

THREE CORDS STRONG ROSC ALLIANCE MEETING AGENDA

TRANSITIONAL TRAINING SERVICES

LOCATION: 4455 S KING DRIVE SUITE 101-B

DATE: 7/31/2025

Facilitator: Marjorie Howard

CO-Facilitator: Vawnshekia Oklah

Speaker: Curtis Delayahu Ferdinand

TIME: 09:30 AM – 11:45 AM

ZOOM MEETING ID: Hybrid- in person and on Zoom

I. Call to Order: Marjorie Howard

II. OPENING STATEMENTS - Marjorie Howard

- She welcomed ROSC members and visitors and gave a definition of a ROSC meeting
- Gave personal Testimony
- Concluded with why people should join our ROSC and why the community was in need of ROSC

III. INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER AND TOPICS – VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH

- Speaker Curtis Delayahu Ferdinand, “Know Your Rights”

VI. Speaker – Curtis Delayahu Ferdinand, Cabrini Green Legal Aid(CGLA)

- What is a criminal record?
- What rights do I have if I have a criminal record?
- What is Records Relief, and why should I pursue it?
- How do I start the Records Relief process?
- A record of involvement with the criminal-legal system, including arrest without conviction
- Exists in many places
- Often inaccurate
- It can limit access to housing, employment, education, and opportunity. Limits called "permanent punishments"
- There are nearly 1,200 permanent punishments in Illinois.
- 1 IN 3 Americans has a criminal record.
- WHAT RIGHTS DO I HAVE IF I HAVE A RECORD? Voting, Housing, Employment. If your rights are violated, you can take action.
- WHAT IS RECORDS RELIEF? Sealing or expungement* Healthcare Worker Waiver Certificate of Good Conduct Clemency
- WHO IS ELIGIBLE? AND WHEN? Only four types of offenses are ineligible: DUI and reckless driving, Violent Offenses, Domestic battery, & Violation of protection orders, & Sex crimes (except prostitution and misdemeanor public indecency)

- WHAT IS SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT? Expungement: records deleted. Sealing: records hidden from the public, visible to law enforcement, and some employers. Rule of thumb: visible to employers who require fingerprint-based background checks. If your record is expunged or sealed, you can answer no when asked if you have a criminal record

V. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION— Curtis Delayahu Ferdinand

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VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS Creating a recovery-oriented system of care for the re-entry population

3 CORDS MISSION, VISION, PAST MEETING REVIEW- VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH

- At Three Cords Strong, our mission is to empower individuals on their recovery journeys by weaving together the essential strands of personal growth, family support, and community resilience. We believe that recovery is a continuous journey rather than a final destination and strive to embrace and support individuals on their unique paths to recovery.
- Three Cords Strong ROSC Alliance envisions a world where recovery is celebrated as a lifelong journey, weaving the threads of personal growth, family bonds, and community support into a resilient tapestry not easily broken.
- Building a supportive network of services for those seeking jobs
- Work with law enforcement to establish alternatives to arrest for those with SUD
- Assessment and capacity building
- Implementation and expansion
- Sustainability and policy integration

VII. COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTATION –

- Sharon Batiest- TCA Health- Insurance Enrollment Specialist- Assists people with signing up with Medicaid or Marketplace Health Insurance, SNAP, redetermination, and primary doctor appointments
- ROSC Partners
- Malinnium Law
- Transitional Training Board Members
 - Trina James and Yvette Camper

VIII. NEXT ACTION STEPS

- Join our ROSC
- Participate in our think tanks
- Be a part of the solution in your circle of influence
- Destigmatize
- Speak up, especially for those who need help
- Upcoming community service
- Attend workshops on harm reduction and stigma reduction, and become better equipped to support recovery and re-entry efforts
- Community resource mapping

IX. MEETING CLOSE – VAWNSHEKIA OKLAH