



NEAR SOUTH SIDE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 05/13/2025

ATTENDEES:

- Gloria Prowell (Near South Side Community Coordinator), Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Leslie Givens (Alliance 360), Angel Pabon (H.A.S.), Tiffany Webb (H.A.S.), Deirdre Joy (Alcoholics Anonymous), Rosalind McGee (Community Health Network), Florence Wright (South Side Heroin Opioid Task Force), Cristina Banda (Illinois Family Resource Center), Haseena Shaheed-Jackson (Ava's Pathway), Johanna Gonzalez (IDHS/SUPR)

TIME: 10:30am – 11:30am

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.**
- II. **ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why is it important to the community?**
- III. **Data**
 - a. **Substance Use Disorder:** Approximately 40-60% of individuals treated for substance use disorders relapse at least once; Over 93% of people with a past-year substance use disorder did not receive specialty treatment
 - b. **Mental Health Disorder:** More than one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness, which equates to about 59.3 million people in 2022; Serious mental illness affects 5.5% of U.S. adults

- c. **Addictive Compulsive Disorders** – problem gambling: Problem gambling affects about 1.29% of the adult population.

IV. Presentation: Problem Gambling, Healthcare Alternative Systems

Tiffany Webb and Angel Pabon presented on Problem Gambling. Key points included the prevalence of substance use disorders, with 40-60% relapse rates and 93% lacking specialty treatment. Problem gambling affects 1.29% of adults, often co-occurring with other addictions and mental health issues. Strategies for addressing gambling problems include non-judgmental communication, community awareness, and linking individuals to resources like the 1-800 Gambler helpline. The meeting also highlighted the importance of faith-based training and job opportunities for youth at risk.

V. ROSC in Action,

- a. Promotion of LGBTQIA+ Pride Virtual Networking Event 2025 (June 24th) and Overdose Awareness Day Health Fair (August 30th)
- b. Deliverables Submitted: Quarterly PPR Report and Updated Membership Roster

VI. Cook County Events and Trainings – MAY EVENTS

Thursday, May 1, 2025	ROSC Training – Community Mobilizing
Friday, May 16, 2025	Chicago Collaborative for Bullying and Suicide Prevention (CCBSP) Kick-off Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	South Side Heroin Opioid Task Force Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Statewide ROSC Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2025	Region 1 Monthly Meeting

VII. ROSC Council Member Updates/Discussion/Questions:

- a. One participant shared that the use of ice breakers which include aspects of gambling can be part of normal cultural aspects.
- b. One participant asked how to respond to faith-based community with gambling problems – training resources were provided.
- c. One participant asked about individuals with co-occurring gambling and alcohol problems – personal experiences were shared to provide insight.

VIII. Adjournment