

Sangamon County R.O.S.C.

Monthly R.O.S.C Council Meeting

September 26, 2023 9:00am-10:00am

Zoom Meeting, Family Guidance Center

Meeting Minutes

Chair: Rick Nance

Recorder: Jenna Fox

Stakeholders and Community Members in Attendance:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
1. Rick Nance	Consultant ROSC-FGC
2. Jenna Fox	ROSC-FGC
3. Fran Ingram	ROSC-FGC
4. Kourtney Renfro	ROSC-FGC
5. Sarah Graham	Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance
6. Tenda Hedges	Illinois Warm Line
7. Denise Backes	Banyan Treatment Center
8. Cassie Delaney	Memorial Behavioral Health
9. Sandra Beecher	Gateway Business Development
10. Sally Jefferson	Recovery Connections
11. Donna Reeves	Central Counties Health Dept.
12. Jamie Riedle	Heartland Continuum of Care

13. Julie Pohlman	TA Statewide ROSC Region 4
14. Joan Stevens	Sangamon County Public Health
15. Stephanie Carson	Gateway Business Development

Meeting Called to Order: Jenna Fox called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Rick Nance chaired the meeting.

Introduction: Attendees introduced themselves.

New Business:

Outreach Subcommittee: Jenna Fox shared a slide presentation from the Recovery Month Event. There were children activities with hula hoops and bubbles provided, face painting, jewelry making, and various art projects. Many vendors participated along with speakers, music performers, and a comedian. Food was available and door prizes were awarded. The event was a success with many in attendance. The outreach in rural communities has increased significantly. Jenna Fox honored Kourtney Renfro for all of her hard work in providing recovery resources in those communities. Rick Nance mentioned a video presentation sponsored by Faces and Voices in Recovery called the “Anonymous Sister”. The presentation will be on September 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm. A link for the video was place in the chat for participants to register.

Recovery in Action Subcommittee: Sally Jefferson spoke about the Recovery in Action Subcommittee is planning a roller skating event for November. The committee is hoping to grow the membership with more people with lived experience. Ms. Jefferson invited the community members and stakeholders to spread the word to those they may know in recovery.

Interfaith in Action Subcommittee: The committee has been reviewing packets to distribute to various faith congregations in the community. The committee is in search of anti-stigma materials and faith based activities. They have been collaborating with various faith based community committees. The committee is anticipative of a blog that will be developed to represent how both faith and recovery can be blended together. Trenda Hedges suggested contacting the Center for Addiction and Faith in the quest for information and guidance.

Other Business/Organizations: Attendees were given the opportunity to share. Jenna Fox disclosed the MAR treatment program is going well in the Sangamon and Christian County jails.

Trenda Hedges inquired if the MAR project in the Christian County jails had collaborated with AMARE, an RCO in Christian County. It was explained that currently there is collaboration with the Christian County Sheriff's Department, Safe Passage Way Program, and Pana Community Hospital. Julie Pohlman referenced the possibility of a ROSC in Christian County, and collaboration with AMARE. The MAR Mobile Van unit has partnered with 6 different counties with concentration in the desert communities. These counties have limited access to MAR treatment. There is continued work with the DEA, and a fence will be built on Family Guidance Center's property. The MAR Mobile Van is 1 of 2 in the state in Illinois. Joan Stevens applauded the MAR Mobile Van team for their accomplishments stating, "It is a much needed service for the community." Sandra Beecher with the Gateway Foundation announced they have recently opened a detox unit for the community. The detox center will accept patients that are on 30 mg or less of methadone. Rick Nance asked for volunteers to preview protocols for being a member of the subgroups or larger committees of ROSC council. He encouraged participants to refer people with lived experience to contact him for a short video about anti-stigma, to be place on the website wall.

Adjournment: All participants were thanked for attending the meeting, and all the hard work that they do in the community. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Next meeting: October 24, 2023 at 9:00 am