

- **Attendees:** Leanna Morgan, Darlene Smith, Summer Phillips, Lisa Edwards, Lamont Gordon, Tony Hooker, Amber Clark, Ambrosia Branson, Karen Cook, Tiffany Murdock, Kaitlin Rund, Jeff McFadden, Carolyn Klimek, Kandi Mills, Christina Isley, Skylar Miller, Johanna Gonzalez, Michelle Hibbard, Camille Gordon, Christine Pierce, Wendy Lambert, Charles Lyons, Paul Snow, Jason Pantier

Guest Speaker(s): Kaitlin Rund

Note Taker: Darlene Smith

Minutes

Introductions

- Leanna Morgan, ROSC Coordinator
- Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator
- Summer Phillips, DCHD Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator
- Lisa Edwards, Douglas County Coroner
- Lamont Gordon, Case Manager, TASC Inc.
- Tony Hooker, Adult and Returning Students, Parkland College
- Amber Clark, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, Suicide Prevention, Illiana 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
- Kaitlin Rund, Douglas county Jail Administrator
- Jeff McFadden, Bridgeway System of Care Coordinator
- Carolyn Klimek, Health Alliance Community Outreach
- Kandi Mills, Person with lived experience (PLE)
- Christina Isley, SLU Department of Family and Community Medicine Research Assistant
- Skylar Miller, Moultrie/ Shelby ROSC Recovery Navigator
- Johanna Gonzalez, ROSC Coordinator, Illinois Department of Human Services
- Michelle Hibbard, Rosecrance Community Relations Coordinator
- Camille Gordon, HOPE of East Central IL
- Christine Pierce, Carle Addiction Recovery Center

- Wendy Lambert, Vermillion County ROSC Coordinator
- Charles Lyons, Person with lived experience (PLE)
- Paul Snow, Person with lived experience (PLE)
- Jason Pantier, Douglas County Probation

Organization Spotlight/ Guest(s)

Kaitlin Rund, Douglas County Jail Administrator

Kaitlin explained that she hopes to add additional recovery and education service offerings to the jail population after recently adding an education space. The goal is to send people out better than they have received them. Kaitlin spoke about how the jail is looking for better ways to help incarcerated individuals.

- RISE has a relationship with the jail already as the mental health provider for the county and now also offering outpatient substance use services.
- The jail recently enrolled and applied for a MAR grant.
- There has been a meeting with Parkland College to see if G.E.D. classes could be offered to the jail population (and potentially public in the future as the need arises) Parkland is going to send out a job posting to locate an instructor. Once an instructor is hired, the process can begin at little to no cost to the jail. The jail will be putting this notice on Facebook in hopes of finding someone.
- Some other ideas that have been researched are a work release program and having individuals to come in to hold support group meetings.
- Kaitlin also mentioned that she would like to check on job placement within the community for individuals, if possible, so that they will be better prepared upon release. She welcomes any ideas that might be of help.

Summer suggested a few places that would may be willing to let them hold GED classes or testing, such as the community center or workforce development. Summer is also going to check with I.T to see if they can donate old computers, printers etc.

Charles asked what is the protocol for someone wishing to hold support group meetings for the jail population. Kaitlin stated that all individuals would need to be cleared to enter the jail such as a background check and no pending criminal charges.

Recovery Navigator update

Darlene Smith, Douglas County Recovery Navigator, provided updates on some of the projects that are currently in process, specifically items that were purchased with Douglas County Opioid Settlement fund (see activity).

- Virtual Wellness Group every Friday 4:00, printed flyers available in person.

East Central IL Deflection Initiative

Also known as Deflection Avenues Reconnection Team (DART)

- Next implementation meeting is March, 2024 from 1:00-5:00 pm at 513 N. 13th St, Mattoon (Hour House Adolescent Outpatient) and Zoom.

- For anyone who would like additional information or to RSVP, please reach out to Koren VanderWeele at kvanderweele@tasc.org

Activity Updates

Strategic Plan Presentations

Leanna has met with several stakeholder that were not able to attend the December meeting to go over the strategic plan. The stakeholders that have been targeted in the outreach plan are youth-serving, judicial, persons with lived experience, law enforcement, and healthcare. These are areas mentioned in the previous fiscal year that were needing increase in involvement. She is still needing appointments for law enforcement and healthcare, but is hopeful that these will not be an issue. If anyone is able to assist with connecting, please let Leanna know.

Resource Bags

Some of the items were donated and some were purchased with Douglas County Opioid settlement funds for each type of bags.

- Youth Bags (Middle-High School)- Darlene showed an example of the youth hygiene kits and Leanna explained the informational resources that can be given to the school staff separately to review prior to distribution. Douglas County Health Dept (Summer Phillips and Abby Hendren) assisting with distribution in as they are frequently at the schools. Darlene and Leanna will return after lunch to drop off the youth bags for distribution.
- Homeless Care Packages- Darlene explained what the back packs contained and asked for help from the council on distributing them. She also asked if anyone knew where or how she could find out where the homeless people are staying or of good places to leave them for individuals to be able to get them. Several known places where individual frequent and/or slept were mentioned. Several council members will be taking bags to assist in making sure the bags are received by the individuals.
- Adult Bags
Items have arrived for more adult resource bags. Some council have given resource items to Leanna already. If information has not been provided, please contact Leanna for arrangements.

Harm Reduction Materials

Through the assistance of Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds, there is a nice supply of Fentanyl and Xylazine testing supplies. Leanna has provided a box of each to Summer for distribution.

Expanding Narcan Access

Darlene asked the council if anyone had any suggestions on places to put Narcan that would be an easy access for individuals to pick it up. Darlene also informed the council about the new medicine boxes that were purchased to hold Narcan and asked for ideas on where ROSC could put them.

- Small medicine cabinets (27) will hold 4 smaller sized boxes of Narcan or 2-3 of the new style larger boxes plus resource information.
- Large medicine cabinets (10) will hold 20-26 of the new style larger boxes plus resource information.
- Barney newsstand boxes (3) In process of being ordered. These are for holding larger quantities of Narcan and open for easy access.

Jason Pantier mentioned that some potential places could be car washes, park restrooms and truck stops. Summer mentioned some places that would be good ideas for the Narcan boxes. She will share her contacts with Leanna and Darlene. Leanna also mentioned that the boxes were purchased with Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds and must be Douglas County locations and must remain indoors.

Recovery Literature

- A variety of recovery literature has been ordered with Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds. Darlene has the assortment of Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Al Anon, and Addiction Monster.
- SMART Recovery materials will also be ordered with the upcoming training invoice.

SMART Recovery

- Leanna is finalizing the list of SMART facilitators and professionals training interests. The hope is that there will be additional support groups and skills trainings within the county. The training is being paid for through Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds for those providing SMART in Douglas County.

Transportation Assistance

- There were 83 total Tokens purchased with Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds. Jason Pantier stated that probation could use some.
- Gas gift cards have been ordered also to reimburse individuals for gas. These have also been purchased with Douglas County Opioid Settlement funds to support individuals in recovery and will be for those needing transportation assistance in Douglas County to court, mental health or substance use appointments or Douglas County residents needing to get to treatment outside of the county.

Other Business and agency updates

- Summer mentioned an event that the Health department is having April 20th at the outlet and welcomed anyone wanting to set up a table with resources. It was also mentioned it may be beneficial for someone from the Hour House to be there.

Next meeting: March 27, 2024 at 10:00am at Douglas County Health Dept. and Zoom.