

# DuPage ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## 0:00-16:00

Kane County ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal welcomed the attendees who were there for the in-person component of the meeting at College of DuPage. Annette said that it was an honor to be hosting at COD, and thanks ROSC Council member Bruce Sewick for helping to make it happen. Annette then introduced Bruce, who talked about the CRSS program at COD, and also introduced some students in the program to share some of their experiences in the program:

- Sarah is a student who currently works at NAMI DuPage and is enrolled in the program to grow her knowledge base
- Jason found out about the CRSS program when he was in early recovery. Two interns at an Outpatient program he was in told him about the classes and it was a great fit for what he wanted. He was glad to be able to attend a meeting in-person
- Don is a person in long-term recovery and is recently retired and wants to use his time now sharing his own journey, strength, and hope. He looks at peer support as the next chapter in his life, and is excited about getting the tools needed to do the work.
- Mark is celebrating his two years in recovery, thanks to the Kane County Drug Court. He found SMART Recovery and has become a facilitator. He is in his last semester and loves the classes and getting to know his classmates. He also volunteers his time at Live 4 Lali, which is where the SMART Recovery classes are
- Richard said that every day in this program is a surprise and he's excited to be in a position to really help someone
- Margot said she does not have lived experience with substance use but still has a passion for helping people and respects people in recovery disclosing their own struggles.

Bruce then told an anecdote about meeting DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton at a resource fair event at Kenneth Young Center, and Jarrett walked up and said, "hey do you want to join a ROSC" and they have been friends and colleagues ever since. Bruce requires his students attend a ROSC meeting and has it on their syllabus.

Kane County ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal then talked about her own experiences in addiction and recovery. Annette has a background as an educator and worked in domestic violence, which has a lot of crossover with substance use and mental health. She's excited to be working in this part of the continuum of care

**16:00-47:25**

**ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal** then introduced the presentation for the day, which is on vape shops. Annette said that she herself does not patronize these shops, but she sees them everywhere and was surprised to learn about some of the things they are selling.

**DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton** went around to six different vape shops to talk with the owners/employees about the different types of items that are popular. They reported a wide range of items, from 7-OH to Deltas to Kratom.

We talked about how vape shops have filled the gaps for people who are unable to purchase other illicit substances. Delta 8 has been incredibly popular due to availability, cost, etc.

You can check out the presentation in its entirety here:

<https://youtu.be/h6JQ55vJ4n8?si=5mMv8BZmaDWc2t0q&t=1061>

**47:25-End**

**ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal** then introduced the announcements portion of the meeting.

CORS Program Coordinator Danielle Heffernan gave a short overview of the work the CORS Program is doing:

- CORS has been working with the Kankakee drug court and mental health court, as well as DuPage Probation, to provide peer support services
- Stonybrook Center has a SMART Recovery meeting and Serenity House has hybrid SMART and Refuge Recovery meetings

ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal announced this year's Community Needs Assessment for both DuPage and Kane County ROSCs

Dr. Steve Holstford then introduced himself to the group. Dr. Holstford is the Medical Director for Substance Abuse Services at DuPage County Health Department. Dr. Holstford talked about the opening of the DuPage Crisis Center, which will be able to offer withdrawal management services.

Scott Kaufmann from the DuPage Health Department also promoted his upcoming Narcan training at the Homeland Security building at College of DuPage.

Bruce Sewick from College of DuPage talked about the upcoming Awakenings Project featuring art made by people with lived experience in recovery.

There will also be a walk to raise awareness for domestic violence led by Metropolitan Family Services

Mark Matthews from Greater Family Health talked about all of the medical services available, regardless of ability to pay.

Magdalena Campos from HLM Recovery 180 reported that they had a very successful all Spanish Narcan training recently

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Attendance:

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| Annette Villareal | DuPage ROSC, Kane ROSC, PLE          |
| Marcos Hernandez  | DuPage ROSC, PLE                     |
| Blake Worman      | DuPage ROSC, Serenity House, PL      |
| Matt Ashley       | The Way Back Inn, PLE                |
| Scott Kaufmann    | DuPage Health Dept                   |
| Mark Matthews     | Greater Family Health, PLE           |
| Nicole Janssen    | Recovery Centers of America          |
| Bruce Sewick      | College of DuPage, PLE               |
| Roger Stefani     | Hope For Healing, PLE                |
| Winter Lane       | DuPage Probatio                      |
| Melissa Murillo   | Access Community Health              |
| Mimi Doll         | DuPage Federation                    |
| Brianna Haug      | Oxford House Inc, PLE                |
| Sharon Cabrera    | Kane Co Health Dept                  |
| Judith Lukas      | DuPage County Coroner                |
| Angela Molloy     | Relief Mental Health                 |
| Ben Rudolph       | Chestnut Health Systems              |
| Barb Thurby       | Catholic Charities                   |
| Corinne Broadus   | Northern Illinois Recovery Community |

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| Christina Banda  | R&B Counseling                                |
| Celeste Fonseca  | HLM Recovery                                  |
| Magdalena Campos | HLM Recovery                                  |
| Stephanie Snow   | Endeavor Health/Linden Oaks Behavioral Health |
| Sonny Sorrentino | Gateway Foundation                            |
| Erika Rivas      | Family Shelter Service, PLE                   |

There were also 12 students who did not sign-in but were at the in-person option at College of DuPage