



NEAR SOUTH SIDE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 3/11/2025

ATTENDEES:

- Gloria Prowell (Near South Side Community Coordinator), Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Cristina Banda (IL Family Resource Center), Leslie Givens (Alliance Care 360), Russell Jackson (Transforming Reentry Services), Tiffany Webb (Healthcare Alternative Systems), DeRay Latham (New Life Centers' Juvenile and Restorative Justice Reentry), Florence Wright (South Side Heroin Opioid Task Force), Keith R. Green (Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus & Chicago Methamphetamine Task Force), Marissa Rybinski (McHenry County ROSC), TiJuan Fleming (Alliance Care 360)

TIME: 10:30 am -11:30 am

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.**
- II. **ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why it is important to the community.**
- III. **Data:**
 - **Data presented: SAMSHA – The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH):** In 2023, roughly 48.5 million Americans aged 12 or older suffered from a substance use disorder. **The National**

Institute on Drugs and Addiction (NIDA): In 2023, only 14.6 percent of people with an SUD received treatment. In 2023, only 18 percent of people with an opioid use disorder (OUD) received medication. Substance abuse is influenced by various factors, including genetic, environmental, and psychological elements. Traumatic stress can also cause changes to a person's brain function and their behavior, making it more likely that substance use will lead to an addiction.

IV. Presentation:

Presentation included review of the NSSR Asset Map, SWOT Analysis Review, and Near South Side ROSC Preliminary Survey Results Preview – One of the biggest findings were number of people who either believed people suffering from substance use disorder or mental illness are not worthy of respect at all or neither agree/ nor disagree. Most people believe that it is difficult to find mental health services in their community. More people believe that it is more difficult to get Mental Health Services and substance use due to income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status. Majority of survey respondents answered yes to I am aware of my own family and/or friends who may need treatment for drug and alcohol use disorder.

V. ROSC in Action, Deliverables Submitted: Community Needs / Resource Assessment, Strategic Plan, due March 31st

VI. Cook County Events and Trainings: MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025	Near South Side ROSC Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2025	Bi-Monthly McK-UDOS Coalition Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	Statewide ROSC Meeting
Friday, March 28, 2025	Chicago Department of Public Health SUD Coordination Meeting

VII. ROSC Council Member Updates/ Discussion, Questions:

- DISCUSSION PROMPTS INCLUDED:
 - How can we ensure people who need these services know about these services and locations?
 - Have you identified gaps in the recovery community? What issues are not being addressed? What services are not being provided?

VIII. Adjournment: