

Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) – Peoria Region

September 26, 2025

Meeting Notes

- 1) Welcome- Some individuals joined virtually, and some met in person at the Young Minds center.
- 2) Review of Prior Meeting Minutes- there were no corrections to the last meeting's notes.

3) New Member Introductions-

- Eric “Rick” Zehr- Trillium Place Director of Addiction and Substance Use Services
- 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
- 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
- Christine Rexroat- Manager, Medication Assisted Recovery
- Donna Crowder- CORS Recovery Coordinator
- Judge Chris Doscotch- Drug Court for Tazwell County
- Kanika Jones- Director of Events & Outreach for IL State Rep Jehan Gordon-Booth
- Gina Lynxwiler- works for Carle Health, supports Board of Directors part-time, remote
- Sarah Hanson- Grants Manager- Trillium Place
- Katie Turck- Community Educator for Carle Health
- Trudy Schaffner- Director of Substance Use services at Jolt Harm reduction
- Johnnie Harrison-SUD counselor at New Leaf

4) ROSC Coordinator Status

The new position of SUD ROSC has gone through the system level and has been approved. The process of getting a new position started at Carle takes a while. A

new position should be posted by early next week. After this position is posted, the position for the support person will be posted.

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?

There was also discussion about a tele-health option that is being explored for Methodist hospital and potential avenues where this can be used.

There was also discussion about insurance issues and regulations impacting the timeliness of access to care. It takes anywhere from 14-30 days for the assessment depending on the type of insurance coverage involved. Most of our people are on Medicaid so this is a state issue. Can we negotiate some conversations with the state to ask them to reconsider their requirements in the future?

- ii. Transportation

This is a challenge because many of the clients don't have driver's licenses, and the bus service does not run to rural areas and is not available after 5 pm in certain areas. There was discussion about using volunteers to provide rides.

- iii. Getting medication

A lack of transportation impacts the ability to get medication for medication assisted recovery.

- 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.

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) Additional New Members to Recruit?

- Rick mentioned that he can contact someone from the Health Department such as Monica.
- Sarah mentioned that we should add someone from a housing agency like PHA or Phoenix House.

8) Other

These meetings will take place on the last Friday of the month.

9) Other

Nothing else was reported or discussed.

10) Close

The next meeting is October 31st.