

# **Sangamon County R.O.S.C.**

Monthly R.O.S.C Council Meeting

November 28, 2023 9:00am-10:00am

Zoom Meeting, Family Guidance Center

Meeting Minutes

**Chair:** Rick Nance

**Co-Chair:** Fran Ingram

**Recorder:** Jenna Fox

Stakeholders and Community Members in Attendance:

Jenna Fox-ROSC  
Rick Nance-ROSC  
Fran Ingram-ROSC  
Jamie Reidle-Heartland Continuum of Care  
Stephanie Carson-Gateway Business Development  
Letreurna Packer-IDFS Chicago  
Julie Pohlman-ROSC Region 4 TA  
Donna Reeves-Central Counties Health Dept.  
Tish Lancaster-Sangamon County DCFS  
Clara Zaborac-Sangamon County Public Health  
Kourtney Renfro-ROSC  
Trenda Hedges-III. Warm Line  
Yolanda McKinney-Helping Hands  
Jenna Hays-ROSC Region 4 Mentor

**Meeting Called to Order:** Rick Nance called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

## **New Business:**

**Outreach Subcommittee:** The Outreach Sub-Committee has been going to the Washington Street Mission Shelter to provide individuals resources. They have had success with getting individuals into recovery treatment. This has included getting transportation into a detox center, clothing, and coordinated entry into treatment after detox was complete. They recently gathered over 30 winter coats for the residents at FGC who did not have a coat. There are extras available for unhoused individuals that come into the clinic. They are still in need of new or gently used winter coats, especially for men. Yolanda asked if the committee has been in touch with Tracy Cunningham who is in charge of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Kourtney has been in contact with Heartland Housed. Jamie stated the next step will be training to include coordinated entry and then collaborate more with Tracey. Trena inquired about the closing of the Living Room at Memorial Hospital, and it was confirmed that it is officially closed.

**Recovery in Action Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee is looking to host a game night in January at Stella's Café. A movie night has been planned in February. It will be held at the BYO/Real Life Church. It will be a double feature movie night highlighting "The Anonymous People and The Anonymous People". Popcorn and drinks will be provided. There is a skating event being planned for March. Upcoming events also include spring cleanup, ideal property would be a place where a park bench could be placed with a dedication to ROSC, as well as a narcan dispensary box, small garden, food pantry, and/or community library. The subcommittee is in the process of finding property, and is open to ideas. Trena mentioned possibly having it at Enos Park. Will need to check with the park district regarding rules and regulations. The committee has been in contact with the city inquiring about a piece of property that needs a cleanup and would benefit to an under privileged area. A family picnic is being planned in May at Lincoln Park.

**Interfaith in Action Subcommittee:** Rick Nance spoke about a website that the committee has been working with up north in Wisconsin. The committee has been sharing information and resources with the website and gathering materials for the learning packets. The committee is planning to have a city/county wide forum in the spring. The objective will be on the importance of faith based spirituality in recovery.

**Other Business:** To follow up with last month's committee meeting there was interest in having an in person/hybrid meetings. Planning has taken place to make that happen in the near future. Fran mentioned that the Salvation Army may be a good location. It has plenty of parking and is

centrally located. We are preparing for it to be after the holidays probably in February. The committee has shown an interest in having speakers from different agencies. An invitation was given to the committee on any suggestions on agencies that they may like to have more knowledge about. Fran shared her email and phone number in the chat for committee members to share any ideas.

Rick Nance shared with the committee they will be getting an email within the next week or week in a half. The email will be regarding any add on or changes needed in reviewing/updating membership protocols and expectations of Sangamon County ROSC principle committee.

There was a question about the progress of the RCO. Rick Nance informed the committee that Sally Jefferson is heading up the RCO "Recovery Connections". Presently they are working on getting funding from the state. There is no funding for 2024 and possibly 2025. NOFOS may be a prospect. The application is ready and the budget has been prepared. In the meantime we are working on fund raising activities to try and raise money. An art contest is in the planning stages to raise money, and volunteers are needed to support that endeavor. They have been looking into having AmeriCorps and other resources to help with staffing.

**New Business:** Committee members were asked if they had any new business or needs that fulfilled in within their agencies. All declined. Due to the upcoming holiday and the meeting falling on the day after the holiday, it was decided to have the meeting a week earlier. The next meeting will be on December 19, at 2023 at 9:00 am.

**Adjournment:** All participants were thanked for attending the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

**Next meeting:** December 19, 2023 at 9:00 am, a week earlier due to the upcoming holiday.