
Attendees: Angie Hunt, Camille Gordon, Carrie McKenzie, Casey McClain, Christina Isley, Darlene Smith, Julie Pohlman, Kandis Mills, Leanna Morgan, Liesl Wingert, Lisa Edwards, Matthew Hales, Mikyla Hodges, Rob Wentz, Summer Phillips, Tiffany Murdock, Wade Stark, Zach Nichols

Guest Speaker(s): Zach Nichols

Note Taker: Matthew Hales

Minutes

Introductions

- Angie Hunt, DCHD, Healthcare Navigator
- Camille Gordon, Hope of East Central IL, Outreach
- Carrie McKenzie, Gateway Foundation
- Casey McClain, DCHD Mental Health Counselor
- Christina Isley, SLU Department of Family and Community Medicine Research Assistant
- Darlene Smith, Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator
- Julie Pohlman, Statewide ROSC Region 4 TA
- Kandis Mills, Person with Lived Experience
- Leanna Morgan, Douglas County ROSC Coordinator
- Liesl Wingert, SIU School of Medicine, Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development
- Lisa Edwards, Douglas County Coroner
- Matthew Hales, Librarian, Newman Regional Library District
- Mikyla Hodges, DCHD Intern
- Rob Wentz, Community Member, Veteran
- Summer Phillips, DCHD Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator
- Tiffany Murdock, Hour House Prevention
- Wade Stark, DCHD Mental Health Counselor
- Zach Nichols, Commander, East Central Illinois Task Force, Division of Criminal Investigation, Special Operations, Illinois State Police

Organization Spotlight/ Guest(s)

Zach Nichols, Commander, East Central Illinois Task Force, Division of Criminal Investigation, Special Operations, Illinois State Police. Zach is in his 16th year in law enforcement with the Narcotics task force over Coles and Douglas Counties.

Zach provided an overview of the program timeline. Illinois State Police (ISP) had their 100th anniversary in 2022. It was created during prohibition and used WWI motorcycles. Initially the department faced a

lot of challenges, including combating complexities of modern policing. There are a broad range of responsibilities including Drug enforcement and Counter terrorism. ISP has adapted to meet challenges of organized crime and corruption. Today, ISP tries to uphold mission. Division of criminal investigation (SOCOM) has 22 multipurpose narcotics enforcement units and have branched out to become involved in trafficking.

Central Illinois Task Force is under the supervision of ISP since 1999. Daily operations complex and multifaceted. There are a variety of activities designed to disrupt drug trafficking including informants and surveillance that helps understand supply chains. Through Intel connections, they can look for patterns. Coordinates with FBI and DEA for undercover operations to infiltrate drug networks. Requires meticulous planning to make a bust and collect document evidence, seizing drugs and weapons. Proper documentation key to successful prosecution. It is estimated that 90% of violent crime comes from this type of work. The department also provides community outreach and prevention and educates public about drug abuse.

Deflection is a strategy redirect individuals from justice to treatment. ISP got involved about 2 years ago when they were invited to help start program. East central Illinois task force chose to be pilot program with TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities). The initiative includes treatment centers, mental health facilities, churches, etc. and promotes buy in for local law enforcement to participate. Police are the first 10% of the dart deflection process. Patrol sees people at worst moments and people taken away in handcuffs without the third option. Deflection specialist can take over to connect people to services. Deflection Avenues Reconnection Team, aka DART, covers the zone of Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, McClean, Piatt, Vermillion.

ROSC Organizational Update(s)

Darlene will be transitioning to residential for women at Hour House. Darlene thanked everyone for their support over the past few years. Darlene will still be covering the jail education groups while the new Recovery Navigator is in training. Darlene introduced Kandis Mills as her replacement. Kandis has been hired by Hour House but does not begin orientation until the following week. Kandis introduced herself as a Douglas county resident with grown children and grandkids. She is a person with lived experience due to her experience with substance use.

Leanna will be transitioning to a new program under Hour House that will cover Coles and Douglas. It was mentioned that if anyone has a great candidate in mind, to have them apply through Indeed. Leanna will continue as the ROSC Coordinator until a replacement is hired and will assist with the transition. Leanna explained that this is great news to bring additional programs to Douglas County, which will also include an increase in recovery navigators. It was discussed that a recovery navigator page would be beneficial in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Day is on August 31 (Flesor's celebration in downtown Tuscola)

- ROSC is sharing a booth with Be Brave and will be located next to DCHD, and will assist each other as needed.
- ROSC will have a photo booth for families to take pictures at the tent.
- Linda will have a quilt raffle to raise funds for PJs Place and information about Pace for Petey/Jake's Jog.

Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for August 31 (Overdose Awareness Day)

- Speakers are lined up and working on a schedule for that night. Could use a volunteer or two to reach poems or other readings. Kandi volunteered to read something, Darlene will help her find a poem.

Rally Point in Tuscola has an Open House on September 1

- Summer reported that DCHD is attending and will share ROSC information on their table.

Recovery Month (September 1-30)

- Purple solar torchlights will be placed that day and will remain out during September for Recovery Month.
- Be BRAVE will have Pace for Petey and Jake's Jog on September 28th. For information, reach out to Linda Scribner.
- Recovery Literature library box is being delivered this week to a local artist that is donating their time to paint. Additional information will be shared at a later date.

Addressing Stigma Virtual Panel (October 16)

- Part of Communication Campaign. family stigma is the theme. Virtual Panel with approved CEUs, thank you Prevention First!

Homeless Awareness Month (November)

- Council discussed options for putting together homeless backpacks. A total of 20 were distributed in the Spring, and went FAST. Backpacks can be purchased from amazon already put together, cost approximately \$20 each after adding a deodorant and inflatable pillow.
- ROSC is unable to purchase certain items journals, hygiene kits, backpacks, promotional items, or food items. Donations are always welcome. Please contact the ROSC Coordinated if someone can donate funds to purchase items. This can usually be coordinated through their lead agency, Hour House.

Angie Hunt explained that as the Healthcare Navigator, individuals can be sent to her if not sure who to send them to. She can assist with getting them to the right person. Angie also suggested a networking group for navigators.

Leanna also mentioned that there are Dial-A-Ride tokens and gas cards still available for individuals seeking treatment or in recovery.

Subcommittee Updates, if any.

Transitional Housing Subcommittee, in person only. Meetings led by Linda Scribner.

- 8/8/24 meeting at Douglas County Annex, Tuscola, minutes attached.
- 8/29/24 meeting at RISE, Tuscola, minutes attached.

Recovery Navigator (Darlene Smith)

- Darlene reported that education groups are still going strong in the Douglas County Jail.

ROSC Deliverables

Leanna will begin updating deliverables and will be reaching out to organizations for information. The next item due is the communication and outreach plan that are being combined into a single document. The updated drafts will be shared beginning at the September ROSC meeting. The FY24 documents will be sent out for review prior to the meeting.

Other Business and agency updates

There was not any other business to discuss.

Next meeting: September 25, 2024 at 10:00am at Douglas County Health Dept. and Zoom.

Attendees: Angie Hunt, Cathy Means, Jason Pantier, Kaylee Ann Hopkins, Leanna Morgan, Linda Scribner, Lisa Edwards, Nina Pankau, Rob Wentz, Summer Phillips

Subcommittee Leader(s): Linda Scribner

Note Taker: Leanna Morgan

Minutes

Introductions

- Angie Hunt, DCHD Healthcare Navigator
- Cathy Means, Hillard Agency
- Jason Pantier, Douglas County Probation
- Kaylee Ann Hopkins, CORS Recovery Navigator
- Leanna Morgan, Douglas County ROSC Coordinator
- Linda Scribner, Founder of Be Brave
- Lisa Edwards, Douglas County Coroner
- Nina Pankau, Community Member
- Rob Wentz, Community Member, Veteran
- Summer Phillips, DCHD Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator

Old Business/ Updates

PJs Place- Grants

- There are no updates at this time.

Fundraising

- Summer provided updates on a bounce house fundraising idea.

Be Brave Website

- Total goal and received funds indicator added. Venmo option available for donations

Anti-Stigma Efforts

- Hour House ROSC is running a 12-month anti-stigma campaign

Upcoming Events

Flesor's Family Fun Day Vendor, Candlelight Vigil, and A Pace for Petey and Jakes Jog

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8/29/24 at 9:00 am at RISE in Tuscola.

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Old Business/ Updates

PJs Place- Grants

- Angie and Jason reported they are researching opportunities and requirements.

Fundraising

- Linda has cards for funeral homes.
- Will have quilt raffle at Family Fun Day.

Upcoming Events

Flesor's Family Fun Day Vendor

- ROSC and Be BRAVE plan to share a space next to DCHD.

Candlelight Vigil

- Discussed schedule and setup.

A Pace for Petey and Jakes Jog

- Linda will bring information to promote at Family Fun Day.

New Business

Items that will be added to September agenda were discussed.

- Policies and Procedures for Pjs Place. Look at other transitional or recovery housing for examples. Law Enforcement policies, such as, removal of tenants. Which rules should be in place prior to opening PJs Place.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/19/24 at 9:00 am at the Douglas County Annex in Tuscola.