



Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

Office of Addiction and Recovery

Agenda

- Welcome and roll call
- Public comment (approximately 11:30)
- Council time with the Office of Addiction and Recovery
- Break
- Briefing on April results and proposed vision for the council work over the next two-years
- Council priorities action planning
- Next steps
- Debrief and adjourn

Observer reminders

If observing remotely

- Stay on mute and off camera except if you are speaking during public comment time.
- Do not use chat or raise your hand to comment on Council discussion.
- If you would like to address the Council, use the **'raise hand'** button during the public comment period and we'll call on you at that time.

If observing in the room

- See the information table for the posted meeting materials.
- If you would like to address the Council, add your name to the public commentor list on the information table. When the formal public comment period is opened wait for the facilitator to call on you.



Open meeting law requires public bodies to **record and maintain votes** of its members.



Formal votes will be held for meeting minutes and formal decisions made by the Advisory Council.



Virtual meetings require a vote by roll call and a quorum (simple majority) is required to vote.

Council member reminders

When participating remotely

- **Please be on video**, if possible, to help with overall engagement.
- Ensure your **name** is reflected under your picture.
- **Mute** when not speaking.
- Use the **'raise hand'** button when you would like to speak.
- Do not post comments related to Council discussion in chat.

When participating in person

- **Raise your hand** when you would like to speak, and Stacy or Wendy will cue you.
- **Share your name** before speaking.

Roll call and introductions

- Share your name
- Affiliation or background you would care to share

Approval of meeting minutes

- Approval of February 2025, meeting minutes will be taken by roll call.
- Approval of April 2025, meeting minutes will be taken by roll call.

Public comment opportunity

- Try to limit comments to two minutes so others may speak.
- The facilitator will help you mind the time.
- You are also welcome to communicate with Jeremy Drucker, Addiction and Recovery Director Jeremy.drucker@state.mn.us

Council time with the Office of Addiction and Recovery

- Legislative session recap
- Federal response
- Update on interagency substance use plan
- MOUD in Jails workgroup update & low barrier work group
- Recovery Friendly Workplace



Briefing on April results and proposed vision for the council work over the next two-years

PRIORITIES

Strategic Priorities for 2025 - 2027

Building on the insights generated through the avatar reflections, group discussions, and structured prioritization exercises, the Advisory Council identified **two strategic areas of focus to guide its work over the next two years**. These priorities reflect both the urgency of current need, acknowledgement of the current political landscape, and the Council's commitment to advancing systemic change in ways that are culturally responsive, community-centered, and evidence-informed.

Each priority was selected not only for its immediate relevance but also for its potential to catalyze broader transformation.

Evidence Based ROSC Council

End Goal

By 2027, the end goal is for the State Substance Use Disorder (SUD) strategy to prioritize a network of Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) councils, with two pilot councils (one urban and one rural) underway.

Why it Matters

These pilots lay the foundation for a sustainable statewide approach. When we invest in local voices and lived experience, we create systems that are responsive, practical, and built to last.

Culturally Responsive Care

End Goal

By 2027, the goal is to amplify diverse voices in decision-making, helping ensure culturally responsive care is integrated across the substance use recovery continuum, especially for communities facing the most disparities.

Why it Matters

Culturally specific communities bring deep knowledge, resilience, and insight to the recovery process. When their voices are included in shaping care systems, access improves, trust builds, and outcomes strengthen. Eliminating disparities starts by designing with, not just for, the communities most affected.

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Briefing on April results and proposed vision for the council work over the next two-years, continued

PRIORITIES

Strategic Priorities for 2025 - 2027

The Council collaborated to develop an initial set of key initiatives under each focus area. **These initiatives are intended to serve as actionable starting points** that further align the council around common goals, and laying the foundation for more future initiatives.

These initiatives may be updated or revised as the Council continues to coordinate its efforts, attracts stakeholder support and measures its progress over time.

Additional details on roles and responsibilities for each priority are included in Appendix C.

Evidence Based ROSC Council

Key Initiatives

Initiative 1 | Build a foundation –

Complete literature review and bring in external experts on what ROSC councils are, how they function, and where they've been effective to prepare the Council for ROSC council creation and implementation.

Initiative 2 | Identify local partners and recovery community organizations to help pilot ROSC councils. Identify organizations with experience in recovery community work to start pilots.

Initiative 3 | Conduct targeted outreach with communities to gather feedback on needs, experiences, and expectations for ROSC councils.

Culturally Responsive Care

Key Initiatives

Initiative 1 | Host community engagements to build trust, elevate underrepresented voices, and uncover service, access, and policy gaps.

