. Our promise is to foster sustainable community change and success in the tri-cities, all while fostering an environment free from shame or condemnation.

Understanding the Conflict:

Internal Conflict: Identity, Conformity, Community – Median household income America: \$74,580 Black Median Household Income \$52,860

External Conflict: Environment, Imposed Standard, Resource Deprivation, an analysis of 2019 jail admission indicate Black people made up 35% of jail admissions and only 7% of the Lake County population.

Addressing Conflict: Non-Violent, Safe Spaces, Relevant Solutions

Mindset Reset: is a Solidarity circle for Black men 18-65, online & in-person, offering resources and unity for a marginalized demographic.

LC ROSC Council sector members were given the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

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.

Data Summit 2024

Listening panel with key officials listening to the community

Resource sharing

Safe Spaces

Next Meeting: October 26, 2023 ---- virtual

Presenter: TBD

VII. Adjournment
Dr. Mary Roberson Ed.D NIRCO