

Attendees: Kristina Drum, Kyle Houser, Camille Gordon, Jonathan Burns, Jack Weber, Robert Estep, Carrie McKinzie, Aisha Esquivel, Amber Clark, Jennifer West, Julie Pohlman, Norm Wilson, Adam Lovell, Lindsay Stevenson, Kyle Wheeler

Minutes

Agenda Item: Introductions of attendees

Spotlight speaker – Camille Gordon/Director of Outreach and Prevention/Hope. Hope of East Central Illinois is a nonprofit domestic violence agency serving Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby Counties. Hope’s mission is to empower people to live independent, nonviolent lives through the provisions of housing, outreach, prevention, and education. Hope operates a 24-hour crisis hotline and an emergency shelter in Charleston, taking clients in immediate danger, the stay is 45 days. In order to be classified as an emergency, the individual must be fleeing from domestic violence. The shelter in Charleston houses up to 32 people and accepts men and boys older than 14. The shelter does not allow drugs or alcohol on the property and is not equipped to treat mental health issues and will make the necessary referrals. There is a women’s group hosted at the Hour House on the first Friday of each month. Hope has 24 units of transitional housing between Charleston and Mattoon and offers children’s advocacy in schools, domestic violence services, legal advocacy (order of protection), and a 9-week session domestic violence education class.

Recovery Navigator Update: Kyle continues his educational groups in the jail in Clark County and at probation offices in both counties. Kyle is employed half-time by ROSC and the other half by Coles County Drug Court. Kyle has received some calls from individuals in the community that have spotted our yard signs.

Communication Campaign: We launched our Anti-Stigma Campaign on July 1st and our slogan is We Can And Do Recover. In August, we shared a press release and 4 infographics covering stigma, addiction, prevention, and recovery to shed light on the prevalent illness within our communities.

Past Events: In July we partnered with HRC to provide a Narcan Training/ Resiliency Presentation, 5 people in attendance. Following the training, we set up a table at the Farmer’s Market in Marshall distributing Narcan and other resources.

Upcoming Events: In honor of Overdose Awareness Day, we will host a Candlelight Vigil at The Municipal Building in Greenup on August 30th at 7 p.m. Our Recovery Picnic will be held on September 7th at the Lion Pavilion at Casey Fairview Park. We are partnering with Prevention First to host a virtual panel on October 16th, Addressing Stigma/ Families & Substance Use Disorder.

New ROSC Definition: A Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to experience recovery and improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those with or at risk of substance use and/or - co-occurring conditions. The central focus of a ROSC is to create an infrastructure, or "systems of care", with the resources to effectively address the full range of substance use and/or co-occurring disorders within communities.

Three Goals for FY25: We will continue to advocate for a Drug Court Program in Clark County. We will bring back stakeholders that are not as active or that have stopped attending meetings. Jonathan suggests that we look into recovery housing in Clark County. Jonathan is willing to invite some people from Oxford House to our council meeting. Kyle suggests having a meeting similar to our community kickoff with the topic of recovery housing and providing information for community members.

Opioid Relief Funds: Kristina and Kyle will be presenting to the Cumberland County Board Meeting this evening to request the funds in Cumberland County. Kristina sent the breakdown of how the funds will be spent if we are awarded the funds including the following strategies: Support people in treatment or recovery, address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons, and Prevention programs.

How Can We Make the Council Meetings Better: Kyle asked how we can improve our council meetings and make them more fulfilling to ensure people want to attend. One council member stressed the importance of PLE attendance and participation. Does the day or time of the meeting need to change? We will create a survey that will be available at our recovery picnic and make any necessary changes.

Barriers in Clark and Cumberland Counties: A lack of a Drug Court has been identified as a barrier and Jonathan Burns updated the council with some information stating That Clark County would only be willing to pursue a Drug Court Program if Edgar County agreed to do it alongside Clark County. Jonathan shared that he would like to see either county have a Drug Court so the other county would be influenced by their success.

Reminders/Tasks:

- Please Sign the MOUs and return them to Kristina Drum.
- Kristina will schedule additional opportunities to educate the community on the ROSC Concept.

- Who do we need at the ROSC Council meetings, and how do we get them here?
- We are planning events for the next Fiscal Year, such as the panel events. Council members are encouraged to participate in the planning to ensure their success.

Next Meeting: September 10th, 2024 4:30 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle & Zoom

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