

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22nd, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom and In-Person at the Douglas County Annex, 209 East Van Allen, Tuscola, IL

1. Announcements

- **Lisa Blackwell**
 - Transitioning to Coles County ROSC Coordinator role.
 - Will stay to train **Lyndsey Reedy** while remaining with Douglas County until then.
 - Plans to stay on the council after the transition.
 - **Lyndsey Reedy**
 - Excited become the Douglas County ROSC Coordinator.
 - Focused on providing support and fostering growth.
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2. Attendance

Lisa Blackwell – Current Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Lyndsey Reedy** – New Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Kandis Mills** – ROSC Recovery Navigator, **Chad Hanks** – PLE, Guest Speaker, **Rob Wentz** – First Responder and Veteran, **Stephanie Gilbert** – Attended with Kandis, **Linda Scribner** – Founder of Be Brave, working on transitional housing (PJ's Place), **Joanna Gonzalez** – IDHS ROSC Coordinator, **Jaya Kolisetty** – RACES Representative, provides services for rape survivors, **Tia Schum** – Piatt County ROSC Coordinator, **Mikyla Hodges** – DCHD Representative, **Brycen McFadden** – Oxford House Recovery Homes Representative, **Matt Hales** – NRLD Representative, **Michelle Hibbard** – Rosecrance Representative, **Angie Hunt** – DCHD Representative, **Kaycie Sanders** – Dial-A-Ride Representative (serves Douglas and Coles Counties), **Camille Gordon** – HOPE of East Central IL Representative, **Jenna Hays** – ROSC Supervisor, Hour House, **Brandy** Schlanser – Recovery Navigator, Coles County, CORES.

3. Guest Speaker: Chad Hanks

Topic: Personal Story of Recovery

- Shared his journey from substance use to recovery through faith and the support of AA and Celebrate Recovery.
- Discussed the struggles, lessons, and blessings throughout his recovery journey, including:
 - Overcoming addiction to methamphetamine and alcohol.
 - Rebuilding relationships with family and friends.

- Achieving 21 years of continuous sobriety.
 - Finding purpose in helping others through ministry and recovery programs.
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4. Updates

1. Minutes Approved

2. Asset Map

- Final version completed and will be distributed to the group.

3. Community Survey

- Over 650 responses collected so far.
- Goal: 950 responses.
- Members encouraged to share the survey widely.

4. Transitional Housing – Update from Linda Scribner

- Fundraising phase for PJ's Place.
- Upcoming fundraising events planned for Spring and Summer.

5. Certified Recovery Congregations

- Encouraging churches to get involved.
- Information available on the newsletter and Facebook page.

6. PLE Group

- Led by **Rob Wentz**.
 - First meeting: January 28, 2025, at 6 PM at the Annex.
 - Focus: Peer-to-peer recovery support, especially for veterans.
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5. Navigator Updates – Kandis Mills

- Jail recovery groups are growing:
 - More male participants; some female interest.
 - Zoom meetings are ongoing.
 - Assisting with survey distribution.
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6. Additional Updates

1. **Newman Library**

- Adding a recovery section.
- Will purchase a shelf and provide literature.

2. **Jail GED Program**

- Parkland College providing an instructor.
- Launching in February.

3. **Recovery Materials**

- Seeking suggestions for locations to place Drug Overdose Prevention materials.
- Contact Lisa Lyndsey If you have any locations in mind.

4. **Potential Recovery Event**

- Considering hosting a recovery event at the pool this summer. Volunteers needed.
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7. Next Meeting

- **Date:** February 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM.
- **Location:** Virtual and in-person at the Annex.
- **Guest Speaker:** Jill Bunker. On Faith, Community, and recovery.