

EDGAR COUNTY ROSC MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2024

5:15 PM

Paris Hospital Conference Room A and Zoom

Attendees:

Nicki Hanks, Jessica Parrill, Marilyn Frey, Ambrosia Branson, Carrie McKinzie, Julie Pohlman, Dennis Eveland, Doug Cochran, Lisa Foster, Cindy Spencer, Jackie Cunningham, Norm Wilson, Jenny McMahan, Judy Benton, Kristin Davis, Bethany Waggoner, Cory Hanks, Rick Cook, Kristina Drum, Amanda Thompson, Debby Wilson, Conner Dotson, Donna, Steven Shrine, Kim Shrine, Janice Watson, Kyra Graham, Karen Cook, James Sanders, Amy Hornbrook

Spotlight Agency/Program (Center for Community Engagement Certified Recovery Congregation): Patrick Miller

Patrick discussed the center's work in building mental health and substance use support programs in underserved areas across Illinois. He highlighted the center's efforts in providing free training and toolkits to faith communities to better support their congregation and the wider community. Since January, they have trained 295 people in 22 faith communities, covering a wide geographical area. The trainings cover mental health, substance use, suicide prevention, and Narcan overdose. These services are funded by operating settlement money and other sources.

Patrick discussed the grassroots-driven approach of their organization, which aims to provide training and support to faith communities. She highlighted the importance of networking and connecting with other organizations to provide comprehensive solutions. Patrick also introduced the concept of a 'certified recovery community' certification for faith communities that want to publicly announce their commitment to recovery. He emphasized the need for a diverse group of stakeholders in these communities, including staff, volunteers, and safety teams. Patrick also mentioned their work with Recovery Organizations and their goal to facilitate conversations and build ongoing relationships with faith communities. She shared that they have certified 11 congregations and worked with about 25 faith communities, with plans to certify more by the end of the year.

Patrick discussed the concept of training sessions for recovery ministries, aiming for 80% participation from paid staff in the community. A council member suggested the possibility of

working with multiple churches together for these sessions, as long as they meet the goal of equipping the whole community. Patrick also mentioned the idea of outreach to existing recovery programs and the importance of not disrupting existing ministries. He emphasized the need for the community to own the recovery process, not just a few passionate individuals. The training sessions would cover various topics, including Narcan, suicide prevention, and mental health. Patrick also mentioned the possibility of inviting others to speak on certain topics. He ended the conversation by encouraging questions and offering his contact information for further communication.

Spotlight Agency/Program Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS): Karen Cook

Karen Cook, the Associate Director of Community Programs at The Our House, presented about the Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) program funded by the opioid settlement funding through the State of Illinois. The program, which is funded for the next three years, aims to empower individuals through support services and community engagement. It targets adults, youth, and families facing homelessness, substance use disorder, and those at risk of an overdose in Coles, Edgar, and Douglas counties. The program offers person-centered approaches, connects individuals to housing, provides limited transportation, and offers skill development. Karen also highlighted the roles of recovery navigators in building trust, identifying immediate needs, and helping individuals achieve their recovery goals. She expressed interest in collaborating with the ROSC for community events and workshops.

Communication Campaign:

The December Communication Campaign will be focusing on, keeping your recovery first during the holidays, as we all know the holidays can be triggering for individuals in recovery.

Council member agency affiliation and outreach brochure:

From all of the meetings Nicki and Jessica attended recently, they feel a ROSC Member/Agency affiliation outreach brochure. Would be helpful to the Edgar County Community.

If you would like to be added to this brochure Please fill out the sheets Provided If you would like to be on the Brochure

Deliverable Documents:

Nicki discussed the progress of 212 surveys that have been completed and the goal of 800. She encouraged everyone to help reach this goal and offered to provide more surveys if needed. She

challenged each council member to get 10 surveys completed before the next council meeting on December 17th, 2024.

Agency Updates:

- **ECPHD**
 - Edgar County Public Health Department will be partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield to discuss maternal and infant health on December 10th from 12-1 pm at the Farm Credit Illinois Building.
- **Neighborhood Watch**
 - The neighborhood watch members are getting reports of packages being stolen. Please plan to make arrangements with a neighbor or family member if you know a package will be dropped off at your house while you are away.
- **Recovery Court**
 - No update
- **HRC**
 - Offices will be closed for the holiday but the living room will be open 24-7 through the holidays. HRC will be offering WRAP groups at the beginning of the year.
- **CARE Coalition**
 - Had the first board meeting. They will be completing the 501C3 process at the beginning of the year.
- **Soup Kitchen**
 - No Update
- **Doug (trafficking training)**
 - Doug is looking for organizations that would be interested in him conducting human trafficking training.
- **R U Recovery**
 - Still Going Strong. RU and CR will be hosting an all-recovery holiday party on December 19th, at 6 PM at the First Baptist Church in Paris.v
- **Celebrate Recovery**
 - Will be hosting Friends Giving on November 27th at 6 PM everyone is welcome to bring a friend.

Next Meeting: August 27th, 2024 at Paris Hospital Conference Room A and on Zoom

Where to Find Past Minutes: [Recovery Coaching Network at GSU \(govst.edu\)](http://govst.edu)

If you are interested in joining the CARE Coalition, please reach out to Angie Hamilton at 35ahamilton@gmail.com

EDGAR COUNTY ROSC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024

2:30 PM

Via Zoom

Attendees:

Homeless Initiative and Community Survey

Nicki initiated a discussion about the homeless initiative project, which has been started by Nate, Jonathan Burns, and others. She encouraged others to get involved and suggested a tour of the Lighthouse Mission in Terre Haute and the Haven in December. Nicki also mentioned a lower turnout for the laundry day due to more homelessness and medical issues. She encouraged volunteers for the next laundry day on December 19th.

The community survey has received 200 responses so far, and Nicki emphasized the need for more responses, especially from underage children. The team discussed potential activities for the December council meeting, with Nicki suggesting a gratitude event and possibly a game. The team also discussed the possibility of a community drive, but no specific needs were identified.

Homeless ID Process and Challenges

The team discussed the process of obtaining identification for homeless individuals. They clarified that a homeless ID costs \$20 and requires a visit to the DMV. The process involves obtaining a homeless status certification, which requires a notarized document and a birth certificate. However, the team acknowledged that many homeless individuals lack a birth certificate. They also discussed the possibility of using a pastor's certification and an address for the notarized form. The team agreed to explore other resources and to bring up the issue at their next council meeting.

Blanket Drive for Homeless Community

The team discussed the need for blankets and warm clothing for homeless individuals in their community, particularly in light of the upcoming winter. They considered organizing a blanket drive and reaching out to local organizations for storage and distribution. They also discussed the possibility of partnering with the Passionate Clothing Closet to obtain new clothing items. The team expressed concern for the well-being of homeless individuals, noting that some have no

shoes or proper clothing for the cold weather. They agreed to explore these ideas further and potentially collaborate with local organizations to assist.