



Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 8/25/2025 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Zoom

PRESENTER(S): N/A

TOPIC: Clarity, collaboration, and forward momentum!

ATTENDEES			AFFILIATION			ATTENDEES			AFFILIATION		
1	Angelia F. Smith	Cornerstone CDC, Exec Director	11	Souheir Rahman	Together We Cope	1	Angelia F. Smith	Cornerstone CDC, Exec Director	11	Souheir Rahman	Together We Cope
2	Yvonne M. Orr-Blake	ROSC Coordinator; BEE CDC	12	Lynna Tyler	Kates Community Initiatives ROSC	2	Yvonne M. Orr-Blake	ROSC Coordinator; BEE CDC	12	Lynna Tyler	Kates Community Initiatives ROSC
3	Kathryn Straniero	Together We Cope	13	Sherri Keyes	Family Guidance Centers	3	Kathryn Straniero	Together We Cope	13	Sherri Keyes	Family Guidance Centers
4	Capucine McGinnis	Cornerstone CDC, Workforce Coor	14	Denise Holman	Cook County Dept of Public Health	4	Capucine McGinnis	Cornerstone CDC, Workforce Coor	14	Denise Holman	Cook County Dept of Public Health
5	Kamil Walton	Cornerstone CDC, Deputy Director	15	Kaylon Vaughn	Cornerstone CDC	5	Kamil Walton	Cornerstone CDC, Deputy Director	15	Kaylon Vaughn	Cornerstone CDC
6	April Thompson	Cornerstone CDC; HHI	16	Elena Rivera	Family Guidance Centers	6	April Thompson	Cornerstone CDC; HHI	16	Elena Rivera	Family Guidance Centers
7	Leonard Noble	Cornerstone, Workforce Dev Dir	17	Denise Jones	Tender Touch Inc.	7	Leonard Noble	Cornerstone, Workforce Dev Dir	17	Denise Jones	Tender Touch Inc.
8	Lamont Wallace	PLE, Comm Nav, Cornerstone; BEE	18	Katie Huffman	Together We Cope	8	Lamont Wallace	PLE, Comm Nav, Cornerstone; BEE	18	Katie Huffman	Together We Cope
9	Sherri Keyes	Family Guidance Center, Prog Mgr	19	Michael Ferguson	Family Guidance Centers	9	Sherri Keyes	Family Guidance Center, Prog Mgr	19	Michael Ferguson	Family Guidance Centers
10	Kenneth Bell	Region I TA	20	Erica Bledsoe	Kates Community Initiatives ROSC	10	Kenneth Bell	Region I TA	20	Erica Bledsoe	Kates Community Initiatives ROSC

MEETING SUMMARY: Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Council Meeting

The meeting opened with ROSC Council members introducing themselves and doing an overview of the previous strategic plan and beginning to plan outreach. ROSC Council Meeting started at 9:36 AM; concluded at 10:19 AM.

Review and Reflection

The meeting began with Yvonne reviewing the vision to have a region where recovery from substance use disorder and mental health challenges is possible for all through accessible, equitable, and comprehensive support systems. And we want to eradicate the stigmas associated with addiction recovery. Ultimately, with a brief discussion, members talked about the importance of promoting systemic improvements to the overall health, wellness, and recovery of individuals and families impacted by substance use, addiction, and mental illness.

Community Survey

ROSC Council Members discussed health disparities and social determinants of health that are impacting our capabilities when it comes to recovery success in the Southland region.

Strategic Plan notes to incorporate

Yvonne reviewed the focus areas from last year. The group suggested that we might want to focus on those same specific areas with a lower median income. It was agreed that we still have the youth, special populations, and rising concerns among young adults. We did have some discussion to explore a little deeper about going into the schools to do presentations where we're able to do so. We have a group of nurses that will be coming to visit our older adult feeding program, and they're going to be helping them.



Southland Recovery Coalition ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 8/25/2025 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Announcements

The meeting covered updates on upcoming events, workshops, and other Region 1 ROSC Council events and initiatives. SRC noted upcoming pop up events.

The conversation ended with a reminder for attendees to stay tuned for upcoming emails about fiscal year changes and renewal grant opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:19 am

Next meeting is 9/24/25