



# ROSC December Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 17, 2024

Time: 3pm– 4pm

Location: In-Person/Virtual/Hybrid- Serenity House Counseling Services Addison

Facilitator: Jarrett Burton/ Annette Villareal DuPage& Kane ROSC Coordinators

Attendees: Refer to the attached sign-in roster. Attendees consisted of members and guests, including those representing Serenity House, DuPage County Health Department, Kane County Health Department, 360 Youth Services, Banyan Treatment Centers, and additional community partner organizations.

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was officially called to order at 3pm by Facilitator Jarrett B and Annette V. A quorum was confirmed to be present, allowing for official business to proceed.

## II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and accepted by general consent, with no objections noted.

## III. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous council meeting, held in Nov, were presented for review. Members accepted and approved of the minutes as submitted.

## IV. Announcements and Program Updates

### A. Psychiatric Intervention Services

The facilitator shared that Serenity House is actively providing psychiatric intervention programming in partnership with the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership. This initiative focuses on prevention and early diversion strategies for individuals facing mental health challenges. Promotional resources, including a QR code for easy access, are available to stakeholders.



## B. Narcan Distribution and Community Harm Reduction Partnership

Mr. Scott Kauffman from the DuPage County Health Department delivered an update on the Narcan access partnership. The program is shifting its strategy to place Narcan in non-traditional community locations to better reach target populations. Distribution is moving from large, fixed cabinets to smaller, micro-distribution models. The partnership has ensured compliance with Illinois House Bill 1085, requiring all public libraries to stock Narcan and train their staff. Following a major training initiative in September, all libraries in DuPage County are now compliant. High-utilization sites such as Wheaton and Glen Ellyn public libraries were highlighted, and new partners include Indian Prairie, Glenside, and Lisle public libraries. Similar harm reduction programs are being developed in Kane County.

## C. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- The next DuPage ROSC Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 14 at the DuPage County Health Department. This meeting will serve as the launch of a new county-wide stigma reduction campaign.
- A weekly Harm Reduction Drop-In Center is opening at the Serenity House Geneva location on Tuesday, January 13, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
- The Council is seeking host organizations for future monthly meetings and invites interested parties to volunteer.

## D. Outreach Van Donation Drive

The Council announced a call for donations to support the harm reduction outreach van, operated in partnership with Aid. The drive is focused on collecting items critical for client well-being, including:

- Cold-weather attire (coats, gloves, socks)
- Personal hygiene products
- Hand and body warmers
- Pet food and supplies for clients with companion animals

## E. Proposed Re-Entry Fellowship Initiative

A proposal was introduced to create a non-fellowship-specific support group for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration. The aim is to address challenges such as employment anxiety and to provide skill-building opportunities. The Council will form a subcommittee to further examine and develop this initiative.



## F. Community Needs Assessment Survey

The annual Community Needs Assessment survey is currently active for DuPage and Kane Counties. Council members are strongly encouraged to share the survey link within their professional and personal networks. The data collected will inform policy decisions and help demonstrate service gaps to state authorities. The survey will remain open until December 31.

## G. Proposed Pet Retention Subcommittee

The Council discussed the role of pets as a barrier to treatment access. A motion was made and seconded to establish a subcommittee dedicated to exploring supportive solutions, such as foster networks, for individuals entering treatment. Several members volunteered to participate in this new initiative.

## V. Open Forum and Partner Updates

- **Provider List Renewal:** Members were reminded that the annual renewal period for the Approved Service Provider list is now open. Details regarding criteria and contact information were provided.
- **Treatment Access Update:** A representative from Banyan Treatment Centers announced that their Harrison detox facility is now accepting admissions, regardless of an individual's payment source.
- **Crisis Services Availability:** Local Crisis Center representatives confirmed the availability of beds for substance use emergencies and emphasized the ongoing collaboration with ROSS for client referrals.

## VI. Special Recognition: Inaugural ROSCAR Awards

The Council presented its first-ever ROSCAR awards, recognizing outstanding contributions:

- **Kane County Organization of the Year:** Kane County Health Department (Accepted by Ms. Sharon Cabrera)
- **DuPage County Harm Reduction Award:** 360 Youth Services (Accepted by Mr. Ezra Fisk)
- **Lived Experience Award:** Mr. Mark Matthews
- **Kane County Community Leader Award:** Ms. Sharon Cabrera



- Community Champion Award: Mr. Scott Kauffman, DuPage County Health Department

## VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- DuPage ROSS: Wednesday, January 14, at the DuPage County Health Department
- Kane ROSS: Wednesday, January 22, at Elgin Community College
- All meeting recordings are archived and accessible via the official ROSS YouTube channel

With all agenda items addressed and no further business raised, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

<b>Kane County ROSC Council Meeting Attendee</b>
Jarrett Burton
Annette Villarreal
Matilda Frias
Mimi Doll
Becky Sadler
Kathy McNamara
Anna Nanikolik
Aiden Walker
Ezra Fisk
Brianna Haug
Danielle Heffremen
Steve Holtsford
Diana
Sharon Cabrera
Mark Matthews
Mike Woods
Scott Kauffman
Juan Hernandez
Suzanne Snyder
Mellissa Murillo
Donna Foil
Donna Rennaurd
Danny Sorbis
Brenda Scafidi
Cheryl Cryer
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Marco Fajardo
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Jim Murphey
Jennifer Cygan
Sophia Gaydos
Blake Worman
Nicole Demory
Juanita Velazquez
Julie Hansen