

March 18, 2024 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 1pm On March 18, 2024 at The DeWitt Piatt Bi-County Public Health Department. Tia Schum sat in for Maggie Memmott, DeWitt ROSC Coordinator.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); Jaime Porter (Piatt County Mental Health); Michele Eliason (Piatt County Mental Health); Brendan Burton (PLE); Tim Mollet (MCCHS); Alexandra Treuthart (Heritage); Cory Baxter (Heritage); Sharon Mills (DeWitt County MHC); Ben Lowers (Clinton Police); Katie Rios (Heritage); Tony Kirkman (Piatt County Mental Health Center). These people were also in attendance via zoom: Sandra Beecher (Gateway Foundation); Kelly Burton (Warner Hospital); Mike Schroeder (DeWitt Piatt Bi-County Public Health Department); Jessica Smiley (Heritage); Tina Harrison (Outreach Ministries); Julie Pohlmen (Region 4 State TA).

Introductions – General Introductions were given.

Introductions and Community Updates – Cory Baxter informed the council of a scam going around. Cory explained that several people in recovery in Decatur were approached by people stating they were from a Santa Monica Rehab Center. These folks offered free airfare to stay in an inpatient facility for 120 days. They requested personal information such as social security numbers, birthday, tax information, etc. Cory wanted to give the council a heads up in case these people continued to make their way through Illinois.

When asked for more places to hold Naloxone training, Tony Kirkman stated that he is working with the executive director at The Vault to set up a Naloxone training there. Tony also stated that he has yet to be able to host Naloxone training with DeWitt County first responders. Multiple members gave suggestions including American Legion, Farmer City, Waynesville, Weldon (Lions Club) as well as the VFW.

Tia reported per Maggie that the Farmer City Community Outreach is up to 15 people in attendance.

It was reported that this month is going to be very busy. At the beginning of this month DeWitt County ROSC and DeWitt County Mental Health Board sponsored alongside Marisa's Purpose to bring Tim Ryan and his wife, Jennifer, as a guest speaker about addiction, recovery, and empowering parents to speak to their children. A few members voiced their opinion and felt that information for community resource was not passed along to the middle school and high schoolers as well as the community members. One member encouraged the continued growth of conversations about community resources. Students reported message was good but focused on negative part of story to much.

Future Promo Events/Past Events – Naloxone training March 18th 5 pm, John Warner Wellness Center. Head Starts Family Night, March 21st 4 pm to 6 pm, Farmer City Heritage Days May 30th, 31st, and June 1st – Looking for volunteers. Maggie will send out an email with times and dates.

Tony discussed an upcoming training event, April 24th, to discuss stats on marijuana. Dale Quigley will be presenting from the National Marijuana Institute.

Guest Speaker – Brendan Burton. Mr. Burton shared that he lived his whole life in DeWitt. He didn't remember any childhood trauma or not getting attention from his parents. He remembered being the class clown and always seeking attention. He stated that in junior high he began smoking marijuana to "be one of the cool kids". His first probation for alcohol use was at 13 years old and was in and out of outpatient treatment and probation constantly. Mr. Burton was a ward of the state by 16 and recalls staying in jail at least once a year between 16 and 22/23 years of age. Mr. Burton stated that due to his active addiction and probation, he was not a desirable person to hire. In 2008, Brendan got sober and has stayed sober for 15 almost 16 years. Mr. Burton attributes his learning to deal with emotions as well as adult situations to attending AA meetings and other groups. Since getting sober, Mr. Burton reports that he and his wife have raised 5 kids, 1 step son, 3 nephews, and 1 child of their own.

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

Who's Missing? – Maggie 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 Monday of the month @ 1pm with the next Dewitt County ROSC meeting being held here at The DeWitt Piatt Bi-County Public Health Department on Monday April 15 @ 1pm. 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