

ROSC Meeting Minutes –Lee / Whiteside

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Attendees:

- Gerald Lott – Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery (SVVOR)
- Ben Rudolph – ROSC Council Technical Assistance
- Lauren Metzler- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Jordan Keene- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Brandi O'Rorke- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Jacob Albers- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Lupita Serrano- Lee County Health Department
- Pat Bartel- Chief of Police Sterling Police Department
- Matthew Klahn- Lee county drug court Judge
- Jaesen Johns- Illinois National Guard Counterdrug Task Force
- Amanda Douglas- CPRS Lake County Recovery HUB
- Rose Guiterrez- LSSI Prevention Specialist
- Michael Wilcox- Lee County Probation

Opening and Introductions

Gerald

- Meeting opened with greetings and introductions. Gave the group a definition on what is ROSC?
- Asked the group if they would like their RCO updates via email before the meeting or continue to be discussed in the ROSC meeting. Consensus was to e-mail prior to meeting

SVVOR Program Update

- Report on previous months stats, monthly groups, and monthly activities at SVVOR.
27 Intakes, various events and support meetings

ROSC

- Discussed our Strategic Plan. Recovery Lives Here and Recovery High School.

Jake

Spoke on Recovery Friendly Workplace that Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Council is working on and asked if anyone would be interested in the work group. If so, email him at jacob.alber@svvor.org

Discussion:

Gerald brought up discussion that took place at last month's meeting regarding the ban of \$1 shooters and kratom. He mentioned that Piper Grazulis of Rep Fritts Office had sent him an ordinance from Joliet that he will distribute to the Council Members.

Thoughts, Questions and Comments

Pat Bartel

Stated he spoke with the City Clerk of Sterling and he is continuing to move forward and create an ordinance. The only hold up is that Rock Falls and Sterling are not "home ruled."

Discussion continues within group members on their experiences with Kratom and/or the shooters of alcohol.

Gerald

Let Chief Bartel know that any of us ROSC members can help in the process, just reach out.

Chief Bartel

Stated he will need 2-3 people to come in and speak and give our knowledge once we are at that stage.

Rose

Stated LSSI has their "Hidden in Plain Site" set up and she is open to sharing information and providing flyers etc.

What can ROSC do for you?

Lupita

Help spread the word about their sports and school physicals they are doing

Jaesen

Nothing at this time

Michael Wilcox

Continue to collaborate together for referrals and with SVVORs sober activities.

Rose Guterrez

LSSI is looking for members to join their Youth Works program. This program is for people 18-20 years of age.

The meeting takes place once every 3 months.

Pat Bartel

Continue working together with referrals and will seek support once the ordinance is moving forward.

Ben Rudolph

Closed out the meeting

Minutes prepared by: Lauren Metzler