

December 19, 2024 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 3pm on December 19, 2024 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); Jordan Ziegenbein (Monticello Christian Church); Jaime Porter (PCMHC); Dan Koenigs (PCMHC); Michele Eliason (PCMHC); Jensen Eliason (PCMHC); MaryJo Dean (Willow Tree Missions); Tony Kirkman (PCMHC); Christine Pierce (Carle Outreach). In addition the following participants joined via ZOOM: Marcie Albrecht (KMC Outreach); Julie Pohlman (Region 4 TA); Anna Ruckman (PLE); Maggie Memmott (DeWitt ROSC); Michelle Hibbard (Rosecrance); Jenna Hays (Hour House); 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 13 outside Naloxone distribution boxes currently around Piatt County with 3 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! Tia was able to share times that the public has rallied around the outside boxes via social media, defending the need for them in their communities.

This Month's Activities – Tia discussed the Very Merry Christmas event this Saturday. Tia also discussed the Monticello parade. During January, the Bement group wanted to do a food drive and donate all food gathered to the Bement food pantry. Should this be a success, the group would like to be able to do a donation to the other food pantries around the county.

Deliverables: Tia discussed the upcoming community survey that is now ready to be released. Those present at the ROSC meeting were in agreement to go on ahead and release it early instead of the initial January 6th date.

Guest Speaker – Guest speakers this month were those present at the ROSC meeting via in person as well as on zoom. Tia presented two questions to the group: What has been a success and what needs to be changed, improved, or added? Many shared positives including ROSC events are being talked about outside of Piatt County, some are noticing a decrease in stigma, and the Naloxone boxes available 24 hours a day are great! Areas to improvement included: continued efforts to reduce barriers to treatment due to Crossings Healthcare in Decatur now being closed, policy changes to get involved in, more county wide events in the smaller, untouched communities of Piatt County, communication vehicles. These suggestions are all wonderful!

Sector Speakers – There were no sector speakers this month.

Future engagement opportunities –

12/21 PC ROSC Very Merry Christmas Family Fun Night

1/1 – 1/28 Food drive

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 3rd Thursday of the month @ 3pm with the next Piatt County ROSC meeting being held here at The Center on Thursday January 16 @ 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