Initiative 2 | Create or coordinate trainings and education materials for peer recovery specialists (PRS) and other workforce members to be culturally responsive.

Initiative 3 | Advocate for policy and funding to ensure that culturally responsive services are prioritized.

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Recovery Oriented System of Care in Illinois

Presentation for the Minnesota Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use and Addiction

Presenter

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADAC



Great Lakes (HHS Region 5)

ATTC

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Illinois ROSC Projects

- History
- Southern Region (ROSC Councils Rural Counties)
- Westside Heroin and Opioid Taskforce (Chicago)



ROSC COUNCIL

A group of key community stakeholders that work together to support and promote recovery, healthy, wellness and quality of life for individuals, families and entire communities with substance use disorders and challenges.

ROSC Counsels in Southern Illinois

"When Spider webs are United, they can carry a lion."

African Proverb



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Franklin Williamson ROSC Council Milestone





Historian and Researcher William White, MA.
Pioneer in the development of Recovery
Oriented Systems of Care



RECOVERY MANAGEMENT

William L. White, MA
Ernest Kurtz, PhD
Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC

First in a series of monographs from the
Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center
Chicago, IL

**RECOVERY MANAGEMENT AND
RECOVERY-ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE:
SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE AND PROMISING PRACTICES**

William L. White, MA
Senior Research Consultant Chestnut Health Systems

The Healing Forest, The Entire Community as the Recovery Center



Don Coyhis
Founder, White Bison



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Astronaut Neil Armstrong
“The eagle has landed.”

“Suppose you have 100 acres full of sick trees who want to get well. If each sick tree leaves the forest to find wellness and then returns to the forest, they get sick again from the infection of the rest of the trees. The Elders taught us that to treat the sick trees, you must treat the whole forest. You must create a healing forest. If not, the trees will just keep getting sick again. The community forest is now filled with alcoholic trees, drug-addicted trees, co-dependency trees, domestic violence trees, and trees with mental illness. The soil in which those trees are growing is missing the ceremonies, the songs, the stories, the language and the wisdom of our Elders.”

*Don Coyhis
White Bison*

Origin Story

“Between 1997 to 2005, meth labs in a 5-county region in southern Illinois increased by 19, 0000 percent.”

- Southern Illinois Meth Awareness Conference



Source: Flickr Commons

Southern Illinois Meth Awareness Conference Original Planning Committee

Tom McNamara

Jan Waller

Jeff Watkins

Michelle Hamilton

JR Moore

Dona Howell

Lisa Nagle

Wendy Bailie



ROSC Councils In Southern Illinois

- Lead agencies (Mobilization of the county, monthly meetings, name, mission statement, strategic plan, needs assessment, stigma reduction plan)
- Treatment centers
- Mental health facilities
- Other social service providers
- People in recovery (nothing about us without us)
- Formerly incarcerated
- Allies
- Families
- Faith based communities
- Business community
- Law enforcement
- Hospitals
- Local Government
- Schools
- Libraries
- Colleges and Universities



Scott Gatzke
Kris Kelly
Dr. Julia Parnell
Mark Sanders

(Monthly learning collaborative meetings, trainings,
collaboration with the state and monthly coaching
meetings)

ROSC Councils And RCO's Through FY 2025

- 43 ROSC Councils covering 56 counties
- 30 RCO's covering 53 counties
- Each county sets its own annual goals with input from the entire county
- Regular community needs assessments
- The goal is to have a ROSC Council in every county in Illinois
- The Illinois ROSC Council replaced Great Lakes ATTC and now oversees Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Work in the State
- Increase in Recovery housing and warming centers
- Addressing Food insecurity

June 2th to June 6th - 11am to 1pm

MONDAY Chicken Tortellini or Stuffed Bell Pepper
Vegetables or Garden Salad

TUESDAY Breakfast Taco or Baked French Toast
Sausage and Hashbrowns

WEDNESDAY Fried Catfish or Pork Fajita bowl
Cornbread and Collard Greens

THURSDAY Turkey & Dressing or Pork Chop
Corn Casserole and Green Beans

FRIDAY Fried Chicken or Baked Fish
Mashed Potato, Mac & Cheese and Collard Greens

SERVED EVERY DAY

Grilled Cheese
Regular or Grilled PB&J Sandwich



ROSC Councils And RCO's Through FY 2025

- Reversal of drug overdose and ability to quantify lives saved
- Increase in recovery and employment for persons in recovery
- Ability to respond to crisis
- Increase in the range of peer-based support groups
- Successful reentry initiative through partnerships with probation, parole and the court system
- Stigma reduction



