

# Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 17, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

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## 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

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## 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.

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### **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.