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Greene & Scott County Recovery Council

Date of Meeting: 7/16/2024

Time of meeting: 3 PM

Location of meeting: Online/205 S. Morse St Roodhouse, IL 62082

Format: Hybrid

Attendees:

RS - GCHD

BB - GCHD

BB - PLE

JD – Lewis & Clark

AM - Omni

BA – SIU

AL- Centerstone

AD- RSUPIC

Karen

KC- Bto5 IL

JP - TA

AS-Centerstone

LK- - Centerstone

Key Approvals

- Without objection, the meeting minutes from June were approved
- The council opted to keep the language utilized in our membership protocols despite the concerns expressed by the state due to the need to remain flexible and within the constraints of the budget. The language we used in the 2025 updates was to ensure that member organizations knew there was no membership compensation. Since PLEs mainly participate in the Executive Committee Meetings, a forum designed specifically for them, they use a structure different from the official ROSC membership protocols. We will continue providing that stipend to PLEs for participating and supporting the ROSC objectives, as the budget allows, without putting that language in the protocol, handling it independently from the ROSC protocols. This allows us to remain within the constraints of our protocols if the budget is exhausted without setting false expectations, as happened during the prior fiscal year.
- The FY25 Calendar of Events was amended without objection. One event overlaps a community event that the ROSC team plans to attend. To mitigate this, the planned activities will be merged with the August Overdose Awareness/Recovery Month event on August 24th

Support groups, upcoming events, and community needs assessment

- There is a support group for parents who lost children available in Jerseyville, which meets monthly. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 6 PM. The group is called Jerseyville Angel Moms. If anyone is interested in riding together, please contact Beth Burrus at bethburrus1@hotmail.com
- ROSC's upcoming events include the Tye Dye Therapy event (7/17). Scoops of Support will be held on 8/14 in Winchester.
- The council had an in-depth discussion about the 2025 updates to the gap analysis. Each year, we look at the gaps in our community, our work together to fill those gaps, and our strategy to try to fill those gaps. This discussion centered on providing support to new parents/families as there is a tremendous need in our community. This has come up time and time again with pregnant women needing access to medication-assisted recovery and support for mental health/substance use. Currently, there are a minimal number of resources, with accessibility to things like MAR being severely hampered. Currently, access to things like Methadone is hard, with OTP providers having such tight restrictions on coming to the clinic daily despite the new flexibilities around prescribing. Access to support groups is also minimal. The council discussed the development of a survey to identify gaps within this group to see what new parents/families need since much of our work has centered around other groups over the past 2 years.
- The Birth to 5 IL project recently finished up their mental health assessment of our community. They are working on finalizing their findings which will be made available. Summarizing their findings, there is a need for strong support systems within this group

MAR Availability

- Vivitrol availability in the region (an injection taken 1 time a month for the treatment of opioid use disorder) was discussed. One council member brought up a local treatment provider now having it available. Ron will follow up on this
- Concerns about the availability of appointments at the SIU MAR clinic in Jacksonville were discussed. On several occasions, various members have run into challenges getting client appointments. To mitigate this, rather than contacting scheduling with the SIU group, please contact Bethany directly, and she will help us ensure people have immediate access to MAR ballen73@siumed.edu
- The Council discussed the County's project to make MAR more accessible. Thanks to a joint effort by the various departments in Greene, MAR is available free if someone's insurance doesn't cover it or they don't have it. Contact one of the Community Health Team members if you have someone who runs into challenges accessing MAR or needs help. We can help you connect them to those resources.

Addressing social determinants of health for substance use recovery.

- Discussions highlighted the importance of addressing social needs, such as access to clean clothes, to help individuals in recovery connect with resources and achieve their goals. Thanks to a coordinated effort between every member of the ROSC, much of our work has been centered on this over the past year and a half. This must continue as this is making a difference in people's lives. It also supports each of our service delivery areas of the various members, bringing coordination to our recovery-oriented system of care. We are helping people get jobs, getting them access to educational resources, finding medical care, accessing health and wellness supports, helping get laundry, finding clothes, identifying resources to support social needs, getting legal support, and so much more.

ROSC Updates

- Senior support was also discussed during discussions about community needs as a challenge in our communities. Ron outlined how the Community Health Division at the Health Department is working on a project to help seniors in the community, including providing transportation and checking in regularly. This is part of our work

to build Community Health Integrated Services into the community. We have a community health worker who works closely with ROSC members who will support this, independently from our ROSC work.

- A joint effort between ROSC, the Health Department, and the law enforcement community in Greene Scott and Calhoun is moving forward. Ron and the team, both the ROSC team and the Community Health Team, have been working with the sheriff's department to screen justice-involved individuals for mental health, substance use, and social needs. For the first time in our community's history, people are being screened for needs and connected to resources all in the same setting. This will help us eliminate some of those accessibility issues we often discuss as a group.
- Council members highlighted the ROSC's work and focus on PLE, including the health department's push to ensure PLEs drive our ROSC initiative. A non-judgmental approach makes a difference in helping individuals access resources and recover from addiction.

Member Updates

- Care coordinator Lindsay Kidd from RCORP/Centerstone explains the organization's services for clients. If you have needs related to mental health/substance use, youth, or any other issues, please reach out to them. They are here to support us.
- GCHD was selected for a pilot program for community health workers in Illinois. This work helps us build sustainability into some of the department's work and can help the council fix some of the gaps we have identified. It also helps support some of the member's programs as well as it is helping bridge gaps often found across many of the ROSC member organizations' service areas as well
- SIU Doesn't have updates but if you run into challenges with scheduling, let's work with them directly rather than through scheduling) contact info above
- Just as a reminder, there is a Member Orientation on the 3rd Wednesday of every month where new members can join to learn about ROSC, our work and the direction of our council