

**Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Minutes**  
**August 20th 2025**  
**1pm**

**Attendees-** Gerald Lott (ROSC Coordinator), Brandi O'Rourke (SVVOR), Jake Albers (O/D ROSC Coordinator), Shannon Tully (SVVOR), Nicole Trenholm (SVVOR), Clare Williams (SVVOR), Ben Rudolf (ROSC TA), Joyce Lewis (Ogle County Health Department), Kelsey Kant (LSSI), Heaven Allen (DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board), Steve Lekkas (DeKalb PD), Deb Beckmann (SROSC), Erika Hahn (OMNI)

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**Gerald**

- Steve, our DeKalbCounty Recovery Coach, has taken a new position elsewhere. However, I am starting interviewing people for his position tomorrow, so I hope to have it filled shortly. Lauren is also back from her temporary leave, and we have hired a new Ogle Co. coach: Nicole.
- SVVOR had 31 intakes last month, which is a big pick up from this summer. 9 of those intakes were from DeKalb, which is the most we've had from that county so far! We're also starting a new stat which will show failed referrals, e.g., we are called to speak with someone and they don't show up or otherwise ghost us.
- SVVOR tried doing a float in Dixon/Whiteside last month, but we had to move the day due to rain, and thus lost a lot of people who were planning on coming.
- Cledy's has 10 finished rooms, and 5 ladies currently living there, 1 lady has 2 young children with her. We are getting a lot of applications from ladies wanting to live there.
- On a similar note, we were at full capacity in Legacy, our men's home, for a while. 2 men have since left and we are back to 8 guys. We are also getting more applications there.
- **Saturday, October 11 at NIU is Recover-Con!** Our key-note speaker will be Kyle Overmeyer, and our other speakers will include Shannon Egan, Mike Tyson, and our very own Ben Rudolf. The theme for it is Recovery Lives Here.
- On August 28th in New Lenox, there is an event called Your Light Still Shines. We will be going, and we very strongly encourage that you all go as well.
- August 31st in Sterling at the Grand Civic Center, we will have an event for our Tevin's Tribe to commemorate loved ones who have passed from addiction related causes.
- On August 22nd, we will have a Bowling event at Plum Hollow in Dixon. It will be from 6-8 pm. Please let us know if you are planning on coming!
- Part of our mission was to launch a public awareness campaign called Recovery Lives Here (the same theme for Recover-Con). We're trying to put a face on recovery using heroes in our own communities who are willing to say "I am in recovery". It is a 3-year campaign, so for the next 36 months, each month we will focus on 1 person to showcase their story. We will also highlight 1 person from our Tevin's Tribe and invite their family to speak. If you know anyone who would be interested in doing this, please give us their information.
- When we hire someone at SVVOR, we have them watch 4 movies: 1 is a TedTalk by Johann Hari. The other three are movies by Greg Williams. We have been given the rights to show these movies on behalf of the ROSC council at various locations including businesses, libraries, events, etc.
- As you all know, we have that second building in Rock Falls that was donated to us. We wanted to turn it into a detox home, but I have not seen a whole lot of enthusiasm for

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that. I really want that building used, so I'm thinking of turning it into a Recovery Charter School. I would love to hear everyone's thoughts on this.

- **Jake:** I don't think IL has one, so this would be the first in the state.
- **Kelsey:** Our program at Project Lead goes into classrooms and teaches the effects of drugs while also giving practical life skills. I think the school is a really great and very necessary idea.

### WHAT CAN ROSC DO FOR YOU?

#### Steve

- NIU goes back to school on the 21st and we have been dealing with an uptick in homelessness. Corn fest is also this weekend, so we are swamped. If any of you want to meet our guys or give talks, shoot me an email.

#### Joyce

- We are winding down from our Action Grant, and we are starting our 3rd year of it in October. I'm excited to speak with Lauren and Brandi about the garden plans for Legacy and Cledy's.
- Also, we have a Poverty simulation event on September 5th that is in danger of being canceled. It is free with lunch provided, so please look at the flyer and register.

#### Kelsey

- We're getting everything rolling with the school year. We can do community events if you'd like us to, but normally we just go to schools and sporting events. My phone number is 815-590-0250
  - **Gerald:** I will have Lauren give you a call.

#### Heaven

- Our grant season just started, so we are very busy over here.

#### Erika

- With the school year starting, we have been very busy working on meeting with teachers and students to talk about and be aware of the dangers of fentanyl.

#### Deb

- Our ROSC teams are about to enter into our survey time (same as last year). There are 10 questions the state provides that you must include, but you can add up to 10 more questions. Remember: Data is Data, and Data means Grants.