

**Douglas County ROSC Council (DCRC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 24, 2024  
10:00 am  
Zoom and In-Person  
Hybrid**

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**Attendees:** Leanna Morgan, Darlene Smith, Summer Phillips, Diane Zell, Lisa Edwards, Dominik Stallings, Matthew Hales, Lamont Gordon, Tony Hooker, Amber Clark, Ambrosia Branson, Karen Cook, Tiffany Murdock, Paul Abraham, Jenna Slaughter, Kristin Davis, Tia Schum, Julie Pohlman, Patty Hood, Carrie McKenzie, Lanie Torrance, Emily Ochs, Britta Johnson

**Guest Speaker(s):** Britta Johnson, Emily Ochs

**Note Taker:** Matthew Hales

***Minutes***

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**Introductions**

- Leanna Morgan, ROSC Coordinator
- Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator
- Summer Phillips, DCHD Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator
- Diane Zell, immediate past president, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Lisa Edwards, Douglas County Coroner
- Dominik Stallings, The Tri-County Chronical
- Matthew Hales, Librarian, Newman Regional Library District
- Lamont Gordon, TASC
- Tony Hooker, Adult and Returning Students, Parkland College
- Amber Clark, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, Suicide Prevention, Iliana VA Health Care System
- Ambrosia Branson, Edgar County ROSC Coordinator
- Karen Cook, Hour House, East Central IL ROSC Program Supervisor
- Tiffany Murdock, Hour House Prevention
- Paul Abraham, Prevention Specialist, OMNI Youth/ ILHPP
- Jenna Slaughter, Career Coach, Workforce Development CCRPC
- Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center, Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Coordinator
- Tia Schum, Piatt County ROSC Coordinator
- Julie Pohlman, Statewide ROSC Region 4 TA
- Patty Hood, Sarah Bush Lincoln
- Carrie McKenzie, Gateway Foundation

- Lanie Torrance, Intern, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Emily Ochs, Paralegal, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Britta Johnson, Attorney, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

### Organization Spotlight/ Guest(s)

Britta Johnson, Attorney, and Emily Ochs, Paralegal, both from Land of Lincoln Legal Aid Eastern Regional Office in Champaign, IL.

- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid is a grant funded private not-for-profit that provides free legal services to low-income individuals and individuals over the age of 60 throughout Central and Southern Illinois with high quality legal services in order to obtain and maintain their basic human needs. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid is not a government agency. Focus on safety, housing, public benefits, and stability.
- Eastern Regional Office serves residents of Champaign, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Ford, Jasper, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties
- Expungement: Physically destroy criminal records.
  - Non-convictions, some supervisions, qualified probation
  - Apply after 0-5 years (varies based on case type)
- Sealing: Remove criminal records from public view.
  - Most misdemeanor or felony convictions. (does not include DUI, domestic battery, or sex-related convictions)
  - Apply 3 years after the last sentence terminated.
- If not eligible, there may be other criminal records relief options available.

Questions/ comments from the audience:

- TASC works with probation to allow records to be expunged. Britta explained that this falls under the exceptions for sealing.
- How long from start to finish? Britta explained that it can vary. Typically, in Douglas County the process is quicker than some counties, averaging about 7 to 8 months.
- Clients have been able to go back to school or enter nursing homes due to going through the process.
- When possibility of objection, they talk to client directly.
- What about clients with evictions? Eviction sealing is a different statute.
- Guardianship cases? Yes, uncontested guardianship.

For additional information, please contact Land of Lincoln Legal Aid.

- [www.lincolnlegal.org](http://www.lincolnlegal.org)
- Eastern Regional Office  
302 North First Street  
Champaign, Illinois 61820  
217-356-1351 or 800-747-5523

## Recovery Navigator update

Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator provided updates.

