

N8V GoodLife ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15th. 2026

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00PM

Location: Trickster Cultural Center & Virtual (Zoom)

Welcome & Opening

The meeting served as the kickoff for FY27. Gabriel opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by introductions and updates from council members. Gina expressed appreciation for the team's work throughout FY26, including Kenneth's support and Jane's continued growth and contributions to the council.

Region 1 In-Person ROSC Meeting Updates

The council reflected on the successful Region 1 in-person ROSC meeting hosted at Trickster Cultural Center. The gathering brought together ROSC groups from across the region and provided an opportunity to share the council's Indigenous perspective on healing and recovery.

The event included cultural performances by Sterling and the Big Bear family. Sherrine also shared positive feedback regarding the council's strategic plan, particularly its incorporation of Indigenous perspectives and the Four Directions framework.

Members discussed the importance of continuing to build relationships with other ROSC groups and increasing participation in regional meetings.

FY27 Deliverables & Priorities

The council reviewed upcoming FY27 deliverables and planning requirements, including:

- Updating the council membership roster and engaging at least 12 community stakeholders.

- Submitting quarterly reports.
- Developing an Indigenous resource guide.
- Conducting community surveys.
- Updating and implementing the strategic plan.
- Maintaining a quarterly community events calendar.
- Continuing community outreach and Indigenous-centered healing initiatives.

The council agreed to remain open to new members beyond the state-recommended sectors. Jane will serve as the point of contact for membership nominations.

Members also discussed the continued shift from "recovery" language toward "healing," recognizing that this approach better reflects Indigenous perspectives and holistic wellness.

Community Events & Programming

The council discussed upcoming events and opportunities to strengthen community engagement throughout FY27, including:

- Back-to-School Social – August 8
- Monarch Migration Celebration
- Art of Regalia Making Exhibit – October
- Potential Day of the Dead celebration
- Potential Trunk-or-Treat
- Future Round Dance and other cultural events

Gina discussed the cultural and ecological significance of the Monarch Migration Celebration and how it can create opportunities to connect Indigenous stories, migration, nature, and healing.

The council also discussed incorporating the community survey into the August 8 Back-to-School Social through collaboration with the Youth Council.

Regional Collaboration & Outreach

Members discussed increasing participation in other Region 1 ROSC meetings to strengthen relationships and share resources. Kenneth will compile a list of ROSC meeting dates, times, and links for the council.

The council also discussed sharing the Windy City Indigenous Anonymous Sobriety Recovery meeting information as an additional community resource.

Next Meeting

The next ROSC Council meeting was rescheduled from August 19 to August 14, 2026, to accommodate Gabriel's travel schedule. The August meeting will be held in person at Trickster Cultural Center.

Action Items

Gabriel

- Work with Jane and Melissa on the N8V Good Life shirt design.
- Help identify seasonal placement for shared stories/events on the quarterly calendar.

Gina

- Share the FY26 end-of-year impact report once approved.
- Communicate the change of the next ROSC meeting to August 14.
- Work with the team to finalize October event dates.

Jane

- Send the updated ROSC meeting calendar/flyer to council members.
- Share Windy City Indigenous Anonymous Sobriety Recovery meeting information.
- Collect and manage new council member nominations.
- Coordinate with the Youth Council to administer the survey at the August 8 Back-to-School Social.

Kenneth

- Share the finalized list of ROSC groups, meeting dates, times, and links.

Sherrine

- Update the strategic plan template with language for recurring goals through 2028.
- Coordinate cultural sharing content for the quarterly events calendar.

- Work with Gina to finalize and send the updated survey to Kenneth for review.

Council Members

- Send Jane suggestions for additional quarterly community events.

Closing

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continue strengthening Indigenous-centered healing and recovery efforts throughout FY27. Members emphasized continued collaboration, community engagement, cultural programming, and relationship building with regional partners