

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC)

March 23rd Location Beacon Church

Attendance

Hosts

- Lindsay Minor
- Elyse Schoen

Members' Present

- Star King, Alleahnia Pollard, Chas Swearingen, Kevin Schott, Chris Stanford, Greg Santoni. Linda Taylor, Toni Randall

Online Participants

- Samantha Hicks, Carmen Lanham, Jennifer Bagwell, Whitney Evans, Stephanie Geisler, Conswala Jones, Brian Pollo

1. Planning Meeting Overview

The ROSC Planning Committee met to review upcoming community initiatives, including Laundry Day events and the Spring Mental Health Walk.

ROSC Meeting Summary-The committee held a focused discussion on insurance-related barriers affecting access to treatment services. The meeting held a discussion on the challenges of accessing inpatient treatment services and shared the frustration of insurance criteria. Members of the consortium shared personal stories of assisting individuals with treatment and the barriers they have witnessed. Inpatient organizations shared their knowledge of requirements both organizationally and insurance requirements.

2. Initiative Updates

A. Laundry Day Events

- First event scheduled for **April 2nd in Bunker Hill**, funded by the Bunker Hill School District.
- Monthly events will rotate among local laundromats until funding is depleted.
- Purpose: Reduce barriers to basic needs while increasing community engagement with ROSC resources.

B. Spring Mental Health Walk & Awareness Events

- Scheduled for: **May**
- Planned activities:
 - Community walks
 - Evening gathering
 - Candlelight vigil
 - Resource tables and partner participation
- Promotional materials:
 - Potential T-shirt distribution
- Partnerships include drug court programs, community organizations, and ROSC consortium members.

C. MAR Harm Reduction Campaign

- Brief updates provided; planning continues.

D. Drug Take Back Day – April 25th

- ROSC will be a partner with **Sullivan’s Pharmacy**.
- Additional engagement ideas discussed:
 - Wellness trade-ins
 - Donut incentives

3. Discussion: Insurance Barriers to Treatment

Committee members shared significant challenges related to insurance coverage for substance use and mental health treatment.

Key Issues Identified

- Strict admission criteria for residential treatment.
- Denials based on “too much clean time.”
- Limited approval for certain substances or diagnoses.
- Inconsistent communication between treatment facilities and insurers.
- Specific concerns raised regarding Aetna and other providers.

Proposed Actions

- Explore legislative solutions to improve access.
- Consider meeting with state officials regarding the **Illinois State Opioid Action Plan**.
- Strengthening coordination between treatment providers, peer support workers, and insurers.
- Dedicate the next meeting to **youth-focused initiatives**.
- Finalize pricing, routes, times, and meetup locations for Mental Health Walks, email details to consortium.
- Confirm partnership with Sullivan's Pharmacy for Drug Take Back Day
- Attend Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

Next Meeting

April 27th Location: _Beacon Church/Zoom