

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25, 2024

Attendees:

Lisa Blackwell - Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Angie Hunt** - Douglas County Health Department, Healthcare Navigation Specialist, **Kandis Mills** - Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator, **Diane Zell** – NAMI, **Nick Spidle** - BASE Navigator, **Tiffany Ellison** - Douglas County Health Department, **Darlene Smith** - Hour House, **Rob Wentz** - Veteran, Person with Lived Experience (PLE), **Mikyla Hodges**- Douglas County Health Department, **Leanna Morgan** - BASE Program Coordinator, **Matthew Hales** - Newman Public Library, **Dani Prince** - Hour House, **Brycen McFadden** - Oxford House, **Kaycie Sanders** - Dial-A-Ride, **Nina Pankau** - PJ's Place, **Dylan Adair** - Recovery Outreach, **Carrie McKinzie** - Gateway Foundation, **Jeff McFadden** – ROSC, **Camille Gordon** - Hope of EC Illinois, **Kristin Davis** - Family Guidance Centers, **Skyler Miller** - Moultrie Shelby County ROSC, **Amber Clark** - Veterans Affairs (VA), **Anthony Hooker** - Parkland College, **Dana Tell** - Coles County ROSC Coordinator, **Wendy Lambert** - Vermillion County ROSC, **Julie Pohlman** - Community Recovery Technical Assistance Specialist Statewide ROSC, **John Reith** - Randolph and Washington Counties ROSC

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Organization Spotlight / Guest Presentation**

- **Presenter:** Angie Hunt, Douglas County Health Department, Healthcare Navigation Specialist.
- **Topic:** Services and Programs provided by DCHD, focusing on assistance with healthcare access, advocacy for LGBTQ+ populations, and available resources across 11 counties, especially for underserved communities.

3. **Upcoming Events**

- **November: Homeless Awareness Month**
 - Activities discussed include creating **Homeless Bags** with items like hygiene kits, blankets, and snacks. Community members encouraged to donate items and volunteer for distribution.
- **December: Family and Holidays**
 - Initiatives to support families affected by SUD and recovery, including potential holiday support groups and coping resources.
- **January: Community Engagement**
 - The **Community Engagement Survey** will launch, focusing on Douglas County needs.

4. Subcommittee Updates

- **Transitional Housing - Be Brave initiative for PJ's Place**
 - The meeting was confirmed for **October 25** at 9 am at the Tuscola Annex. Collection drives for PJ's Place are scheduled on **November 8** and **November 12** at the old IGA in Tuscola.

5. Recovery Navigator Updates

- **Jail and GED Initiatives:** Visits to jails continue, and GED classes are underway, with Parkland College hiring instructors. Classes will eventually extend to the public.

6. Deliverables

- **Community Survey:** Discussion on finalizing and distributing the survey in various community spots.
- **DOP and Fentanyl Distribution Sites:** Locations are still needed for these materials, with input welcomed.
- **Community Resource List:** Mentioned as pending review.

7. Community Events & Engagement

- **Upcoming Community Events:** Included Homeless Awareness Month and holiday support activities.
- **Holiday Speakers and January Speakers:** Invitations for speakers to share holiday stories and personal experiences with recovery and fresh starts.
- **Council Membership:** Encouraged new members, especially faith-based and Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) groups.

8. Other Business & Agency Updates

- Updates on individual agency work, such as Amber Clark's homeless outreach efforts and Angie Hunt's community healthcare navigation.

9. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024
 - **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 - **Location:** Tuscola Annex & Zoom.
 - **Guest Speaker:** Jody Heavlin, Administrator, discussing the Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use and the Alcohol Policy Resource Center.
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Additional Information

- **Past Meeting Minutes:** govst.edu/Recovery-Support/South-Central-IL-ROSC/DCRC-ROSC-Council
- **Facebook Page:** Douglas County ROSC

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