Recovery Revolution in Southern Illinois

Take Action Today, an RCO in Southern Illinois



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Recovery Revolution in Southern Illinois

Take Action Today, an RCO
in Southern Illinois





2024 IAAP Rising Star Award

Recovery Revolution in Southern Illinois

Take Action Today 2023 winner
Benton/West City Chamber of
Commerce Business of the Year



Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center Recovery Coaching Program's Partnership with Haymarket Treatment Center Chicago



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Westside Heroin and Opioid Taskforce, a 2023 Winner of the SAMHSA Behavioral National Award



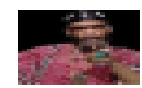
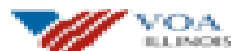
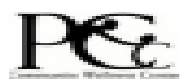
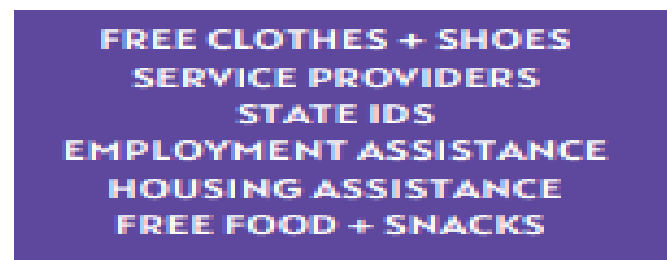
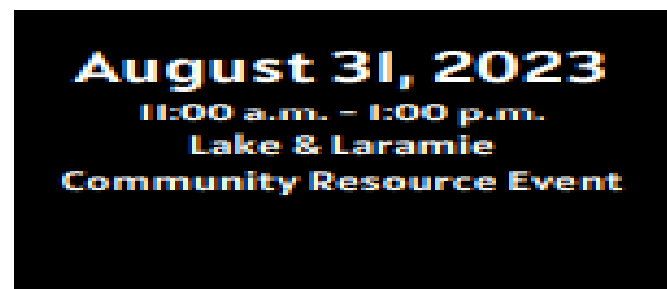
State Representative
La Shawn Ford

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Westside of Chicago

- Highest poverty rate in Chicago
- Highest homicide rate
- Highest unemployment
- Greatest numbers of incarcerated individuals return to 4 Westside zip codes (15,000 Annually)
- Highest opioid overdose rate in Chicago

Westside Heroin and Opioid Taskforce Partners



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Recovery Coaches from the community

“History of methadone in the community.”

Westside Opioid and Heroin Taskforce continued the Night Ministry



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The Westside Heroin and Opioid Taskforce Partners Continued

- Thresholds Psychiatric Services
 - Jail programs
 - Outreach
 - Permanent co-occurring Disorders Supportive Housing

The Westside Heroin/Partners Opioid/Taskforce Continued

Above and Beyond

Creating a Welcoming Environment Substance Use Disorders Treatment on the West Side

Above and Beyond, Winner, NAADAC 2020
Program of the Year



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Westside Heroin and Opioid Taskforce Partners Continued

CRCC – RCO on The Westside

- Recovery Coaching in Tent City
- Recovery Housing
- Recovery Marchs and rallies
- Recovery Olympics
- Job creation for persons in recovery
- Community Clean-up
- Recovery Support groups

Westside Heroin/Opioid Taskforce Partners Continued

- Rush Hospital
- Mobile Recovery
- Chicago Recovery Alliance – Harm Reduction

Westside Heroin And Opioid Taskforce Partners Continued

- National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated.
- Reentry Support
- Recovery Support
- Employment Support
- Prison Sentence Expungement
- Advocacy

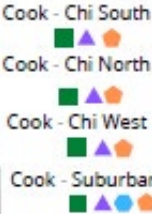


Accomplishments (January, 2023)

- 2000 fewer EMS calls for overdose
- 3300 residents trained in Narcan distribution
- Decrease in overdose fatalities
- Decrease in overdose deaths
- Warm handoffs from street outreach to treatment and recovery
- Vans for MAR, first aid, vaccinations

Accomplishments Continued

- Formed Fentanyl Workgroup
- Legislative Committee – HB 110 for overdose prevention
- Recovery Coaching and Narcan distribution in libraries
- Harm Reduction vending machines
- Pharmacy Surveys
- New Initiative Approval of a safe injection site
- Door to door campaign





That's all Folks!

Council Priorities Action Planning

- Padlet links and passwords were provided prior to the meeting

Debrief and adjourn

- Closing comments from the chair and vice-chair
- The next meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - In-person
 - Veterans Service Building
 - 20 W. 12th St.
 - Saint Paul, MN 55155

Thank You!

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