Breaking Barriers Collectively ROSC Council

ROSC Monthly Meeting Minutes — October 2026

Region 1 | Connecting Partners • Strengthening Recovery • Building Community

Date	Friday, October 16, 2026
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Format	Hybrid – In-person and Zoom
In-Person Location	Recovery Café Chicago, 6506 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60636
Facilitators	La Shaun Rickman, ROSC Supervisor Patrice Perryman, ROSC Coordinator Troya Mosley, ROSC Outreach Coordinator
Attendance	Community partners and participants attended in person and virtually. See meeting sign-in/Zoom attendance records for the official roster below.

Meeting Purpose

The meeting focused on understanding the importance of equity in creating inclusive pathways to recovery for individuals impacted by substance use disorders. Key objectives include identifying barriers that may prevent individuals from accessing recovery supports, distinguishing between equality and equity, reducing stigma, increasing awareness of available resources, and strengthening collaboration among community partners to ensure recovery services are accessible and responsive to diverse community needs.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Troya Mosley, ROSC Outreach Coordinator, and Patrice Perryman, ROSC Coordinator, welcomed participants and provided updates on BBC ROSC Council initiatives and community outreach efforts throughout Englewood, Gage Park, and Chicago Lawn.

La Shaun Rickman, ROSC Supervisor, introduced the meeting's focus on prioritizing equity and building inclusive pathways to recovery. The meeting highlighted the importance of recognizing individual needs, addressing barriers to accessing recovery support, and creating recovery systems that are accessible, responsive, and connected. Participants were encouraged to consider how community partnerships and collaboration can help reduce stigma, strengthen resources, and promote equitable opportunities for individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Overview

Troya Mosley, ROSC Outreach Coordinator, and Patrice Perryman, ROSC Coordinator, provided an overview of ROSC, emphasizing its commitment to person-centered recovery, community collaboration, and creating equitable pathways to recovery for individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

The discussion highlighted the difference between equality and equity and the importance of recognizing that individuals may face different barriers when accessing recovery services and supports. Participants explored barriers such as stigma, limited access to resources, transportation, housing, and other challenges that can impact an individual's ability to engage in and sustain recovery.

Prioritizing Equity – Meeting Priorities

The council identified key priorities for strengthening equitable access to recovery support, reducing barriers, and building inclusive pathways to recovery.

Meeting Priority	Community Focus
Reducing Stigma	Promote respectful, person-centered language and address stigma and misconceptions that may prevent individuals from seeking or engaging in recovery support.
Promoting MAR	Increase awareness of Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) as one of several valid, evidence-based pathways to recovery while supporting informed choices based on individual needs and preferences.
Promoting Harm Reduction	Support harm reduction strategies that meet individuals where they are, increase access to resources, and connect people to appropriate recovery and support services
Ensuring Effective Service Delivery	Strengthening partnerships, coordinated referrals, and connections among community organizations to create recovery systems that are accessible, responsive, and connected to community needs.
Prioritizing Equity	Identify and address barriers such as transportation, housing, financial challenges, stigma, and other systemic factors that can affect access to recovery services and opportunities for long-term wellness.

Community Collaboration and Partner Input

Community partners and stakeholders were encouraged to share perspectives, identify barriers to recovery, and explore opportunities to strengthen access to supportive resources and services. Bishop Johnny Banks Sr. and Vernita Shavers, guest speakers from A Knock at Midnight, presented **"Knowing Your Rights,"** focusing on individuals' rights and considerations when interacting with law enforcement and navigating immigration-related concerns.

The discussion emphasized the importance of understanding individual rights, reducing fear and stigma, and ensuring that community members have access to accurate information and appropriate resources. The presentation highlighted how knowledge, trust, and supportive community partnerships can reduce barriers and increase engagement with recovery and social services.

The discussion encouraged continued collaboration among community organizations, service providers, and individuals with lived experience to promote equitable access to resources, strengthen community connections, and support inclusive pathways to recovery.

Call to Action and Follow-Up

The Know Your Rights presentation was Part 1 of a two-part training. Part 2 will be offered as a separate follow-up training session, not as part of the November BBC ROSC Council meeting. We will share the date, time, and participation details for the separate session once they are established.

Participants and community partners were encouraged to share accurate rights-related resources, identify questions for the follow-up session, and consider how increased awareness of legal rights can help reduce barriers to equitable access to community and recovery services.

Upcoming November Council Meeting: A Gamblers Anonymous speaker is confirmed for the November BBC ROSC Council meeting. The council will share the meeting date, speaker details, and participation information through its regular outreach communications.

Follow-Up Actions: (1) Coordinate and announce the separate Part 2 Know Your Rights training when scheduling details are available; (2) prepare for the confirmed Gamblers Anonymous presentation at the November council meeting; (3) distribute meeting and training information to community partners; and (4) review Zoom access challenges to improve virtual participation. Staff assignments and deadlines will be established through council coordination.

Closing

The meeting concluded with appreciation for participants and community partners for their engagement in the discussion on Prioritizing Equity.

The BBC ROSC Council reaffirmed its commitment to reducing stigma, strengthening partnerships, and promoting equitable access to multiple pathways of recovery.

Participants were encouraged to remain involved in upcoming council activities and continue supporting recovery-focused initiatives throughout Englewood, Gage Park, and Chicago Lawn.

Meeting Attendance

The attendance roster below reflects the complete attendance list provided for this meeting, including the recorded Zoom participant. Before final circulation, confirm the two entries for Angelina Sanchez (listed under different roles) and the spelling of the guest speaker's name against the original sign-in record.

#	Attendee Name	Organization / Agency	Attendance Type
1	Jennifer Koonce	BBC Intern	In Person
2	Charlene Robinson	BBC Community Partner	In Person
3	Articia Jones	BBC Community Partner	In Person
4	Debrah Drough	BBC Community Partner	In Person
5	Willie Hall	GEO Re-entry Service	In Person
6	Heather Vela	BBC Community Partner	In Person
7	Angelina Sanchez	BBC Program Director	In Person
8	Anothy Dillon	BBC Case Manager	In Person
9	David Laws	BBC Community Partner	In Person
10	Bishop Jonny Banks	A Knock at Midnight	In Person
11	Vernita Shavers	A Knock at Midnight	In Person
12	Alejandro Lopez	TASC	Zoom