

Agenda and Discussion

- Welcome and introductions
- Coalition updates
 - Statewide ROSC Conference
 - Community Survey
 - As of October 30th: **11 responses**
 - Goal through December: **30 responses**
- Outline and/or adjust SMART goals
 - **Reducing stigma** by increasing awareness and community education.
 - By March 2026, host 4 educational community events focusing on discussions around substance use and recovery, reaching at least 100 participants in total for attendance.
 - **Increasing access to MAR services**
 - By March 2026, recruit and support 3 additional local healthcare systems/providers in order to begin implementation of at least 1 MAR option for the service area.
 - **Increasing service delivery** by facilitating warm-handoffs and maintaining continued support and communication between those in recovery, their families, and service providers in the Northern Cook County region.
 - By June 2026, establish formal partnership and/or membership with 6 new community organizations.
- Committee discussion
 - **Community Outreach & Engagement**
Responsibilities:
 - Table at various community events to provide information on substance use and recovery
 - Introduce the coalition's resources to the community by hosting events with coalition partners ie. lunch and learn (focusing on stigma, grief/loss, recovery, etc.)
 - Host speakers, coordinate resource fairs, fundraising initiatives, and panel discussions
 - Market for events that the coalition is holding/involved in.
 - **Events & Activities**
Responsibilities:
 - Develop a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter to send/give to those in the community looking for resources, care, events to participate in and various other needs in the community.
 - Facilitate resource fairs, awareness walks, and fundraisers for those in the community to attend. During times like Recovery Awareness Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Suicide Prevention Month, etc.
 - Organize panel discussions and other educational/informative talks with various stakeholders in and around the service area.
 - **Education & Trainings**
Responsibilities:
 - Develop and adapt educational materials (flyers, presentations, resource guides, etc.) for coalition use.
 - Manage the planning and implementation of trainings and educational discussions (for those outside of the coalition).

ATTENDEES:

1. Havilah Hickling – PEER Services, ROSC Coordinator
2. Erin Orme – PEER Services
3. Erin Tegge – PEER Services, Prevention
4. Rosa Barrera-Colon – PEER Services
5. Kenneth Bell – Statewide ROSC, TA
6. Ruth Orme-Johnson – Niles Township
7. Allison Zincke-Robles – Good Together Chicago
8. Jenique Dean – Trilogy
9. Jeron Dorsey – City of Evanston, CARE Team
10. Candice Mitchell – Evanston Township
11. Kristen Kennard – Moran Center
12. Lori Adelizzi – District 65
13. Chris Knoper – Impact Behavioral Health
14. Johanna Gersenstein – Erie Family Health
15. Chereese Ledet – YWCA (Evanston/North Shore)
16. Anna Ippolito – Live4Lali

- Manage the planning and implementation of mini training or informational sessions, to be held during or outside of regular coalition meetings (for new coalition members and/or partners).
- Keep the coalition and its members up to date on trainings, webinars, etc. from other organizations and sectors of care.

Coalition News/Upcoming Events:

- Ruth Orme-Johnson with Niles Township
 - Niles Township Food Pantry (only open to residents of the township), is adding additional shopping days for November to try and assist with SNAP cutoffs. When families could usually only come twice a month, they can now come 4 times in November. Please reach out if you think you know someone who could benefit from this!
- Jeron Dorsey with the City of Evanston, CARE Team
 - Evanston Food Resources
 - Hillside Food Pantry: 2727 Crawford Avenue. Open Wednesdays 4–6 PM and Saturdays 2–4 PM.
 - Evanston Vineyard Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays 6–8 PM for pickup only; visit up to twice a month and requires a Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) card.
 - Faith Temple Church of God in Christ: Volunteer-driven pantry providing groceries.
 - The Salvation Army: 1403 Sherman Avenue.
 - Northwestern University Purple Pantry: Available for NU students.
 - Evanston Community Fridge Locations: Locations listed on Evanston Grows.
 - Evanston Connections for the Homeless: 2121 Dewey Avenue.
 - Cook County
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository: 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL; (773) 247-3663
 - Midwest Food Bank (Illinois Branch): 2031 Warehouse Road, Normal, IL; (309) 663-5350
 - Illinois
 - [Illinois Food Pantry](#) – List of food resources all across Illinois

******Next Meeting: November 21, 2025, 10:00 am******

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