

DuPage ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2026

0:00-13:00

DuPage County ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the hosts of the July meeting, DuPage Probation and Court Services. Jarrett started by explaining what a ROSC is and what DuPage ROSC does in the community.

DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton asked the group about areas they'd like to see the ROSC focus on this year. Jarrett said his thought would be for workforce development.

Scott Kaufmann from the DuPage County Health Department talked about moving the focus from just opioids to other substances of abuse like stimulants.

Judith Lukas from the DuPage County Coroner's office wants to do a better job of identifying cluster overdoses, including non-fatals

We also had some folks from Naomi's House domestic violence programs talk about the overlap between the two sectors

20:20-

ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then introduced our hosts for the meeting, Bernadine McFarland, who is the program director for DuPage Problem Solving Courts, to give an overview:

Bernadine started by giving an overview of the problem-solving court model, which diverts clients away from strictly punitive outcomes. It could be a combination of substance use and/or mental health challenges paired with the specific court program they need. The overall goal is to reduce recidivism.

The target population is "high risk/high need" population – primarily participants who have been to DOC or treatment multiple times. They cannot accept participants who have committed violent crimes and also sex-offenders.

The treatment teams in the programs include: Judge, prosecutors, public defenders, probation officers, peer support workers, and more.

Jarrett asked if adding the peer-support options have been helpful and Bernadine said yes, it had been one of the missing links in the program.

Bernadine said there are weekly staffing meetings to discuss each participant's progress, everyone on the team is aware of what's happening with the participants. The courtroom is a friendly place, it's not adversarial. Jarrett suggests to attend a graduation if you haven't already, as you get to see people turn their lives around.

Bernadine showed some graduation photos from previous years graduations. There are graduations up coming up for the Mental Health Court and Veterans Court programs.

28:00- 42:00

DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then gave some upcoming updates for meetings, projects, events, etc.

Jarrett introduced Kelsey Chavez, from Ampact Recovery Corps. Kelsey talked about her experiences, including outreach for the Serenity House mobile units.

Jarrett then introduced Alex Brouwer, who also does outreach, to discuss some items they're looking for including summer clothing and toiletries.

Jarrett also mentioned they're looking for volunteers to cook meals for their Sunday outreach stop in Aurora.

Kane County ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal then promoted their next Kane ROSC meeting at Messenger Public Library, and also discussed the drop-in center in Geneva. Annette also mentioned the Re-Entry Fellowship program for folks who recently re-entered from being institutionalized.

48:00-end

Jarrett briefly talked about 7-Oh, which is a substance being sold in vape shops in several different forms. Jarrett said that there will be a full report on 7-Oh and other substances coming up in the vape shop report happening next week

DuPage County Health Department's Scott Kaufmann then showed off the new countertop Narcan dispensing displays, which are available for anyone who would like them. He also discussed the post-overdose resource feedback survey.

Attendance:

Jarrett Burton	DuPage ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Annette Villareal	Kane County ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Kelsey Chavez	Ampact, PLE
NeeNee Valasquez	Ampact, PLE
Marissa Thompson	OMNI, PLE

Matthew Ashley	Way Back Inn, PLE
Mimi Doll	DuPage Federation
Scott Kaufmann	DuPage County Health Department
Roger Stefani	Hope For Healing, PLE
Jennifer Trivelli	Linden Oaks Behavioral Health
Dr. Stephen Holtsford	DuPage Crisis Center, PLE
Brianna Haug	Oxford House Inc, PLE
Mark Matthews	Greater Family Health, PLE
Winter Lane	DuPage Probation
Judith Lukas	DuPage County Coroner
Nicole Janssen	Recovery Centers of America
Cristyna Ramirez	Existential Counseling
John Skocz	Central DuPage Hospital
Phil Lambert	Stonybrook Center
Matilda Faria	Healthcare Alternative Systems
Alexandra Brouwer	PLE, Serenity House
Ezra Fisk	360 Youth Services
Carissa Feiber	Live 4 Lali

