

Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Meeting Minutes

Date: December 17, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Jake Albers – DeKalb ROSC Coordinator

Ben Rudolph – ROSC Region 2 TA

Deanna Cada – DeKalb County Mental Health Board

Penny Stark – RCA

Johanna Gonzalez

Andy McFarlane

Rebecca Laudati – HOPE of Ogle County

Diana Belicke – Rosecrance Behavioral Health

Erika Hahn – OMNI

Joyce Lewis – Ogle County Health Department

Jordan Keene

Marta Jarka – Ben Gordon Center

Shannon Tully – SVVOR

Agenda & Discussion

1. Greetings and Ice Breakers

- Introductions and brief icebreaker activity.

2. SVVOR Update

- Shift focus to individuals further along in recovery.
- Goal: Build a strong, robust recovery community.
- Current activities: roller skating night out, music group with Jake, basketball, virtual SMART Recovery meetings, Grief Group, Art Group.

3. Recovery Lives Here Campaign

- Penny Stark celebrates 7 years in recovery.
- Remembering Ramsey Lewis III, lost to overdose.

4. Sober Living Homes

- SVVOR operates two homes; exploring additional locations.

5. SVVOR Intakes & Outreach

- 15 intakes last month; 2 in DeKalb County.
- ROSC to assist with outreach, training, and connecting community members.

6. ROSC Survey & Strategic Plan

- Survey ongoing; 173 participants so far, primarily from DeKalb and Whiteside Counties.
- Strategic Plan due end of December; feedback requested in January.

7. Community Navigation & Education Needs

- Develop materials (video/flyer) to explain next steps for those seeking help.

8. Promotion of 211 System

- Emphasize 211 system; ensure SVVOR info is current.

9. Rural Access & Transportation Barriers

- Transportation and insurance are key barriers.
- Explore partnerships (e.g., Uber) to improve rural access.

10. Program Updates

- NA for inmates: January 7

- Hydroponics at Cledy's House: February

11. Recovery Workplace Initiative

- Contact Penny Stark or Jake Albers to participate.
- Next meeting: January 29, 12–1 PM
- Jake to send reminder.

12. Court Programs & Co-Occurring Needs

- Drug Court: Fridays at 10:30 AM
- Mental Health Court: Fridays at 1:30 PM
- High levels of co-occurring substance use and mental health needs.

Action Items / Next Steps

1. ROSC members to assist with outreach and training materials.
2. Create educational materials (video/flyer) explaining next steps (Deanna Cada).
3. Ensure SVVOR info is up-to-date in 211 system (Andy McFarlane / SVVOR).
4. Explore transportation solutions for rural areas (ROSC & partners).
5. Jake Albers to send reminder for Recovery Friendly Workplace meeting (Jan 29).
6. Submit Strategic Plan; gather council feedback in January.