

Minutes

Attendance and Introductions

Coles County ROSC Recovery Navigator, Whitley Grayson
Coles County ROSC Recovery Coordinator Dana Tell
Illinois Family Resource Center, Nancy Phillips
Illinois Family Resource Center, Zack Wingert
Lake Land College & Charleston ELKS, Tomoko Jo
Community Member, Todd Brooks
Dial-A-Ride, Stephanie Burton
LifeLinks, Jackie Hawkins
Wingman Ministries, Gary Stephen
Community Recovery Technical Assistance Specialist Region 4, Julie Pohlman - Zoom
Gateway Foundation, Carrie McKinzie - Zoom
Illinois Family Guidance Center, Kristin Davis - Zoom
West Central IL ROSC, Jeff McFadden - Zoom
ROE #11 McKinney-Vento Liaison, Teresa Metzger- Zoom
HOPE, Camille Gordon- Zoom
SAIL, Brenda Ingle- Zoom
Illinois Department of Human Services, Adam Flack - Zoom
East Central Illinois ROSC Program Supervisor, Karen Cook – Zoom
Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, Leanna Morgan - Zoom
Vermillion County ROSC Coordinator, Wendy Lambert - Zoom

Welcome and Introductions:

Dana and Whitley introduced themselves and continued with council participants on Zoom and in person.

Minutes and Agenda Approval:

Dana asked that the council read the minutes and Agenda for approval. Todd B. made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Stephanie B. seconded the motion.

Guest Speaker:

The Coles County ROSC Council invites a person with lived experience to share their story each month. Whitley introduced Jackie H., who shared how Hour House and LifeLinks helped her in her journey, and they continue to offer services in Coles County. Dana Thanked her. Then Dana reintroduced Whitley for the Navigator news.

Navigator News:

Jail Update- Whitley told the council that she can meet people in the jail as needed if they are on Drug Court. We have yet to hold education and resource groups. We hope to get in there soon. Whitley assists in facilitating groups at the Douglas County Jail when needed.

Probation: Whitley shared with the council that she continues to work with Probation and Drug Court to provide education and resource linkages.

The Haven and HOPE Update- Whitley told the ROSC Council that she still holds educational groups on Friday mornings at the Haven. She also offers education groups at HOPE.

Educational Groups- Whitley shared that the topic for February is Cross Addiction. March will be about dealing with stressors and triggers. These groups are held at the Mattoon and Charleston libraries each month.

LifeLinks- Whitley will start education opportunities with Lifelinks soon.

Goal Status:

New Facebook Page- Dana shared that we have a new Coles County ROSC Facebook page. We put most of our information on the Facebook page. Please like and follow the page. Let Dana know if you would like to be one of those able to post from the page to promote what we have going on in our community.

Date of Next Meeting- The next meeting is March 4th, 2024, at the LifeSpan Center. This is next week. This will put us at the beginning of each month and allow us to promote our events better.

Activity Updates:

Charleston & Mattoon Safe Passage Program- Dana shared with the council that both programs are doing well. We will continue to promote them.

Narcan Distribution Site- Dana shared 43 places in Coles County with the council. They are listed in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. We are looking for more places.

Narcan Training Locations and Dates- Dana said Whitley and she is having a pop-up training at Standing Stone Community Center in Charleston. This is the first time having a pop-up training, and they hope to have more. They will also be training at Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University.

Upcoming Events-

Drug Endangered Children Training- Dana explained to the council that Liesl had called her earlier to inform her of a big two-day Conference happening the same day. She was concerned

that this would draw people interested in this topic from our area. Dana also said that we would compete for attendees due to the Town Hall Meeting regarding Housing in Mattoon. Dana asked the council if they thought we should continue to hold the event.

Nancy said canceling the event for now would make more sense due to these other events. Dana asked if anyone else had an opinion. No one else spoke. Dana asked if everyone else was okay with canceling. With the Council's agreeance, we will cancel the event for now.

Suicide Prevention- Dana shared our April event with the presentation from Amber Clark of Suicide Prevention and Alcohol Awareness. Dana shared that the date and location details have yet to be planned.

Parenting Tips and Resources- This will be our May Event with the presentation from Cali Rice from Choices Pregnancy Center. Dana shared that the date and location details have yet to be planned for this event.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – This will be our June Event with the Presentation from Nancy Phillips. Dana asked Nancy if she thought the event should be called Kinship Raising Children so that it could be more inclusive. Nancy said that the date and location details have yet to be set for this event, but it would be about reunifying children with their parents since that is the state's goal.

Hobby Fair- Dana told the council she had been talking with EIU and Lifespan about having this event in the fall of 2024 but hadn't talked to them lately.

Are there any other events in Coles County? Dana asked the council if there was anything else they wanted to do. The council did not suggest anything, so Dana moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Warming Centers- Dana said she had met with Amanda and Derick Antone from Knox County. They shared that they had a building once used for Preschool but has since been turned into a homeless shelter. Dana reminded the council that we have a homeless shelter that cannot be a warming center for the community. Dana reminded the council that some places in town would give emergency hotel vouchers for people who need them, but no overnight warming centers exist.

Dana asked if there was anyone who wanted to take this on. No one volunteered. Dana said we would continue this conversation if needed but thinks our community is handling it on an as-needed basis and doing it well.

Students on Council- Dana said that she and Whitley met with the Regional Superintendent to discuss students attending the council meeting. He said their education is a priority, and he felt it was outside their best interest to attend. Whitley and Dana agreed after hearing his opinion. Dana asked if anyone thought that we should continue to pursue this. No one said that we should

Community Meetings- Dana mentioned the other meetings in the community. She encouraged others to attend the interagency meeting led by Ky Newsome and the Wellness Collaboration led by Laura Bollan.

Next Meeting:

Time and Meeting Location: Our next meeting will be on March 4th at noon at lifespan center or by Zoom at the same time.

Time: March 4, 2024 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96781724024?pwd=b3hFWDV1cExYa0pEa1BqTUx6ejJLUT09>

Meeting ID: 967 8172 4024

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