- Coat drive went well and were able to provide two large bags to be given to jail. Most were received from the health dept drop-off, thank you to Summer! Darlene explained that there were some really nice kids coats donated. Should we reach out to specific groups? Summer has a meeting coming up with head start and will pass along coats. Darlene will drop off to summer.
- Virtual Wellness Group every Friday 4:00- brought flyers
- Diane Zell asked if Darlene is collecting personal care items? Women's circle at church could do some collection potentially. Darlene to provide list to Diane.
- Darlene has officially provided education in the jail for one year on January 13<sup>th</sup>!

## East Central IL Deflection Initiative

- Also known as Deflection Avenues Reconnection Team (DART)
- Next implementation meeting is February 8, 2024 from 1:00-5:00 pm at Piatt Co Mental Health in Monticello and Zoom.
- For anyone who would like additional information or to RSVP, please reach out to Koren VanderWeele at [kvanderweele@tasc.org](mailto:kvanderweele@tasc.org)

## Activity Updates

Leanna is scheduled to be a panelist at IL MAR for Justice Involved Learning Collaborative on January 31st. She has reached out to those in the community that are involved with MAR currently for updates. If anyone was missed, she asked that they reach out to her by Tuesday.

We have our own Facebook page! Please like and follow the page if you haven't already!

**Strategic Plan Presentations:** Leanna will be doing presentations, Darlene will also be assisting if available!

- Persons with lived experience
  - Follow up with Tuscola NA group
  - Reach out to AA district contact
- Law enforcement
  - Requested to speak at law enforcement monthly meeting Feb or Mar, waiting for confirmation.
  - Will be contacting EMA to request attending next quarterly meeting.
  - Meeting with jail administrator set up, will provide some updates. Will also have a check-in with Darlene.
- Healthcare

- Can be offered to DCHD and/or Sarah Bush Lincoln. Open to other healthcare providers also.
- Judicial
  - Darlene and Leanna have a meeting soon with states attorney. Will also ask for recommendations for strategic plan information.
- Youth organizations
  - Meeting soon with Linda Scribner, working out a time to meet with Stacy Welch (Shalynn's Hope) to provide both with updates.
  - Meeting with Tuscola schools in February to discuss potential trainings for staff.

**Resource Bags:** Now collecting items for youth bags! Will be given to schools to have on hand for middle to high school age.

- Received items from Douglas County Health Center and SIHF. Also have some informational booklets and flyers from ILHPP, Prescription Playbook for parents and teens.
- Current count of items:
  - Approximately 100 each: chap stick, hand sanitizer, travel Kleenex
  - Around 40-50 each: thermometers, lotions, rulers
- If interested in helping with filling bags, reach out to Leanna or Darlene.

**Fentanyl testing supplies:** Kits are provided to Summer Phillips to have on hand for individuals. Have also provided to Stacy Welch when needed. Have added to resource bags during Recovery Month, bags with strips mostly went to Douglas County Jail and Probation.

**SMART Recovery:** Looking for potential facilitators, especially persons with lived experience! Funding available for Facilitator or Professionals training (Professional includes 25 CEUs). Leanna has let RISE and DCHD know available, also seeking out individuals in other towns. Typically, weekly meetings are either in person or virtual. Leanna recommended attending an online meeting, which can be found on the website.

**Narcan access:** Darlene and Leanna met with Summer to coordinate who goes where. Weather has slowed down Darlene and Leanna. Now that the weather is warming up, going to bars and gambling sites to offer Narcan. Darlene compiled a list off locations to start with.

**Adult resource bags:** collecting items ongoing! Still have a few items from previous donations, but will most likely begin collecting again soon. Leanna will send list out to everyone with minutes.

**Needs Assessment:** Now collecting any data for year ending 2023 or fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Leanna will send out most recent needs assessment for everyone to review and to send any updates! Information is updated annually as it becomes available!

**Other Business and agency updates**

- There was no other business.

**Next meeting: February 22nd, 2024 at 10:00am at Douglas County Health Dept. and Zoom.**