



Kane County ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care) Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM

Location: Gateway Foundation – Aurora (Hybrid Meeting)

Facilitators: Jarrett Burton (DuPage County ROSC Coordinator), Annette Villarreal (Kane County ROSC Coordinator)

I. Call to Order & Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by facilitators Jarrett Burton and Annette Villarreal.
- Opening remarks focused on gratitude for Gateway Foundation hosting and the importance of collaboration within the recovery community.
- A gratitude icebreaker was conducted where multiple members shared personal and professional moments of hope.

II. Spotlight Presentation: Gateway Foundation Services

Presenter: Amy Traska, Director of Professional Relations at Gateway Foundation.

Key Highlights:

- Gateway has served over 1 million adults across 16 Illinois locations.
- The Aurora facility offers residential treatment, day treatment, IOP (in-person/virtual), recovery coaching, and alumni support.
- Clinical outcomes include a 91% patient satisfaction rate.
- Staff members (Sam, Courtney, Lucy, Vince) shared insights on specialized programs and the importance of long-term alumni engagement.
- Recognition: Serenity House presented Gateway leadership with 40th-anniversary commemorative coins.

III. Program Updates: Community Needs Assessment

Annette Villarreal provided an update on the Kane County Community Needs Assessment.

Discussion: Members identified key barriers to care, including:

- Complex insurance and medical clearance processes.
- Lack of timely access and lengthy intake assessments.
- Insufficient community-based case management.
- Transportation, pet care, and housing instability.



Action: All members were urged to distribute the survey within their networks and to community members outside the recovery field to ensure comprehensive data.

IV. Community Connections & Announcements

- Recovery High School Initiative: Bridget Flanigan presented a proposal to establish Illinois's first recovery high school in Aurora.
- Upcoming Events Shared:
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (Nov 25) – Echo Development & Stable Able Housing.
- “Saving Lives with Firearm Restraining Orders” virtual training – Kane County Health Dept (Dec 9 & 19).
- Regular AID pop-up outreach schedule (Tues/Wed/Thurs in Batavia, Aurora, Elgin).

V. Major Community Announcement

Annette Villarreal announced the launch of the Kane County Mobile Outreach Van, a collaborative initiative between AID and Serenity House, facilitated by the ROSC.

The van is equipped with harm reduction supplies, warm clothing, food, water, toiletries, first aid kits, and pet supplies. It will serve unsheltered individuals across Kane County, with a soft launch beginning the following week.

VI. Outdoor Demonstration & Walkthrough: The Kane County Mobile Outreach Van

- In-person attendees were invited outside for a live walkthrough of the mobile outreach van.
- Facilitators and AID staff showed the van's layout and supplies and discussed potential locations for future pop-up sites based on community need.

VII. Closing Segment

Next Meeting: Scheduled for December 17, 2025. This will be a combined Kane & DuPage County ROSC Holiday Party featuring the first annual “ROSCar Awards.”

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all attendees and Gateway Foundation.



VIII. Attendance (Per Sign-in Sheet)

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Adam Pawley	Several
Anne Jaworska	Gateway Foundation
Casie Alexander	College of DuPage
Mariana Viana	AID Cares
Gabuski-Smith	Gateway Foundation
Sharon Cabrera	Kane County Health
Lily Putano	K.C.H.D
Maureen Haran	Suicide Prevention Services
Nathan Ritzem	K.C.H.D
Hailey Pociask	Pasadena Villa
Michelle Myer	K.C.H.D
Becky Sadler	Rosecrans
Donna Rennaurd	Serenity House Counseling
Hugo Saltjeral	VSW
Lauren Ogle	Mercy Medical Hospital
Biancy Fernandez	VSW
Brianne Haag	Oxford House
Nicole DeMory	KCHD-CLT

Note: Additional virtual attendees participated but are not listed on the physical sign-in sheet.

IX. Action Items & Next Steps

Item	Responsible Party	Deadline/Notes
Distribute Community Needs Assessment survey to networks.	All ROSC Members	Ongoing
Provide suggestions for Mobile Van pop-up locations in Kane County.	ROSC Members → AID/Serenity House	By Dec 1, 2025
Follow up on Recovery High School initiative interest.	Interested Members ↔ Bridget Flanigan	As needed
Attend December 17 Holiday Party & ROSCstar Awards.	All Members	Dec 17, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.