

## Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

**Date:** November 20, 2024

**Next Meeting:** December 18, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Location:** Douglas County Annex, 209 E. Van Allen, Tuscola, IL, and via Zoom

**Next Speaker:** Amber Clark (Suicide Prevention)

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### Attendees:

**Lisa Blackwell** - ROSC Coordinator, **Leanna Morgan** – BASE Program Coordinator, **Jason Pantier** - Douglas County Probation, **Matthew Hales** – Newman Regional Library District, **Kandis Mills** - Douglas ROSC Navigator, **Rob Wentz** – Veteran / fireman, **Dani Prince** - BASE Prevention Specialist, **Brycen McFadden** – Oxford House, **Angie Hunt** – Healthcare Navigation DCHD (Transgender/Gender Fluid Support), **Jaya Kolisetty** – RACES, **James Sanders** – Edgar CORS, **Jody Heavilin** - Prevention First, **Carrie McKinzie** – Gateway Foundation, **Kristin Davis** - Family Guidance Center, **Jamie Miller**- SHIF Healthcare, **Casey McClain** – Councilor DCHD, **Jill Bunker** - Pastor, Arthur United Methodist Church, **Amber Clark** – Community Outreach VA, **Julie Pullman** – Statewide ROSC TA, **Tia Schum** – Piatt County ROSC Coordinator, **Barb Gibson** - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL), **Summer Phillips** – DCHD, **Mikyla Hodges** -DCHD Intern, **Jamie Murphy** - SHIF Healthcare, **Jenna Slaughter** - Workforce Development, **Lisa Edwards** - Douglas County Coroner, **Tiffany Ellison** – BASE prevention specialist, **Johanna Gonzalez** - ROSC IDHS/SUPR

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### 1. Welcomes and Introductions

### 2. Organizational Spotlight / Guest Presentation

**Presenter: Jody Heavilin (Prevention First) Alcohol Policy Resource Center**

- Illinois Alliance On Reducing Youth Substance Use Disorder.
- Reducing Underage drinking and substance use.
- **Upcoming meeting:** December 10, 2024, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM.
- Resources and Tools Available on the Alcohol Policy Resource Center
- <https://www.prevention.org/>
- **Contact:** [jody.heavilin@prevention.org](mailto:jody.heavilin@prevention.org)

### 3. Transitional Housing

- Updates on PJ's Place (Be Brave Recovery House):
- **In Door Thrift Sale:** November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8am-5pm
  - Facebook event, items available for donation-based pricing
- **Next Transitional Housing Subcommittee Meeting:** December 13, 2024, 9:00 AM (Virtual and in person).
- Contact: [Lisab@hourhouserecovery.org](mailto:Lisab@hourhouserecovery.org)

#### 4. **Community Survey**

- Purpose: Assessing Douglas County needs (substance use disorder supports, housing, Mental Health support).
- Goal: Reach at least 5% of the population.
- Distribution through social media and other community channels.
- Please take and share the survey with Douglas County!
- <https://forms.gle/wYMzq8KM1qgVdb7KA>

#### 5. **Homelessness awareness Initiative for November**

- **Homeless Bags:**
- Finishing up collecting donated Items for building 50 Homeless Bags. The Bags will contain items such as hygiene kits and warming resources for Douglas County's unhoused population.
- Potential Distribution Locations: Police departments, libraries, soup kitchens, warming centers, SAM Pantry in Tuscola.
- Sharing Warming centers and resources on Social Media and in Newsletter.

#### 6. **Potential Groups**

- **Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL):**
  - Training sessions for those supporting someone with substance use issues.
  - Contact: (480) 300-4712
- **Persons with Lived experiences (PLE)**
  - **Creating local meetings and events**
  - Collaborating and sharing experiences as peers

#### 7. **Faith-Based Recovery Initiative**

- ROSC Council aims to involve more faith-based organizations in supporting recovery efforts.
- Illinois Faith and Recovery Collaborative: [Illinois Faith-Based Recovery Initiative | Community Engagement in Substance Use Prevention](#)
- **Contact:** [coalitionsupport@chestnut.org](mailto:coalitionsupport@chestnut.org) or [Lisab@hourhousetorecovery.org](mailto:Lisab@hourhousetorecovery.org)

#### 8. **GED Classes**

- Part-time GED teaching positions available through Parkland College, focusing on jail programs and community education.
- Information in news letter
- **Contact:** [Career Site](#) P: 217-351-2220

#### 9. **Planning for December**

- Update resource lists.
- Support for families effected by SUD during the holidays
- ROSC Navigator Kandis's Community Classes.
- Organize goals for the holiday season.

## 11. Other Notes

- October meeting minutes approved
- Pastor, Arthur United Methodist Church is Offering Community Meals
- Briefly Discussed possibility of implementing safe passage in future
- Encourage community members needing support with substance use disorder to contact Kandis Mills. [Kandism@hourhouserecovery.org](mailto:Kandism@hourhouserecovery.org)
- DCRC is Looking for additional location for harm reduction materials
  - Needs to be protected from elements in insulated building
  - In Douglas County (prefer outside of Tuscola as we already have several sites)
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