

DuPage ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 2026

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DuPage County ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the hosts of the May meeting, Banyan Treatment Centers. Jarrett started by explaining what a ROSC is and what DuPage ROSC does in the community. Jarrett then started with an icebreaker question: is there a favorite summer vacation? Some answers that came in:

- Jarrett started by saying his childhood trip to NASA
- Annette said hers is going back to Puerto Rico
- Alex mentioned she had a great trip to Nashville – great fireworks!
- Jeni mentioned going down to Belize during jellyfish drifting season
- John mentioned going to all of the Disney Parks

DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton went over the agenda for today's meeting at Banyan

ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton promoted the June edition of the DuPage ROSC Presentation Series on Anxiety in the Age of Constant Connectivity

Jarrett then spoke with Recovery Corps service members NeeNee and Kelsey, who discussed setting up donation programs to supply outreach organizations with these important items. Jarrett also welcomed Alex Brouwer who recently came on board as outreach

They then spoke about the ongoing ROSC diaper drive, for donation to Teen Parent Connection and Glen Ellyn Public Library

ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then introduced Kane County ROSC Coordinator Annette Villareal, who promoted some things happening in Kane County:

- Annette talked about the drop-in center in Geneva where folks can stop in for services, harm reduction materials, and more
- Annette also previewed the Kane County ROSC Council meeting happening at the Kane County Sheriffs Office
- Annette then spoke about the Re-Entry Fellowship program that is for folks re-entering society after incarceration, also happening in the Geneva offices
- Lastly Annette talked about the monthly virtual Narcan training taking place on the second Tuesday of every month

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ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then introduced our hosts for the meeting, Banyan Treatment Centers. Jarrett welcomed Silas Farrow, Director of Banyan Illinois. Jarrett welcomed Silas by asking him how he made it to this position. Silas mentioned that he was thrown into this interview by mutual colleague Mike Wood jokingly. Silas is someone in long-term recovery and he's been in the field for a number of years. His first job in the field was as a dishwasher, with 45 days of sobriety and over the years he has held almost every job along the way. Jarrett mentioned that a lot of us in the field started at the lowest spot on the totem pole and worked our way up, and sometimes this gives him imposter syndrome. Silas agrees, and says it's something we have to fight against all the time.

Silas also talks about how we can be really hard on ourselves in this field. Jarrett asks Silas how he practices boundaries in his own life and Silas says he shuts his phone off outside of the office, etc and that comes with having trust in your teams. He knows his people can handle most any scenario that comes up in his absence. Jarrett says that it's important to surround ourselves with the right people.

Jarrett talked about the importance of differentiating between our own recovery and working in recovery, and Silas agrees but says that we can also practice the principles of our own recovery in the work that we do and if his recovery was his work then he'd never make it past Step 3.

Jarrett asked Silas about what changes he's seen in the field over his years and Silas said there's a bigger emphasis on mental health than there was ten or fifteen years ago and he agreed with Jarrett's earlier statement that there is a stigma around talking about mental health.

Jarrett asked Silas about any successes he'd like to shout out and Silas wanted to reiterate the strength of his team and how they've built a group that trusts each other.

Jarrett and Silas then take a moment to acknowledge the apocalyptic weather that was looming.

Silas then talked about some of the Banyan services: detox, residential, IOP, PHP, DUI, etc

Jarrett asked if Silas had any thoughts about where the field is headed in the future and Silas said he loved seeing peer support become a bigger part of the continuum.

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DuPage ROSC Coordinator Jarrett Burton then opened it up for program updates:

- Carissa from Live 4 Lali talked about their mobile outreach, which has safe-consumption supplies and access to services

- Scott Kaufmann from the DuPage Health Department reported that the DuPage Narcan Program has changed it's name to the DuPage Naloxone Program. Scott talked about changing from Narcan over to generic naloxone, which will be happening later this summer

52:00-end

Jarrett briefly talked about 7-Oh, which is a substance being sold in vape shops in several different forms. Jarrett said that there will be a full report on 7-Oh and other substances coming up in the vape shop report happening next month.

Attendance:

Jarrett Burton	DuPage ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Annette Villareal	Kane County ROSC, Serenity House, PLE
Kelsey Chavez	Ampact, PLE
NeeNee Valasquez	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
Sabrina Alpert	Stone Catchers Counseling, 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
Nicole Krause	Symetria Recovery
John Skocz	Central DuPage Hospital
Phil Lambert	Stonybrook Center
Matilda Faria	Healthcare Alternative Systems
Joe Oconnor	PLE

Alexandra Brouwer	PLE
Ezra Fisk	360 Youth Services
Christina Trowel	360 Youth Services
Christina Saenz	360 Youth Services