



NEAR SOUTH SIDE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

DATE: 07/14/2026

ATTENDEES:

- Daniel Mendez (EDDR Foundation), Halle Berghoff (EDDR Foundation), Gloria Landingham (EDDR Foundation), Kenneth Bell (Statewide ROSC), Lavis Lennon (Alliance Care 360), Tiffany Webb (Healthcare Alternative Systems), Jaye Kalopis (Healthcare Alternative Systems), Cristina Banda (Illinois Family Resource Center), ReGina White (Trilogy), Belinda Farr (Prevent Child Abuse Illinois), Andre Newsome (Drexel Counseling Services), Quinella Penemon (Treatment Alternatives for Stronger Communities)

TIME: 10:30am – 11:30am

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.**
- II. **ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why is it important to the community?**
- III. **Data Highlights: Recent Spike Alerts**
 - a. On June 30th, 2026 the spike alert system indicated 39 or more possible opioid-related overdose EMS responses in Chicago in the 24 hours prior. The Community Areas which were affected were: Austin, Humboldt Park, South Lawndale, and West Garfield Park on

the West Side; Chatham, Englewood, and Roseland on the South Side. That Red Spike Alert ended on Monday July 6th.

- b. On July 7th, 2026 the spike alert system indicated 28 (or more) possible opioid-related overdose EMS responses in Chicago in the 24 hours prior. The Hot Areas Identified were: Madison corridor from Pulaski to Albany, and corner of Pulaski and Cermak on the West Side; Halsted corridor from 63rd to 79th on the South Side. The Orange Spike Aler ended on Wednesday July 8th.
- c. These spikes could be related to drugs being laced in certain areas, which is why certain areas are flagged in the alerts. The spikes are alerted by the high intensity drug trafficking areas (HIDTA) overdose detection mapping application program (ODMAP to the Chicago Department of Public Health.

IV. Presentation: FY27 Kick-Off

- a. To kick off the new Fiscal Year, Daniel gave a presentation going over what a ROSC is, and the things the Near South Side ROSC does specifically. He went over the expectations set for a ROSC including deliverables we submit throughout the year, and how we use those in the work we do. He also went over data collected from the past fiscal year and how we will use it to inform our work moving forward.

V. ROSC in Action,

- a. Open call to encourage participants to invite someone who may be interested in joining the ROSC.
- b. Sharing resources from the Shine Hope Company.

VI. Cook County Events and Trainings – JULY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 15, 2026	UCAN Summer Hiring Fair – UCAN Chicago
Thursday, July 16, 2026	Parenting Again: Grandparents/Kinship Care Updates – The Illinois Family Resource Center
Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Illinois Harm Reduction and Recovery Coalition Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Ice Cream Social and Game Night – South Loop Neighbors
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Understanding the Importance of Care Coordination for Individuals with Serious Emotional Disturbance or Serious Mental Illness who are Homeless – National Council for Mental Wellbeing
Sunday, July 26, 2026	4 th Ward’s Back to School Bash – Alderman Lamon J. Robinson, ITAV Family of Schools, Northwestern Medicine
Wednesday, July 29, 2026	Southside Job Fair: Your Future Starts Here! – The Office of Il State Senator Robert Peters
Every Saturday by Appointment	Second Chance Employment Open House – Office Connect
Every Wednesday	Walk-in Wednesdays – Now Hiring at World’s Finest Chocolate – PeopleShare by PROMAN Staffing Agency

VII. Adjournment