



NEAR SOUTH SIDE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 11/11/2025

ATTENDEES:

- Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Halle Berghoff (EDDR Foundation), Gloria Prowell (EDDR Foundation), Tiffany Webb (Healthcare Alternative Systems), Kimberly Haywood (Breaking Barriers Collectively ROSC Council), Hong Liu (MAHA), Mimi Tsang (MAHA), Dana Landau (Urban Initiatives), David Rodriguez (Community Mental Health Care), Florence Wright (Southside Heroin Opioid Taskforce), Karma Wilson (Lurie Children's Hospital), Tanya Sorrell (RUSH), Deidre Joy (Alcoholics Anonymous), Ricardo Jimenez (PRCC)

TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.**
- II. **ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why is it important to the community?**
- III. **Data Highlights: Veterans, Transgender Individuals, and Native Americans.** In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Transgender Awareness Month, and Veterans Day data this month highlights topics associated with those causes.
Veterans Alcohol is the primary substance for 65% of veterans entering treatment centers. Male veterans are more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with an alcohol use disorder. Of those

admitted 11% were for heroin use and 6% for cocaine. **Transgender Individuals** 50% of LGBTQ+ youth who wanted mental health care in the past year couldn't get it. One study found 70% of trans participants were discriminated against by medical providers. 15% of trans veterans reported required multisystemic therapy for treatment. PTSD and overall psychiatric burden was higher amongst trans veterans compared to cisgender veterans. The primary reasons trans individuals avoid accessing treatment services are mistreatment and cost barriers.

Native Americans Data shows that Native Americans have the highest rates of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, inhalant, and hallucinogen use disorders compared to other ethnic groups. There is a lack of behavioral health providers and culturally responsive care for Native Americans. 19.6% of Native American and Alaskan Native adults experienced mental illness in the past year, and 7.3% experienced a serious mental illness. 8.5% had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, compared to 4.8% of the general US population. High rates of trauma, including intergenerational and interpersonal violence, contribute to the increased prevalence of mental health and substance use disorders.

Discussion Questions:

While we have you here, have you identified gaps in the recovery community? What issues are not being addressed? What services are not being provided?

IV. ROSC in Action,

- a. Request for all those in attendance to fill out our community survey.
- b. Open call to encourage participants to invite someone who may be interested in joining the ROSC.

V. Cook County Events and Trainings – OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Building the Future: Prevention Fellows Tell Their Story
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Repeat: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	"A Second from Silence" – a play
Saturday, November 22, 2025	States Telling Their Prevention Stories

- VI. **Presentation: Social Determinants of Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Stigma: Unpacking SUD Treatment for LGBTQIA+** Doctor Tanya Sorell spent the final hour of the meeting giving a training on substance use disorder in LGBTQIA+ communities. The training specifically focused on the social determinants of substance use disorder and how stigma affects LGBTQIA+ communities. She covered the history of substance use as well as stigma before transitioning into current day, and helpful practices when serving LGBTQIA+ communities. The training finished with a case study and discussion open to all participants.

VII. **ROSC Council Member Updates/Discussion/Questions:**

- a. Brief discussion on upcoming events that ROSC members are hosting.
- b. Open discussion of the training and how ROSC members will put the skills discussed into practice.

VIII. **Adjournment**