

**Kates Community Initiatives ROSC Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Location: Virtual (ZOOM)

Time: 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Erica Bledsoe (KCI).

2. Attendees

- Kimberly Haywood (BBC)
 - Lynna Tyler (KCI)
 - Jamia Pickett (TEECH Foundation)
 - Kenneth Bell (Chestnut Health Systems, Technical Assistant for Region 1, Cook County)
 - Joshua Holiday (Prime Care Community Health Centers)
 - Ron Bratcher (KCI)
 - Jahari Stamps (S.H.A.R.P.)
 - Debra Montgomery (Envision Unlimited)
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3. Approval of Minutes

- There are no minutes to approve for July.
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4. Old Business

- No old business to discuss.
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5. New Business

a. Health and Wellness in Recovery Training

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025
- **Format:** Zoom
- **Presenter:** Ronald Bratcher (Certified Health Professional and PLE)
- **Note:** Zoom link to be provided at a later date.

b. 6th Annual Recovery Conference

- **Hosted by:** United Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Coalition
- **Date:** Friday, September 12, 2025
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Ave.
- **Note:** Flyers will be distributed to all attendees. Please help spread the word.

c. Mental Health and Recovery in the HIV/LGBTQIA+ Marginalized Population

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025
- **Format:** Zoom
- **Presenter:** Jahari Stamps (S.H.A.R.P.)
- **Note:** Zoom link forthcoming.

d. Strength in Unity: Embracing Recovery Together

- **Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Location:** Dan Ryan Woods Forest Preserves, 83rd & Western, Grove 3
- **Hosted by:**
 - Far Southside ROSC (TEECH)
 - Breaking Barriers Collectively ROSC (BBC)
 - Kates Community Initiatives ROSC (Kates Training Academy)
 - Alliance Care 360
- **Description:** A family-oriented event to celebrate the strength and resilience of those on their journey in recovery.
 - Featuring inspirational speakers, games, food, raffles, resource booths, and more.
- **Note:** Flyer will be provided soon.

e. Community Engagement in Ashburn and Burbank

- Discussion was held around the question: What can we do as a ROSC Council to create better for the Ashburn and Burbank communities?
- As a ROSC Council, visibility in the community is essential to building trust, fostering partnerships, and increasing access to recovery resources.
- Community presence allows us to respond more effectively to the unique needs and challenges of each neighborhood.
- Being visible shows that we are active stakeholders in the success, healing, and empowerment of residents.
- It encourages community members to engage with and participate in recovery initiatives.
- Active visibility also strengthens collaboration with local organizations, schools, and businesses, enhancing our collective impact.

6. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Erica Bledsoe (KCI) at 1:41 PM.