

## **Hour House -Effingham County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes August 23rd, 2022**

**Members Present:** Karen Cook, Olivia Jenkins, Trevor Taylor, Beth Wise, AL Ealy, Jenee Westjohn.

### **Membership Sharing:**

**ROSC Update:** The Effingham ROSC Coordinator started on July 11th, Trevor Taylor. The ROSC Council conducted a get-to-know you meeting. Trevor provided an update on his outreach efforts in the community and his excitement to be working in the County he lives. In addition, ROSC updated the council that the new Recovery Navigator for Effingham County has been hired and will begin orientation the week of Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.

**August 31st Candlelight Vigil-** Coles and Douglas County will have a candlelight vigil on August 31st. All members from each ROSC Council can attend this event. Flyers have been distributed throughout the County. In addition, Trevor has made efforts to gather resource brochures or information from local agencies to have present during the vigil.

**Recovery Month-** September is Recovery Month. Hour House ROSC Council's will be doing radio ads through Cromwell Media. The ROSC will also be doing Testimonies Tuesday to highlight those in Recovery and share that Recovery is Possible. In addition, the ROSC is donating 100 resource bags to local community stakeholders.

**Hour House Prevention:** Received additional grant funding expanded their curriculum for 4th, 5th, and grades. Prevention has hired 3 new staff effective July 11th. Prevention will be back in Effingham Schools for 22/23 school year.

**Effingham Public Library:** Is wanting to host a community read for the month of March. They would like to see the Mayor and Police Chief announce the kick off of community read. Throughout the month they have proposed to have a Film or documentary screening at the Effingham Performance Center with someone on hand for a Q&A/Presentation on what we face in our community with addiction and what resources are available for those in need or those who want to volunteer in some way. Have several book discussion groups to discuss community read with someone on hand to give information about recovery resources. In addition, they would like for the Author to visit at the Effingham Performance Center. We could have an information booth in the lobby with information on available resources.

**Birth – Three:** Is gearing up for upcoming County events. Beth is going to provide the ROSC with more information on events in the community so we can partner. In addition, Beth mentioned having sober events in the community. A few years back Effingham hosted a comedian at a local church and the event went over really well. Beth, stated this could be a focus for the group.

**Probation:** Jenee stated that the Problem-Solving Court received a grant to have their own outpatient mental health and SUD services. The services are only for probation clients and are free of charge.

Next Meeting: September 27<sup>th</sup>