

COLLECTIVELY (BBC) – Meeting Minutes



Topic: *End Permanent Punishment*

Date: Friday, March 20, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: In-person and via Zoom

Presenter: Terrance Simpkins

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. Members and guests were welcomed to the March (BBC) meeting.

2. Overview of RO SC

A brief overview of RO SC (Recovery-Oriented System of Care) was provided, outlining:

- What is RO SC and its role in supporting individuals suffering with substance use disorder, mental health, re-entry and unhoused
- BBC's mission and continued commitment to community support, engagement, and sustainable recovery practices

3. Introductions

Introductions were made by:

- BBC members
- Visiting guests
- Virtual participants

A total of 14 attendees joined via Zoom, with 17 participants attending in person.

4. Featured Presentation

The meeting then transitioned to the featured speaker, **Terrance Simpkins/ End Permanent Punishment.**

Terrence Simpkins from the Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishment presented recent legislative updates supporting justice-involved individuals, including the Clean Slate automatic record-sealing law (effective July 1, 2025) and expanded eligibility for record sealing. Participants discussed ongoing barriers to housing and employment despite these protections.

Attendees identified continued challenges related to housing denials, limited

transparency around eligibility requirements, and inconsistent employment practices. Resources shared included IDHS complaint processes, record-sealing options, and support from community organizations including Brighter Behavior Choices, WIND, Kate’s Detective Agency, and the TEECH Foundation ROSC.

The presentation emphasized the importance of advocacy, relationship-building with elected officials, and participation in statewide initiatives such as the Permanent Punishment Task Force to support long-term systems change.

5.

The meeting was well received, with members and guests expressing their thoughts, views and opinions. Also, with the desire for more information. Breaking Barriers Collectively is thinking of continuing the topic of Re-entry

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