**ROSC Meeting Minutes – Ogle/DeKalb**
**Date: October 21st, 2026**
**Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Attendees:**

- Cameo Dixon- Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery cameo.dixon@svvor.org
- Alex Disz - Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery alex.disz@svvor.org
- Jake Albers - Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery jak
- David Caba - Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Brandi O'Rorke - Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery
- Emily Anaya - Rochelle Area Community Foundation
- Lidsmarie Martinez with the DeKalb County Health Department (Health Promotion Specialist) LMartinez@dekalbcounty.org
- Heaven Allen, DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board, Administrative Assistant hallen@dekalbcounty.org
- Nick Buccieri - DeKalb County Co. Court Services
- Erika Hahn - OMNI
- Naomi Faivre - DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy at DeKalb County Jail
- Marta Jarka - Clinical Manager NW Ben Gordon Center
- Jeni Simmons - NW Medicine Schreiber Medical Health Institute

**Opening & Introductions:**

**Jake-** currently at Statewide ROSC in-person meeting in Effingham, introduced ROSC and lead agency SVVOR

**David-** new DeKalb county recovery coach, looking forward to meeting with everyone to establish connection, likes to spend time with family

**Lids-** new health department promotion specialist in charge of Naloxone distribution, training, and outreach, started with the HD in May, but started new role in August, in her free time she likes to go fishing

**Emily-** current role since 5.5 years, enjoys running with her children, is passionate about youth development, coaching, and personal fitness

**Alex-** new Ogle county coach, enjoys wood-carving in his free time

**Brandi-** SVVOR Sober Living Program Director, enjoys alone time and crochet

**Heaven-** Administrator Assistant for DeKalb County Mental Health Board, enjoys advocating for her band kids, and baking

**Naomi-** DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy, enjoys watching sports, reading, hanging out with friends and family

**Nick-** enjoys playing pinball and poker

**Erika-** prevention specialist working on overdose prevention, loves walks on the lakefront in downtown Chicago
**Marta-** clinical manager at NW Ben Gordon Center working with DeKalb County treatment courts to oversee addictions programing, just filled the engagement specialist position, so they are fully staffed, enjoys reading
**Jennifer Simmons-** NW Medicine Schreiber Medical Health Institute, enjoys handing out with her adult children

**Discussion:**
**Jake-** open to discussion and questions regarding RCO report, invited community members to complete ROSC Community Needs survey including clients, mentioned next upcoming free event Egyptian Theatre's showing of Recovery City on November 12th at 6:30PM and keeping it local, offered free tables for any organizations interested
**Lids and Nick** are planning on attending with some of their respective members
**Marta** is offering transportation to this event for those receiving treatment with them, wants to invite a mobile living room to the event
**Jake** mentioned the Recovery Lives Here campaign which takes someone who is currently in recovery and someone who has lost their lives to their addiction and displays their faces on billboards, bus stops, posters, etc., wants to take radio funds and possibly place purple yard signs that say "Recovery is Possible"
**Nick** seconds the notion that radio may be dead and the idea of yard signs is great, "Recovery Lives Here" or "Recovery Safe Neighborhood"
**Jake** noted that these would be free signs and that we would be offering these in the spring
**Erika** has offered purple recovery stickers, suggested folders to promote access to resources or attain support for other initiatives such as the recovery high school
**Lids** agrees that the signs could be an eye-catching way, mentions MAR-now to supply resources
**Emily** suggested to have QR codes and that we may place resources at "little libraries"
**Jake** mentioned that we may have the ROSC Council logos on the signs
**Nick** said there are many blessing boxes in the area that we could utilize to spread the word about the availability of resources, mentioned that Andy with United Way might be able to combine some forces
**Marta** started with QR codes, NARCAN, and testing strips at smoke shops and dispensaries who were very receptive to flyers and harm-reduction materials, DeKalb dispensaries are required to promote TX or provide education
**Jake** mentioned wanting to do a "retail scan" to see what products are available, but would love to connect with them over these issues, announced that the mobile unit funding is in the works and that this project is coming soon to different rural communities
**What can ROSC do for you?**

**David** would like to know each and every person's needs, services they offer, and communicated that he is new to IL and new to his position, so is asking for help gaining access to contacts and promoting recovery support services
**Marta** November 19th is Rural Health Day in Sandwich to demonstrate the need to grow access to resources in the area, has openings in IOP, offers services for moms and pregnant women including case management including transportation with children, looking for drop-in daycares
**Lids** would like a list of places that we already work with to make sure that we are not cross-contacting for Naloxone training and opioid awareness in general, wants to get people on the website where they can pick up this life-saving medication no questions asked, working with anyone they can
**Jake** would like to work with Lids to get DeKalb County trained in Naloxone administration
**Emily** is in fund-raising mode for the rest of the year to be able to grant out money next year to beneficial local non-profits
**Jake** mentioned that Emily was a huge production manager with the previous showing of Generation Found in Rochelle
**Naomi** mentioned that there are purple cards, but would like to have more recovery resources or information, no staples or paper clips
**David** asked if we could get information into the individual units
**Naomi** said that she could scan in information to their tablets under a "Recovery Resources" folder and would like to see family members and others outside of the inmates get the benefit from our services
**David** would like to be able to facilitate more intakes from the jail
**Erika** Saturday is Drug Take Back Day
**Heaven** is here to support all organizations and would like to invite others to November 12th event
**Jake** invited any community members to set up a display or resource booth in collaboration for Recovery City