

N8V GoodLife ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14th, 2026

Time: 4:00-5:00 PM

Location: Trickster Cultural Center & Virtual (Zoom)

Welcome & Opening

The meeting opened with welcoming remarks and introductions. Gabriel Ayala, a professional musician from Tucson, Arizona, provided opening remarks and a prayer of thanks to Creator. The council then reviewed recent activities, FY27 priorities, upcoming events, and opportunities for community collaboration.

FY27 Activities & Back-to-School Social

The council reviewed recent accomplishments and community engagement activities for FY27.

The Back-to-School Social was highlighted as a successful community event, attracting more than **180 attendees**. Approximately **75–80 backpacks** were distributed to youth and families. The event also included **Narcan training sessions**, providing participants with important harm-reduction and overdose-prevention education.

Members discussed the importance of continuing to provide tangible resources, cultural programming, and educational opportunities through community events.

Lollapalooza Youth Immersion Day

The council discussed a unique youth engagement opportunity that came together on short notice through collaboration with Native organizations.

Approximately **20 Native youth**, including **6 youth from Trickster**, participated in a Lollapalooza Youth Immersion Day. Youth had the opportunity to learn about festival operations, event logistics, and potential career pathways within the music and entertainment industries.

The experience included behind-the-scenes opportunities and exposure to festival creators and professionals. As part of the program, youth developed their own music festival concept, “**Wild Berry Bash**,” and presented their ideas to approximately 300 participants.

The council recognized this as a valuable example of providing youth with culturally relevant career exploration, leadership development, and hands-on learning experiences.

Upcoming Quarterly Events & Youth Engagement

The council reviewed upcoming quarterly programming, including a **September Monarch Migration Celebration**.

The September event will include a **Youth Entrepreneur Fair**, with approximately **25 youth entrepreneurs** expected to participate. Members discussed continuing to create opportunities for youth to develop leadership, entrepreneurship, and community engagement skills.

The council also discussed the importance of sharing Indigenous healing and cultural opportunities with members, even when opportunities become available on short notice.

ROSC Deliverables & Membership Updates

The council reviewed progress on current ROSC deliverables, including the **N8V GoodLife membership submission** and the development of a new community survey.

Members emphasized the importance of keeping the council informed about upcoming opportunities, maintaining communication with ROSC members, and ensuring that required deliverables remain on schedule.

Indigenous Healing Resources & Retreats

Gabriel shared information regarding Indigenous healing resources, retreats, and related opportunities available to the community.

The council discussed an upcoming **Indigenous Movement Retreat in September**, as well as the importance of continuing to share Indigenous healing opportunities with ROSC members.

Members noted that healing opportunities may sometimes arise with limited notice and agreed that these opportunities should still be communicated to the council when appropriate.

Health & Community Collaboration Opportunities

The council discussed potential collaboration opportunities related to health and wellness programming.

Charlie shared updates regarding conversations with **Indian Health Services (IHS)** concerning potential funding and collaboration for **STI wellness programs**. The group discussed how these services could potentially complement existing community health initiatives.

The council also discussed a potential **pilot kit program** connected to the Cook County Department of Public Health RFP. Gina and Charlie will continue discussing how Charlie's services could be incorporated into future programming and whether IHS funding may provide an opportunity for collaboration.

Community Health & Outreach Updates

The group discussed a recent back-to-school immunization event organized through the Department of Public Health, which served approximately **10 families**.

The council also discussed broader community health needs and the importance of continuing to connect community members with culturally responsive health, wellness, and prevention resources.

December Round Dance

The council discussed the upcoming **December 19th Round Dance** and related community activities.

Gina will share the Round Dance flyer with the ROSC Council so members can stay informed and assist with outreach and participation.

Upcoming Priorities

The council identified the following priorities:

- Continue FY27 ROSC programming and community engagement.
- Follow up on N8V GoodLife membership submissions and the new survey.
- Promote the September Monarch Migration Celebration and Youth Entrepreneur Fair.
- Share information about Indigenous healing retreats and resources.
- Continue identifying last-minute Indigenous healing and community opportunities to share with council members.
- Explore potential collaboration with Indian Health Services and Cook County Department of Public Health.
- Continue developing youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and career exploration opportunities.
- Share information about the December 19th Round Dance.

Action Items

Gina

- Share the flyer for the December 19th Round Dance with the ROSC Council.
- Continue discussions with Charlie regarding potential health and wellness collaboration opportunities.

Jane

- Share information about the upcoming September Indigenous Movement Retreat with the ROSC Council.
- Collect and share upcoming Indigenous healing resources and opportunities with the ROSC Council, including opportunities that arise on short notice.
- Continue supporting communication and coordination for ROSC activities and deliverables.

Gina & Charlie

- Brainstorm and discuss opportunities to expand and present Charlie's services through community programming.
- Explore potential IHS funding opportunities.
- Discuss how potential programming could align with the Cook County Department of Public Health RFP and pilot kit program.

Closing

The meeting concluded with discussion of upcoming community events and continued collaboration around Indigenous healing, youth engagement, and community wellness. Gabriel led closing prayers, offering support and prayers for community members experiencing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges, including those affected by flooding and those participating in ceremony.

The council agreed to continue meeting and supporting upcoming programming and community initiatives.