

## November 21, 2024 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 3pm on October 17, 2024 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); Julie Pohlman (Region 4 TA); Anna Ruckman (PLE); Steve Keagle (Lodge Church of God); Tony Kirkman (PCMHC). In addition the following participants joined via ZOOM: Marcie Albrecht (KMC Outreach); Dylan Adair (Carle Outreach); Johanna Gonzalez (SUPR).

**Introductions** – General Introductions were given.

**Communication Plan** – Tia discussed the Bement support group. The group has 8 members with 6 regularly attending. Tia discussed the Suboxone clinic as well and the continued partnership Kirby Medical Group and The Center have. There have been 2 attending the group at Piatt County Jail.

### **Naloxone trainings:**

There have been no trainings recently. Tia discussed reaching out to churches and libraries around the county. Tia shared that there are 11 outside Naloxone distribution boxes currently around Piatt County with 4 more to hopefully go up soon! Tia also shared that even though efforts have been strong with stigma reduction and sharing education to help reduce stigma, it is apparent with the Naloxone boxes being put up, there is still stigma. With this stigma though, there is the possibility of more education to be provided! Marcy Albrecht suggested possibly doing a public story about how Naloxone has saved a life.

**This Month's Activities** – Tia discussed the Halloween event trunk or treat event in Bement. Tia shared that there were roughly 200 trick or treaters making this event a success. Tia also shared that the past Drug Take Back day was also a success with 14 participants and roughly 38 pounds of unused, expired, or unwanted medication being sent to the DEA for destruction.

**Deliverables:** Tia discussed the upcoming community survey that will be due November 30. Tia and the group went over the survey and finalized it. The final draft will be submitted to SUPR. Once approved, the next step will be to discuss where to post the survey around Piatt County. Tia also reminded folks to sign the new membership protocols as well as discussed them. There is the possibility of two new members after discussing gaps with the council.

**Guest Speaker** – Ambrosia Branson, MS, Circle of Care Project Coordinator was our guest speaker this month. Ambrosia explained that the project is one of many under Hour House in Charleston, IL. The project is to assist children, youth, and families who have or are experience loss and grief due to substance use disorders. Ambrosia explained that a network of resources for grief and substance use disorder is being compiled and that there is a need for “natural helpers”, those who work with kids closely. Ambrosia shared the Handle with Care initiative which is a code between agencies and schools to handle a child with care due to events the evening or night before involving substances.

**Sector Speakers** – There were no sector speakers this month.

### **Future engagement opportunities –**

12/7 Monticello Christmas Parade  
12/14 Bement Christmas Parade  
12/21 PC ROSC Very Merry Christmas Family Fun Night  
1/18 Trivia Night

**ROSC Deliverables** – The ROSC deliverables are constantly looked at to ensure the Piatt County ROSC Committee is staying the course.

**Who's Missing?** – Tia continued to remind group that IDHS has an expectation that 50% of the total council should be composed of PLEs.

**Planning for future engagement opportunities:**

**Future Meetings** – It was agreed that future ROSC Meetings will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 3pm with the next Piatt County ROSC meeting being held here at The Center on Thursday December 19 @ 3pm. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to maintain a zoom option for guests.

**Satisfaction Survey** – A brief verbal satisfaction survey was conducted. Participants felt encouraged by number of those in attendance and the progress made at meeting. It was agreed that more PLEs would help move discussion along and the important thing is to have meetings that move forward the deliverables of the grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm

Recorded by ROSC Coordinator, Tia Schum