

# **Sangamon County R.O.S.C.**

Monthly R.O.S.C Council Meeting

March 26, 2024 9:00am-10:00am

Zoom Meeting/Hybrid at Salvation Army

Meeting Minutes

**Chair:** Rick Nance

**Co-Chair-**Fran Ingram

Stakeholders and Community Members in Attendance:

**Whitney Devine-ROSC**  
**Fran Ingram-ROSC**  
**Jamie Reidle-Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**Stephanie Carson-Gateway Business Development**  
**Julie Pohlman-ROSC Region 4 TA**  
**Armando Miranda-OMNI Youth Services**  
**Michael Thomas-Salvation Army**  
**Elizabeth Raleigh-SIU School of Medicine**  
**Rick Nance-ROSC**  
**Ramona VonBerg-NAMI**  
**Dr. Kari Wolf-SIU School of Medicine**  
**Donna Reeves-Central Counties Health**  
**Kathy Batte-Freeman-UIS**  
**Galia Cossyleon-Memorial Hosp. Community Health**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Fran Ingram called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

All participants introduced themselves. Was having some technical issues so the meeting was not recorded.

**GAP Analysis and Needs Assessment:** The Gap Analysis was reviewed regarding GAP concerns, observations, and recommendations. Rick Nance mentioned the lack of support of NAMI. NAMI representative Ms. VonBerg asked for clarification of the statement. Rick replied, “They need to be involved with the meetings and identify what is needed for the county. Do they plan to have an agency in Sangamon County?” Ms. Vonberg stated that NAMI has volunteers, but has no data to share as far as developing an agency here. She will put her email in chat for Mr. Nance to contact her.

The lack of a medical detox was also mentioned. Dr. Kari Wolf whom stated there was a federal grant in the past that supported a detox but the community pushed back on the location so therefore the project failed. Dr. Kari Wolf replied, “Funding is easy, location is the challenge.”

Rick Nance asked about any ideas regarding youth and families. Mr. Miranda spoke on behalf of OMNI explaining a leadership grant that is called the Illinois Human Performance Project (HPP). This program gives staff and students tools for accountability and positive change. This is to help students learn the academic side of human performance, and to practice/teach integral leadership skills. Mr. Miranda encouraged the council to go to the IL HPP website ([ilhpp.org](http://ilhpp.org)) to learn more. Posters are available to download on substance use, health, and mental illness. Materials are also available in Spanish. OMNI is currently working on a Fentanyl Awareness program to present to the schools next year. Rick Nance will set up a call with Mr. Miranda to discuss further. Stephanie Carson from Gateway was asked by Mr. Nance about the adolescent program at her agency. She revealed they no longer treat patients that are under the age of 17.

Motion to approve the GAP Analysis was made by Mr. Nance and Dr. Kari Wolf approved, Stephanie Carson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Role of Council Members and Descriptions:** Council members received the Membership Protocols at the last council meeting. The chair of the meeting stated that members needed to help in order to grow ROSC and accomplish strategic plan goals. The council was asked for feedback. Mr. Thomas commented that in order to grow ROSC and accomplish goals there needed to be defined roles and expectations. Ms. Reeves said she the council feels stagnate of progress and action. Ms. Devine was in agreement with others stating she felt ROSC was abstract and needed to be more defined and clear objectives in place. Ms. Raleigh replied, “Goals help you stay on track.” Mr. Nance commented on needing volunteers to work on the job description and duties of the members to help tie things together. Council members Ms. Cossyleon, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Carson, and Ms. Batte-Freeman offered to help with the project.

**Collaborations of Networks** were discussed and the council members were in agreement to having guest speakers at the meetings. This would enhance knowledge of what services agencies have to offer in order to collaborate with them. This may increase new council members to get involved.

**Involvement of People of Lived Experience:** In order to entice PLE's to get involved there needs to be more of a structure to what we are doing. This was mentioned in the last meeting by Ms. Jefferson which is involved with the recovery community. Council members were encouraged to ask anyone that they might know to be part of the council. Mr. Nance offered to pay for their transportation.

**Development of Anti Stigma Library:** It was encouraged that if any of the council members knew of anti-stigma short videos to be sure to send them to Mr. Nance. We would put them in an archive to be shared on the website.

**Opportunities for Sharing:** Mr. Miranda spoke of the upcoming national event of Drug Take Back Day which will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Materials are available on the website regarding education and prevention, also in Spanish. To find the nearest facility to take back drugs, go to the DEA website ([dea.gov/takebackday](https://www.dea.gov/takebackday)) and type in your zip code.

Ms. Batte-Freeman has some news regarding the youth chamber that she will put in the chat.

Mr. Nance mentioned the Outreach subcommittee has been working on Veterans materials. Youth and families is going slow but looking to make progress.

**Other Agency Business:** The council members had no new business.

**Adjournment:** All participants were thanked for attending the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

**Next meeting:** April 23, 2024 at 9:00 am. This will be a Zoom meeting.