



Recovery Oriented System of Care
West Central Illinois ROSC Council
Meeting Minutes

Location: Hybrid – Zoom and Bridgeway (Galesburg)

Date: March 20th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Melinda Bern & Claudia Sage – Hope Outreach
3. Questions, Comments, & Open sharing

Sign In:
26 Attendees
12 People with Lived Experience

The March meeting for the West Central Illinois ROSC was a huge success. The meeting was hybrid. It took place at Bridgeway in Galesburg and on Zoom. There were 8 people in person and 20 on Zoom. We had representation from many different agencies. Agencies represented included Bridgeway, Chestnut, Pavilion, Oxford House, Hope Outreach, Knox County Drug Court, AHEC, Birth to Five, Prairie State Legal Services, Central Illinois FRIENDS, Knox County Housing Authority, Knox County Health Department, and more. We were glad to have Claudia Sage and Melinda Bern from Hope Outreach in Alpha, Illinois (Henry County) present to us. The presentation was very informative, and many connections were made at its conclusion. WCI ROSC members were highly engaged and enjoyed it. WCI ROSC coordinator has met with ROSC council members and colleagues and superiors at Bridgeway to discuss the strategic plan and the future of the West Central Illinois ROSC.

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"Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery"

ROSC Vision:

- People can and do recover.
- Individuals and families determine the supports and services they need.
- Services and supports are continuous and cohesive across different phases of care and are coordinated across the various agencies involved in their delivery.
- Support of recovery is a community responsibility and value.
- There is inherent flexibility in the system, so it can be responsive to different pathways to recovery.
- Measuring quality and outcomes is a system priority.

ROSC Values:

- Recognize the right of a person to direct their own recovery
- Recognizing that there are many models of, and paths to, recovery

- Operate with integrity and a sense of personal responsibility
- Include the “voice” of peers, family members, and the community in planning and decision-making
- Implement programs with competency and good stewardship
- Empower individuals and families
- Embrace cultural diversity

ROSC Goals:

- Inform, educate and empower individuals and communities
- Determine existing services available as well as the needs to expand necessary services in the areas of prevention, treatment, peer recovery support and systems improvement
- Partnerships that are rich and diverse
- Increase in the number of people pursuing recovery, improving recovery capital to strengthen capacity to build and maintain lives in recovery and build recovery sustainability