



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

Location: Hybrid – Zoom and Bridgeway (Galesburg)

Date: April 17th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Powerful Stories!!! – Phillip Whelchel & Jeremy Thompson
3. Questions, Comments, & Open sharing

Sign In:
27 Attendees
10 Persons with lived experience

The April 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 12 people in person and 15 on Zoom. We had representation from many different agencies. Agencies represented included Bridgeway, Chestnut, Brightside Recovery, Oxford House, Hope Outreach, Knox County Drug Court, AHEC, Birth to Five, Prairie State Legal Services, WIRC, Knox County Housing Authority, Knox County Health Department, and more. We were happy to have Phillip Whelchel and Jeremy Thomposon present to us. Phillip and Jeremy each gave testimonies on their Knox County Drug Court journey and their current recovery journey post-graduation. This was a great kick off to announce WCI ROSC's "Our Stories Have Power" event that will be on June 28th. 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