

Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Minutes

04/15/2026

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Attendees- Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director), Elliot Grace (Assistant ROSC Coordinator/Outreach Mgr), Jake Albers (Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Coordinator), Steven McBride (SVVOR Recovery Coach), Ali T (DeKalb Area Alano President), Katie Sherman (Living Room Team Lead @ Ben Gordon Center), Alyssa Giliberto (NM Ben Gordon Center Police Social Work), Frankie Best (Safe Passage SA Case Manager), Lauren Erickson (Community Outreach & Training Specialist @ Chestnut Health Systems)

RCO Report - Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director)

- We had 18 referrals for crisis intake in the month of March, with 1 from Ogle, 4 from DeKalb, 9 of them men, 8 women. Alcohol counted for 11, and the rest were Fentanyl, Meth, and Cocaine.
- March Voices Night Out was held at The Roiel Scoop Ice Cream Parlor and Arcade in Rochelle, IL. There were about 45 people in attendance.
- SVVOR hosted a free Easter Egg Hunt event in DeKalb at Hopkins Park on Sunday 4/12 and had about 125 people in attendance. Very happy to have support from the DeKalb Area Alano Club at the event.
- We are seeing better attendance at our recovery documentary movie showings in Lee/Whiteside and we are hoping to create this opportunity for the community in DeKalb also.

Strategic Plan Goals Ogle/DeKalb ROSC

#1 Expanding Recovery Housing (Open Discussion)

- Katie Sherman (Living Room Team Lead Ben Gordon Center)
Notes that peers are cautious of Sober Living of America due to people from other states often making the trek and being turned away upon arrival. Katie stated that it could be beneficial to engage in conversations with peers about the current recovery needs/issues in the area and work to show support and build trust amongst them.
- Lauren Erickson (Community Outreach & Training Specialist Chestnut Health Systems)
Lauren expressed the idea of an open table discussion with the community explaining the myths vs facts about sober living homes, and addressing the issues around the stigma of addiction and people in recovery. Providing information from an educational perspective.

#2 Community Education to Combat NIMBY (Open Discussion)

Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director)

- Promote Recovery Lives Here campaign and interact with peers as well as build new connections with people in recovery and request that they participate by sharing their stories.

#3 Improve Access to SUD Services (Open Discussion)

Elliot Grace (SVVOR Assistant ROSC Coordinator, Outreach Manager)

- Continue to collaborate with recovery organizations, courts, legal systems etc in the DeKalb county area to raise awareness, and develop relationships to gain trust and referrals to SVVOR for our Sober Living Homes In Dixon and RockFalls. SVVOR has seen an increase in peer activity from the DeKalb county area due to lack of resources available to them locally.

#4 Increase Employment Opportunities for people in Recovery (Open Discussion)

Jake Albers (SVVOR Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Coordinator)

- Chamber members in the area have been given Recovery Lives Here survey data from Local employers.

Frankie Best (Safe Passage SA Case Manager)

the DeKalb Township offers this: (815) 758-8282

2323 South 4th Street

DeKalb, IL 60115

- <https://dekalbtownship.org/employment-assistance/>

Danita Sims – Job and Life Coach

- 600 E. Lincoln Hwy, #72 DeKalb, IL 60115
- info@PassionPursuitInc.org
- Text/Voicemail: (779) 324-428
- YouTube channel: [Employment Services](#)

Family Service Agency-Next Chapter Employment

www.fsadekalbcounty.org Assist with covering the cost of employments such as:

- Tools
- Drug testing/finger printing
- Vehicle repairs
- Cell phone minutes
- Other employment barriers