

LC ROSC February 27, 2025, Monthly meeting
10:30 am

Dr. Mary Roberson opened the meeting by inviting attendees to share how they celebrated Black History month.

Attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of how they celebrated black history month.

Dr. Mary Roberson gave a recap on NIRCO making grant history by being the only ROSC council in Lake County and receiving the first BCOR grant ever given by SAMSHA.

Dr. Mary Roberson states we have two newly funded projects.

Lasheena Jenkins introduces herself as Project Coordinator to one of our newly funded projects *Warm Handoff* and gives a brief introduction of the project.

Jessica Baynes introduces herself as project coordinator to our other newly funded project Justice Impacted Families. (3rd funding –R35 grant.)

Ally from CLC mentions she wants to be involved in the Justice Impacted Families project.

Shelley Reimann from Gateway introduces herself and states she recently met with Lasheena Jenkins and Lasheena brought up the question what are the DEI initiatives put into place at Gateway?

Shelley has contacted the marketing department at Gateway for requests on this matter.

She then asked about Narcan vending machines and what would that look like, what are the legal and policy issues?

Dr. Mary asked about the cost for one machine with the response they can be up to 15K.

Bruce Johnson mentions they are costly, but he has seen it done in other counties.

Dr. Mary tabled the question for further review and opened the meeting up for updates from attendees.

Council Announcements

They were as follows:

- Shelly Reeman from Gateway shared that there are 16 detox beds at all times in Gateway, that are separate than the residential and to refer people we may know.
- Ally from CLC again mentions her interest in working with NIRCO.
- Ben Rudolph shared that Jarrett Burton has had success with moving Narcan, Narcan training and obtaining vending machines.

- Yajairia Balderas with 211 offered her assistance with sharing resources and flyers with their website. She also wants to make sure everyone's information is up to date so they can reach everyone's specific needs. All were urged to email her with flyers and information.
- Kimberly Watts expressed interest in partnering with the Warm Hands Project as well as information about registering for Peer Coach Training. The information was given to her.
- Dawn Steffen introduced herself, she is with Big Brothers Big sisters and with caution, shared their event at the brewery tonight February 27 from 5:00-7:00 if anyone would like to come. She is also interested in partnering with Jessica Baynes and the Justice Impacted Families project.

Amanda shared NIRCO's upcoming events:

- March 10, 2025

Veteran's Chat N Chew, the second Monday of each month, held at NIRCO, 202 S. Genesee, Waukegan, IL 60085 Time:

- March 15, 2025

Women's History Month, HERstory, Honorable Judge Shannon Holmes from Detroit, Michigan will be our speaker. Time: 10:00 am -2:00 pm.

- March 19, 2025

Wellness Wednesday, Theme: "Today It's About You", held at NIRCO. Time: 6:00-7:30 pm.

- April 15, 2025

Recovery Coach Training, April 15, 2025, through May 14, 2025, 5 Weeks (40 hours, CEU's earnable) 10:00 am -2:30 pm.

Dr. Mary Roberson asked Barbara Young to close the meeting.

Barbara Young reminded us that attending the LC ROSC monthly meetings are proof of its intentions and purpose, as our partners always make connections that benefit those we serve in our community.

The meeting ended.