

Lee/Whiteside ROSC Minutes
06/18/2026 1PM

Attendees- Gerald Lott (SVVOR Executive Director), Elliot Grace (Assistant ROSC Coordinator, SVVOR Outreach Manager), Lauren Metzler (SVVOR C.O.O), Jake Albers (Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Coordinator), Brandi O'Rorke (SVVOR Recovery Coach Supervisor), Lupita Serrano (Lee County YWCA), Ahleah Lopez (LSSI Sterling), Pat Bartel (Sterling Chief of Police), Brandon Clark (Shaw Media), Matt Klahn (Lee County Drug Court Judge)

RCO Report-Gerald Lott

- We had 29 people request our assistance with substance abuse support in the month of May. Ages were from 25-54 years old, and almost exactly 50% being men, and 50% women.
- We hosted a kickball event for our May Voices Night Out event. There were about 30 people in attendance.
- Our June Voices Night Out is in Sycamore at Sycamore Sports Complex on Saturday June 27th. We will be playing mini-golf, go-karting, and they also have batting cages and a driving range. Reminder that all of these events are free to the public.
- Cledy's House of Hope is doing well, always open to referrals, community support in the form of groups, workshops, employment opportunities for peers.
- SVVOR is excited for our upcoming "Crossroads Mobile Outreach" program. Voices of Recovery is bringing recovery support services to communities with access barriers to make it easier for people to access assistance. We will be providing: peer support, recovery coaching, local support meetings, prevention education, referral to treatment options, and pro-social events.
- Anchor Point Academy will be the name of the Recovery High School serving Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties. Our mission is to cultivate a restorative, supportive, and academically challenging learning community for high school students committed to recovery.

Open Discussion on Alcohol Shooters/Kratom-(ROSC Council)

- Can we aim to get the shooters placed with the other in-store liquor locations rather than entry/exit of the store. The store has to be experiencing a lot of loss due to theft.
- Often we see peers slip up or relapse on these shooters due to the fact that they seem to be right in their face everywhere they go. The cost, the alcohol content, and the size also contribute to this being such a hot button as well.
- SVVOR has now done two peer intakes for Kratom addiction in a month's time.
- Jake mentioned that the sale of Kratom has now been outlawed in DeKalb County.
- Chief Bartel working with the City Council and City Attorney to try and put an ordinance together.

What Can ROSC Do For You?

- Brandon Clark (Shaw Media)- offered to get the word out about any events, info, etc. Just contact him and set something up.

- Ahleah Lopez (LSSI)- Ahleah asking to raise awareness about LSSI and the services they offer the community. Work together to refer peers to places for the proper needs, etc.