

Lee/Whiteside ROSC Minutes

June 18, 2025

3pm

Attendees- Gerald Lott (ROSC Coordinator) Lauren Metzler (ROSC Coordinator), Ashley O'Dell (SVVOR), Brandi O'Rorke (SVVOR Peer Recovery lead), Clare Williams (SVVOR), Ben Rudolf (ROSC TA), Whitney Miller (Roberts Counseling PLC), Rebecca Johanning (Sinnissippi Centers), Lupita Serrano (Lee County Health Dept.)

Gerald

- We've been working mostly on Cledy's House of Hope and getting everything set up. Our first resident is moving in Thursday. Phase 1 is about done.
 - **Lauren:** I finalized the program, so email Clare if you would like it sent to you.
- The process is all online. We do not accept sex offenders or Class 2 and above for violent felonies within the last 7 years (not including time served). We do background checks for those wanting to join Cledy's, and they would also need a recommendation from the treatment facility they completed. Then, Lauren will interview them. They can be from anywhere, but we can not accommodate them for travel.
- We are also working on our other building which will be used for office space and a community room. We want Cledy's to feel like their home, so we will have meetings and guests in the other building. You can reserve spots there for presentations, groups, or meetings!
- Our Sober event was in DeKalb last month, and we did not get a good attendance. Our Ogle event is in Oregon at Lake Ladonna on the 28th. It starts at 10 and there are only a few spots left. Email Jake Albers at jake.albers@svvor.com to reserve your spot.
- Our Grief Group Meeting is tonight! It is going virtual.
 - **Whitney:** Now on a consistent day (**3rd Wednesday of every month @5pm**) It is open to every county everywhere. The Zoom link is on the SVVOR facebook.
 - Gerald: I will put it on the DuPage Whatsapp.

Recovery Friendly Workplace

Gerald

- The majority of states have something like this for employers. It trains employers to combat stigma, to identify when someone is having an issue, and how to reach out to their resources like Ben Gordon in a way that does not start problems for the individual at work.
- Along with that, we look at the hiring process and help individuals and hiring teams with people who have gaps in their employment due to treatment or other things.
- We know that most people are not using drugs for fun, but because they experienced something and this is how they cope with it. We are trying to solve the problem before it gets bad by helping find jobs, housing, etc. And these employers are going to have to be compassionate with people if they have to leave for a meeting, or can't stay late due to curfew.
- We at SVVOR would go to businesses giving trainings at businesses. Also people in ROSC and other resources would help find jobs for these individuals.

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- I don't see many people in the business sectors in ROSC meetings, but I think that is really important to have so we can get some input from them. I think this is a great idea to incorporate them more. Maybe going to a rotary club or something similar to present this and spread the word.

Rebecca

- I think it's a great idea. I worked at a homeless shelter that donated clothes for people to wear during an interview. Also employment coaching is really important. Helping them get a profile on something like Indeed and writing resumes would also be helpful

Lupita

- I really like this idea, and I love the clothes idea.

Whitney

- I think everything goes hand-in-hand with building self-confidence. Part of that is having something of your own and a job can help achieve that.

What can we (ROSC) do for you?

Lupita

- We're pushing our sports/school/work physicals and immunizations. All ages are able to receive and only costs \$40 per physical. Call and make an appointment through the Lee County Health department.

Rebecca

- We have our golf outing coming up in August. We are also working on becoming CCBHC and our goal is for all of our sites to be certified. Our clients are looking at things to do this summer to keep busy. I don't know if SVVOR is continuing their groups, but we would love to do them.
 - **Gerald:** Brandi and I will work on making a time to come out and talk to your people about getting stuff set up. Let me know a good time for us to drop by.

Whitney

- Our website is revamped (<https://www.robertscounselingpllc.com/>) and it has all of our information.
- Workforce Wellness may be a good resource for the RFW you want to work on.