

## Coles County Council Meeting Notes - November 4th, 12 PM

### Attendees:

- **Jeff McFadden** – McDonough and Fulton County ROSC Coordinator
  - **Kristin Davis** - Family Guidance Center
  - **Carrie McKinzie** - Gateway Foundation
  - **Carlee Parks** – Soyland Access to Independent Living
  - **Camille Gordon** - HOPE East Central IL
  - **Jenna Hays** – Hour House ROSC Supervisor
  - **Nancy Philips** – Illinois Family Resource Center
  - **Julie Pohlman** - Community Recovery Technical Assistance Specialist, Statewide ROSC
  - **Brandy Schlanser** - Navigator, COARRS
  - **Roberta Hinman** – Gateway Foundation
  - **Lisa Blackwell** - Douglas County ROSC Coordinator
  - **Patrick Miller** – Guest Speaker, Faith and Recovery Collaborative
  - **Leanna Morgan** - BASE Program Coordinator
  - **Brittany Card** – Macoupin County ROSC Coordinator
  - **Brenda Ingle** - Soyland Access to Independent Living
  - **Ambrosia Branson** - Guest Speaker, Circle of Care Coordinator
  - **Adam Flacks** - Supervisor, Division of Rehabilitation Services
  - **Skyler Miller** – Moultrie/ Shelby ROSC Coordinator
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### Agenda

- Approval of October Minutes Lisa motioned and Gary seconded and agenda Lisa motioned and Gary seconded.
- **Guest Speaker: Ambrosia Branson** - Circle of Care

### Discussion Points:

1. **Circle of Care Program:**
  - One-year, state-funded initiative led by the Illinois Family Resource Center, ROSC, and Hour House as the lead agency.
  - Focus on building a network of support for children and families.
  - Supported by the American Rescue Plan Act.
  - Sustainability plan in place, with materials housed on the Illinois Family Resource Center website.
2. **Training and Resources:**
  - **Natural Helpers Training:** Includes grief support services.
  - **Threads of Hope:** Offers training tools and strategies for supporting children and families dealing with grief and substance use disorder (SUD).
  - CEUs may be available for participants.
  - Resource bags available for those in need, with assembly help from Coles County volunteers (goal: 14,300 bags).
3. **Handle with Care Program:**
  - Partnership with law enforcement and schools to support vulnerable children.

- Teachers receive training to provide support after notification, without specific details about the incident.

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**Speaker: Patrick Miller - Faith and Recovery Congregation Program**

- **Faith Community Engagement:**
  - Provides four 1-hour trainings to certify congregations as recovery-friendly.
  - Connects faith communities to recovery supports, similar to ROSC resources.
  - Free training; interested churches in Mattoon and Charleston identified.
  - Partnerships with Chestnut Health, envisioning church support through key stakeholders.
  - Resource lists available; offers suicide prevention resources and Celebrate Recovery materials.
- **Building Faith Community Support:**
  - Encourage local events to foster involvement (e.g., hosting a meal to discuss community needs).
  - One-on-one connections and referrals are emphasized.
  - Potential faith-based nonprofit grants to provide mental health and substance use support training.
- **Additional Support:**
  - 100 homeless resource bags prepared; looking for donations and volunteers.
  - Three drug court graduates acknowledged; CCRC seeking gifts or attendees for the graduation (Thursday at 1:30 PM).
  - Coat drive ongoing in partnership with local libraries and Elks Lodge; winter clothing donations requested.

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**Upcoming Initiatives and Events**

- **Community Survey:** Outreach to local churches for participation.
- **Certified Recovery Congregations:** Outreach to local churches for participation
- **DART Meeting:** Scheduled for the 14th at 2 PM.
- **Interagency Meeting:** Scheduled for the 15th at 12 PM at Human Services Building.
- **Wellness Collaboration Meeting:** Scheduled for the 18th.
- **Citizens Against Child Abuse Meeting:** Scheduled for the 25th at 8:30 AM.