

Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Meeting Minutes

5/20/26

1:00PM

Attendees (21): Nick Buccieri (DeKalb County Court Services), Ryan Bivins (DPD Chief of Police - Lee/Whiteside ROSC Member), Tiara Sims (Goodwill Illinois), Marci Millburg (Northwestern Medicine), Allen Przysucha (Sterling City Council - Lee/Whiteside ROSC Member), Brandi O'Rorke (Lead Recovery Coach SVVOR), Jake Albers (Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Coordinator), Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director), Elliot Grace (Assistant ROSC Coordinator, Outreach Manager SVVOR), Steven McBride (DeKalb County Recovery Coach SVVOR), Deanna Cada (DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board), Andy McFarlane (Kishwaukee United Way), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 TA ROSC), Lauren Erickson (Outreach & Training Chestnut Health Systems), Monique Shaw (LSW Coordinator of School Services), Ali T (President DeKalb Area Alano Club), Diana B (Rosecrance Behavioral Health), Anabel (Re-entry Employment Specialist Goodwill Northern Illinois), Michelle Foster (DeKalb ROE Community Navigator), Marta Jarca (NM Ben Gordon Center) Brooke (Goodwill Northern Illinois)

RCO Report- Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director)

- We had 28 intakes in April, 19 new, 9 that we have helped before, 10 of them being from Ogle/Dekalb counties. Alcohol was the main drug of choice followed by cocaine which we have started to see an increase in.
- In April we hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in partnership with the Alano Club @ Hopkins Park in DeKalb. There were about 130 people in attendance! We also held an Earth Day cleanup event in Rochelle and Dixon that both had great turnouts and strong support from our communities.
- Both of our sober living homes are doing well, continuing to grow, and we do have some openings available.

Presenter- Nick Buccieri (DeKalb County Court Services)

- Nick has a background in human services and helps ALL people find recovery.
- Nick's main goal has been actively working to gain trust and build relationships by working with peers to help them in any way possible to make positive changes in their lives, and help them meet some of their initial short term goals, and setting them up for long term success. This has helped the overall perception of the DeKalb County Probation Department.
- Nick is certified in the ABE application process which helps provide medical insurance, food benefits, etc.

What Can ROSC Do For You?

- Tiara Simms (Goodwill Illinois) - Tiara joined the meeting looking to gain more resources/info for treatment/support options to refer people to and now plans to refer peers to SVVOR.
- Marci Millburg (Northwestern Medicine) - First time joining ROSC, learning more about ROSC and different organizations and resources that each provide.

- Deanna Cada (DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board) - Deanna would like to help support SVVOR in showing recovery documentaries at The Egyptian Theatre. She would like ROSC to help in coordinating recovery services in DeKalb county. Also mentioned the possibility of utilizing IRIS for regional referrals and warm hand offs of peers between agencies.
- Diana Belicke (Rosecrance Behavioral Health) - Diana would be appreciative if we can refer veterans for detox and treatment when we have the opportunity to do so.