

DuPage ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2026

0:00-16:25

DuPage County ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the hosts of the July meeting, Endeavor Health Linden Oaks and then went over the agenda for the meeting

DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton explained what a ROSC is for any newcomers and laid out the sectors and areas that the ROSC engages with. He then asked any newcomers to introduce themselves to the group and we had five newcomers this month!

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 Recovery Centers of America in St Charles, as well as Serenity House's drop-in services in Geneva

Jarrett then promoted the Serenity House Overdose Awareness Day event and the art projects done in conjunction with Hope For Healing

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ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then introduced our hosts for the meeting, Endeavor Health Linden Oaks. Outreach Coordinator Jen Trivelli thanked everyone for coming, and mentions that she has been a part of the ROSC since near the inception. Jen then gave an overview of some of their services, including residential treatment in the Naperville location, but they cover the gamut of services for substance use and mental health challenges from Adolescence to Seniors.

Jen also noted their withdrawal management and co-occurring mental health treatment, which are important options for the people of our county. Additionally they can treat mood disorders and eating disorders as well.

They also have one of the largest outpatient centers in the area, treating all mental health and substance use challenges, including ages 8+ and there are eight different outpatient centers across Chicagoland.

Jarrett then spoke to Ari Bernstein, LCSW and Clinical Supervisor, about how he got into the field. Ari told us that he worked with kids at Mercy Home before moving on to establish different MAT/MAR programs and took a yearlong fellowship to study different treatment modalities. Ari said his favorite part of the field is creating a sense of community as primary intervention. He also talked about how MAT/MAR has changed since he started this work and one thing they're working on is educating people on using buprenorphine for Kratom and Kratom derivatives.

Jarrett then introduced Hope, who he met when she was a counselor at the last treatment center he went to, which was a touching full-circle moment. Ari also wanted to give Jarrett and ROSC thanks for assisting with so many tricky referrals to service.

The team then awarded Jarrett with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to helping others find their own recovery through the improving systems of care.

34:00 - End

Jarrett talked about some of the vape shop report info from the Presentation Series event the week prior, and walked the attendees through some of the updates from this year's vape shop reporting, including kratom, 7-OH, Pseudoindoxyl, nitrous oxide, mushroom gummies, and several promotions they found in area shops and gas stations.

Jarrett invited Annette Villareal up to tell everyone about her experiences going out into the shops and was shocked by the packaging which is made to look like candy.

The group then discussed some of the legal updates on the sales of these items found at shops with Scott Kaufmann from the DuPage County Health Department

Scott stayed on to discuss the upcoming post-overdose survey and how folks can help to get that out into the community.

Attendance:

Jarrett Burton	DuPage ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Annette Villareal	Kane County ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Kelsey Chavez	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
Matilda Faria	Healthcare Alternative Systems
Alexandra Brouwer	PLE, Serenity House
Ezra Fisk	360 Youth Services
Carissa Feiber	Live 4 Lali
Najeeb Khan	Live 4 Lali

