

## **Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Minutes**

**July 16th 2025**

**1pm**

**Attendees-** Gerald Lott (ROSC Coordinator), Brandi O’Rorke (SVVOR), Jake Albers (SVVOR), Steve McBride (SVVOR), Jordan Keene (SVVOR), Clare Williams (SVVOR), Ben Rudolf (ROSC TA), Penny Stark (RCA), Marta Jarka (NW Ben Gordon Center), Meliassa Edwards (DeKalb Health Dept.), Deanna Cada (DeKalb County Community Health Board), Amanda Slaten (24/7 DCT), Peter Eligeti (24/7 DCT), Bella Smith (24/7 DCT), Getta (24/7 DCT).

**Gerald:** I am at the airport, so apologies if I mute myself or it gets loud.

### **ROSC Council Goals for the next 3 Years:**

Project 1 will work on expanding recovery housing in our counties. Specifically, we will work on establishing a men’s recovery home in Ogle county. In year 1, we will secure and purchase a property in Ogle County, begin and complete the NARR Level I certification process, and have an occupancy of at least 60% within six months of opening. In year 2, we will develop and implement a structured vocational education and employment-readiness program for residents, with at least 75% of participants completing one job training milestone. Maintain a 70% average occupancy rate throughout the year. In year 3, establish at least two funding mechanisms—such as a scholarship fund, local corporate sponsorship, or foundation support—to reduce financial barriers to entry. Sustain an average occupancy rate of 70% or higher for the calendar year.

Project 2 will launch a “Recovery is your Neighbor” campaign to fight stigma. In year 1, we will host 12 monthly outreach activities in Ogle and DeKalb counties in schools, churches, or civic organizations, each led by trained ROSC representatives, SVVOR staff, and individuals in recovery. Organize two public community forums (one per county) by year-end, each featuring a minimum of three speakers with lived experience to foster stigma-free dialogue. Secure at least one funding commitment for a public stigma campaign (billboards, print, or social media) called ‘Recovery lives Here.’ In year 2, we will host another 12 monthly outreach activities and two additional public forums, continuing to include new voices from recovery, family systems, and providers. Organize two public community forums (one per county) by year-end, each featuring a minimum of three speakers with lived experience to foster stigma-free dialogue. Launch “Recovery is Your Neighbor” campaign led by ROSC council, recovery voices and SVVOR staff. In year 3, we will repeat 12 monthly outreach events and two countywide forums. Continue with Recovery is Your Neighbor awareness campaign multi-platform public education campaign (billboards, social media, and/or radio) with recovery-focused messaging reaching at least 10,000 impressions, led by ROSC, SVVOR staff and the recovery community.

Project 3 will improve access to SUD services. In Year 1, SVVOR will strengthen referral pathways by 25% through Safe Passage deflection programs and bring 10 Ogle/DeKalb stakeholders into the regional planning process. Year 2 will increase SVVOR’s rural transportation program to support individuals to access treatment and recovery support by 25% and begin fundraising to support Whiteside detox operations. Year 3 will focus on fully integrating local providers into the referral and transport system, ensuring the center is used consistently by at least 15 providers in Ogle and DeKalb and Lee and Whiteside counties by end of year.