

ROSC Meeting Minutes –Lee / Whiteside
Date: August 20, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM

Attendees:

- Gerald Lott – Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery (SVVOR)
- Lauren Metzler- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Jordan Keene- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Brandi O’Rorke- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Lupita Serrano- Lee County Health Department
- Pat Bartel- Chief of Police Sterling Police Department
- Ryan Bivins- Chief of Dixon PD
- Melanie Marrandino - Sinnissippi Centers

Opening and Introductions

Gerald

- The meeting opened with greetings and introductions.
- Discussed RCO and ROSC updates
- August 31st event taking place for Overdose Awareness Day
- September 5th event taking place for Tevins Tribe

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- Discussed the FY26 Community Needs Survey, let everyone know we will email it to them and ask them to go over and give their suggestions on new questions, questions they would want to keep or remove and their insight.

Chief Bivins stated he would need to review it further to give in depth feedback but stated he would like to incorporate a question to the community and ask “ Do you feel that you can approach a police officer if you are needing assistance with SUD?”

Discussion:

Gerald asked for progress and updates regarding banning 7-OH/Kratom and the single shooters at the counters of gas stations, stores etc.

Chief Bartel stated he is making progress on this and was given the green light to start the petition on banning these in our area from Illinois State Representative Toni McCombie.

He stated that he will reach out when we the ROSC is needing to assist him in this.

What can ROSC do for you?

Lupita

Jordan and Brandi to assist her in going into vape shops to look for kratom etc. for the Lee County Health Department

Chief Bivins

More information emailed to him regarding our events coming up. Also, he will let us know if Dixon PD will be joining us at our International Overdose Awareness Day event on August 31st.

Pat Bartel

He will seek support once the ordinance is moving forward.

Melanie Marrandino

Would like us to email her local events we are hosting and know of so she is able to get it to staff and peers at Sinnissippi Centers.

Meeting Closed by Lauren Metzler

Minutes prepared by: Lauren Metzler