

February 15, 2024 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 3pm on February 15, 2024 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); MaryJo Dean (Willow Tree Missions); Maggie Memmott (DeWitt ROSC Coordinator); Dan Koenigs (Piatt County Mental Health); Steve Keagle (Lodge Church of God); Jaime Porter (PCMHC); Tony Kirkman (PCMHC). In addition the following participants joined via ZOOM: Jordan Ziegenbein (Monticello Christian Church); Jennifer Gomez (Carle Outreach Vermillion Co); Shelley Crary (Oxford House); Paul Abraham (OMNI – Youth Services); Julie Pohlman (Region 4 TA).

Introductions – General Introductions were given.

Communication Plan – Tia discussed the Bement support group. Tia discussed the growth the group has shown in the last year and a half and how rewarding it is to be a part of it. Tia also discussed the 3rd person now who has continued services after release from DOC or County Jail. Tia reminded the council to always be on the lookout for folks who are wanting to become active!

At the end of the meeting, Tia and the council members that were present worked on ideas for the 5th person for the Expert Panel as well as ideas for the FY '25 Event calendar. Both appeared to be fruitful in suggestions.

Tia and Tony will have another Naloxone training at Calvary Baptist Church, March 30th at 9 AM.

This Month's Activities – Tia discussed the Paint Party that was last evening. 14 out of the 20 people who signed up attended. Pictures are up and new faces joined the paint party! Tia also discussed the Murder Mystery in April and the need for donations for the food. Random Acts of Kindness week is upon us and three schools have participated in Post-It Week. This week Blue Ridge Intermediate Junior High, Cerro Gordo, and Monticello Middle School students will post uplifting and positive notes on mirrors in restrooms and/or on lockers anonymously. Tia is awaiting pictures!

Guest Speaker – Tony Kirkman discussed his and Dan's trip to Washington D.C. to attend CADCA's Leadership Forum. Tony discussed that it was mostly prevention and that there is one day set aside for folks to go in front of their local senators. Tony and Dan were able to speak with D. Durbin, T. Duckworth, and N. Budenski about the need for continued funding for the efforts in both Piatt County and DeWitt County ROSCs. Tony shared about an interesting tool he seen in D.C. The tool looks like a first aid kit however when one opens it, there is a video that starts playing to show how to administer the Naloxone that is in this case. Lastly, Tony shared an interesting fact about recreational marijuana and the need to regulate potency NOT the marijuana use itself. Tony explained that after 7% THC one can begin to experience adverse reactions and negative effects on their body.

Sector Speakers – No sector speakers this month.

ROSC Deliverables – The ROSC deliverables are constantly looked at to ensure the Piatt County ROSC Committee is staying the course.

Who's Missing? – Tia continued to remind group that IDHS has an expectation that 50% of the total council should be composed of PLEs.

Planning for future engagement opportunities:

Future Meetings – It was agreed that future ROSC Meetings will be held 3rd Thursday of the month @ 3pm with the next Piatt County ROSC meeting being held here at The Center on Thursday March 21 @ 3pm. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to maintain a zoom option for guests.

Satisfaction Survey – A brief verbal satisfaction survey was conducted. Participants felt encouraged by number of those in attendance and the progress made at meeting. It was agreed that more PLEs would help move discussion along and the important thing is to have meetings that move forward the deliverables of the grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm

Recorded by ROSC Coordinator, Tia Schum