

## Supporting a Diverse Chicago West Side Community

## Westside ROSC Council

Lead Agency: Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition

Friday, August 25, 2023

10am – 12pm

Zoom Meeting Information https://us02web.zoom.us/j/695761637?pwd=eVVOUzJ1N3VUcXI6WFJzSnVNOVJXdz09 Meeting ID: 695 761 637 | Password: 038839

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome Extended by; Dora Wright:** 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.

**Participant Introductions Chris Leavy:** CRCC, Case manager, Statewide ROSC, Perfectly Flawd Foundation, Salvation Army, Guildhaus, Faith Way Men's Independent Living Facility, OVA Training, FOI Men's Sober Housing Re- Entry, Trilogy INC, Bethel New Life, Social Worker, Woodridge Interventions, Ashunti House, Optima Health Care, Adrians Purpose, Brighter Behavior Choices,

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

**Goals and Objectives by; Tanika Boyd:** 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.

### DORA DANTZLER-WRIGHT BS, CADC, NCRS, CPRS, RCT WESTSIDE ROSC COUNCIL

Talked about; What Is a ROSC meeting on a month-to-month basis every 2nd and 4th Friday@ 10am collaborating with different partners, agencies and attending a summit, learning how to service the community. If you would like to join ROSC, we will send out the meeting list in the Evites. Learning collaboratives are here so that we can move this system of care. It's all about educating the community and being exclusive. Those of you that don't know what the ROSC is: Recovery Oriented System of Care. At CRCC we work hard putting a face on recovery, serving people with mental illness and substance abuse use. As a ROSC we want to identify all the services in Our community. Before changing locations Rep. Lashaun Ford came over asking who we were, as they were getting started with the Westside Heroin Opioid Task Force. We are DOPP certified for drug overdose prevention, give Narcan training online, and we also give training for Narcan distribution. We joined the Westside Heroin Opioid Task Force committee and it's all about collaborating. As a secular partner, we will also be at the Overdose awareness event assisting.

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### Speaker: Richard Vargas, Case Manager

Stated that the Westside Heroin Opioid Task Force raises awareness of illegal drugs in the community. We offer Narcan training and distribution, case managers/ case workers train those to administer Narcan and naloxone and increasing overdose response by saving a life. Venturing out to CTA, recovery homes, treatment centers coming together collaborating. August 31,2023, is International Overdose Awareness Day. We will have resource tables so that individuals will be able to receive information from various agencies, get trained to administer Narcan and receive Narcan. The Westside Heroin Opioid Task Force wants the community to know where we're located.

#### **Questions Comments:**

Q: How far South do you approach

Q: Adam Scheffler: Do you have the heroin opioid hotline phone number on recording when you're not able to answer?

A: We don't but That is something to think about. We do have a 24-hour answering service and add the hotline to be able to give people options. Thank you for that.

Regina: Congressman Danny Davis will be having a walk event. As well as yourself, thank you for doing the work, you're doing a great job. If we can continue to collaborate, coming together we can be more effective.

Dora: We're going to start from the office with a police escort down Madison Street where there is a lot of violence and mental illness to Columbus Park, have a 3 on 3 terminate then, food. We're here to stay in the recovery community to let those know that we're here to highlight putting a face on Recovery.

Closing Remarks Dora D Wright: I want to thank everybody for attending, please put your information in the chat.

Next Westside ROSC Council meeting will be hosted via Zoom September 22, 2023

### Please Join Us in Building a Sustainable Westside ROSC Council

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