

Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Minutes

3/19/2025

1pm

Attendees- Gerald Lott (Executive Director), Lauren Metzler (SVVOR ROSC Co-Coordinator/ Operations Director), Steve McBride (SVVOR Peer recovery specialist), Jake Albers (SVVOR Peer recovery specialist), Brandi O'Rorke (SVVOR Peer Recovery lead), Clare Williams (SVVOR Secretary), Commander Steve Lekkas (DeKalb PD), Paul Benson (Safe Passage), Heaven Allen (DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board), Bahiyah Khalilallah (SROSC), Katrina Valencia (Sinnissippi), Sarah Grunden (OMNI Youth Services), Ben Rudolf (ROSC TA), Rebecca Laudati (HOPE of Ogle), Julie Ippolito (Gateway), Katrina Valencia (Sinnissippi), Amy Landolt (IL 5 Needle Ear Acupuncture Protocol Advocacy Group)

Presenter: Tammy Stewart (RCA)

Gerald

- Next Friday is our Sober Night Out. We are going to a movie theater in Sterling, IL. We are looking to change the name to be less stigmatizing, so if you have suggestions, please let us know.
 - Please share the Sober Night Out info with everyone in your communities.
- We are also working on our April event, which will be an Easter egg hunt.
 - April 26th will be in Rock Falls at Cledy's house, and April 27th will be in Ogle County, probably in Rochelle. We are also willing to partner with people!
 - We will have prizes for kids and a raffle for the adults.
 - Please donate items we can use as prizes.
- We had our second TASC planning meeting last week. We will have a shorter, 3rd meeting later. After that, program should start in July 2025
- Cledy's House is starting some construction work. We will have 42 beds available.
 - **Our ribbon cutting ceremony is May 13 @ noon - all are invited. We will offer food and tours**
- We've been in discussion about the second building being a treatment center or a detox home.
- Recover-Con is on October 11 at NIU.
 - **Please reach out if you or someone you know would like to be a speaker!**
- We are re-applying for our ROSC grant, so we may ask some of you to write letters of support.
- We had 22 intakes last month

Tammy Stewart's Presentation

- Sinnissippi covers 5 counties in Illinois and hoping to open more offices
- We were founded in 1966 after the de-institutionalization of the 60s that closed many mental health institutions. The value then was put in community care.
- We have 300 staff, and we cover many different areas of recovery and mental health.
- In 2020, we applied for a federal grant called CCBHC
 - Called the Expansion grant. We received a million dollars over the course of 3 years to increase the peer workforce among other things.
- We then applied for the Innovation and Advancement Grant (IA Grant) to further the work of CCBHC

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- This helped us bring in primary care nurse practitioners and a full-time medical director.

- *Que slideshow talking about community mental health clinics*

Questions from both meetings:

How does this add to or change Sinnissippi?

As mentioned, it is the accessibility that stands out. We are developing an assessment team to help with intakes. Working on a same-day access model, meeting people where they're at. From there, we can connect people quickly to our peer network. Peer coordination will also improve and increase. We will also have a care navigator to ensure that proper care is being administered.

Does residency matter with our intakes? Can people from other counties be part of this?

Anybody who comes to our CCBHC will be served regardless of residence.

How many Psychologists and Psychiatrists do you staff?

We currently have 4 psychiatrists, 1 medical director, and 1 of the prescribers is our MAR prescriber. They have almost same-day access. Have dedicated blocks to help recently discharged peers within 30 days of their discharge.

What can ROSC do for you?

Julie

- Gateway is expanding and we now include Detoxin Lake Villa. We are also breaking ground for a co-gender sober home in Aurora that should be open next year.

Sarah

- We are having a virtual event webinar with Ryan O'Callahan on April 15.
 - <https://ilhpp.org/events/a-conversation-with-ryan-ocallaghan-how-the-nfl-saved-his-life>

Heaven

- Working on our grants. Also, a series working with transgender people. Email Deanna for more information: dcada@dekalbcounty.org

Paul

- Been talking with Brandi about the Public Awareness Campaign MOUs.

Steve

- Sober Living America has been an issue. We've been meeting with social workers. Issues are getting worse as some shelters have shut down for Spring

Rebecca

- We are hiring at HOPE for a few jobs, both full-time and part-time. Please email with inquiries.

Amy

- Let me know if anyone wants 5 needles acupuncture demonstrations at any events.

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Tammy (Sinnissippi Centers)

- Red Cross Blood Drive April 22.