

## Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) – Peoria Region

August 15, 2025

### Meeting Notes

1) Welcome- Some individuals joined virtually, and some met in person at the New Leaf center.

2) Introductions-

- Eric “Rick” Zehr- Trillium Place Director of Addiction and Substance Use Services
- Kami L. Garrison- Technical Assistant for Statewide ROSC Project over Region 3
- Sierra Garza- Manager of Addiction Recovery Center
- Aloysia Mitchell- Grant Specialist- Trillium Place
- Paige Copple- Grant Specialist- Trillium Place
- Denise King- Trillium Place BH/SUD Outpatient Manager
- Paul Butler- Program Director- Invictus Woods
- Brittany Oelze- Warm Hand-off Project Coordinator
- Shane Vester- Manager of Men’s Residential SUD Services
- Kelsey Staley- Manager of Women’s Residential Treatment and Recovery Home Services
- Edie Barnard- Communication/Team Building Coach.
- Shelley Cray, Executive Director, Oxford House
- Christine Rexroat- Manager, Medication Assisted Recovery
- Donna Crowder- CORS Recovery Coordinator

3) What is ROSC?

Rick Zehr explained the Recovery Oriented System of Care. Our ROSC is more urban than many of the other councils that are more rural. ROSC gives feedback, advice- acts as the communicator with the State.

4) Stakeholders

Rick Zehr noted we have a diverse set of stakeholders to promote ROSC across the entire community. We are a dominant provider of substance abuse services not just

in Peoria but Lincoln, East Peoria, West to Galesburg as far as Quincy. We are not just limited to Peoria. All the stakeholders are not here but we are seeking ideas for additional Council members. We are seeking input from policy makers, folks with lived experiences, and people from the prevention side.

Kami added that those groups mentioned so far are important but reminded the group to not just include the folks we encounter in our professional life but personal life as well. Include the faith-based sector. Other ROSC groups struggle with getting input from this group.

Regarding the question of how many faith-based individuals are too many. Kami mentioned that we should look for diversity in this group. For example, not all clergy, not all parishioners, etc.

Rick Zehr mentioned that he has a possible lead for this sector.

Names of various individuals and organizations were mentioned as possible stakeholders/council members.

Judge Doscotch is a friend of Edie. Denise has a meeting with him next Friday.

Angel Cruz in the Drug Court was recommended as a council member as well as someone who represents Jolt.

Jim Shadid-President of Bradley University. Edie will help.

Jehan Gordon-Booth- Derrick Booth's wife. Rick Zehr reports to Derrick so will reach out to Derrick.

Librarians- are familiar with the individuals who need assistance. Sue Tisdale knows librarians.

Rob Harlan and Kevin Hardesty with Peoria Intergroup Association.

Kami mentioned that we tend to be Peoria-centric, so we need representation from across the region.

## 5) Tasks

- a. Identify 2-3 key challenges within the community (SMART goals)
  - i. Lack of timely access to care. Contact to assessment typically takes 3 weeks. Are there telehealth options for those who are spread out/in more rural areas?
  - ii. Transportation

- iii. Getting medication
  - b. Align identified challenges with broader goals of Illinois ROSC Council
    - i. Reducing stigma
    - ii. Evidence-based practices
    - iii. Prioritizing equity
    - iv. Equitable access to care
  - c. Adopt a strategic, data-driven approach (including mapping resources, assessing needs, promoting empowerment, and expanding access to all services.

Kami advised that we could change priorities once selected. This is a living document we can make changes. According to Kami, we are off to a great start. We need to identify our priorities. She shared what other councils are doing.

- Harm reduction services- define it, educate the community
- Provide recovery housing
- Work with the veteran populations

#### 6) Goals

- a. Reduce Stigma
- b. Promote Medication Assistance Recovery and other evidence-based practices
- c. Promote harm reduction
- d. Ensure effective service delivery
- e. Prioritize equity

#### 7) Recruiting new members

- The CEO of Sophia's kitchen was mentioned as a possible new member.

#### 8) Best days/times for monthly meetings

- Fridays- Trillium conference room

#### 9) Other

Nothing else was reported or discussed.

#### 10) Close

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.