

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: February 26, 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. Welcome and Introductions

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Attendees:

Summer Phillips, Mikyla Hodges, and Casey McClain – Douglas County Health Department, **Julie Pohlman** - Statewide ROSC, Region 4 TA, **Pastor Jill Bunker**- Arthur United Methodist Church, **Jenna Slaughter**- Workforce Development, **Tiffany**- Hour House Base Program, **Matthew Hales**, Newman Librarian, **Dani**-Hour House Base Program, **Kandis Mills** - Douglas County ROSC Navigator, **Lisa Blackwell** - Coles County ROSC Coordinator, **Rob Wentz** – Firefighter/Community Member/PLE Guru

2. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without objections.
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3. Organizational Spotlight / Guest Presentation

Presenter: Pastor Jill Bunker, Arthur United Methodist Church

Topic: Outreach programs

- Key highlights:
 - Community Meals on Wednesday nights 4:30-6pm are in person, to go, or delivery. All are welcome for food and fellowship. Do not have to live in Douglas County for community meals. Community Meals outreach is 15 years strong!
 - Last week served 453 people.
 - The church also offers AA meetings, food pantry, clothing/shoes and some housewares available.
 - Outreach made possible by volunteers.
 - Donations are accepted to help outreach programs.
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4. Deliverables

a. Community Needs Assessment

- Council Members got the Douglas County Needs Assessment via email. Encouraged the council to review and ask any questions they may have.

- **b. Community Survey Update**

- Nearly 650 survey responses.
 - Big thank you to everyone helped get so many responses!
 - This is valuable data about our county that can help us in our work. The data was shared with council members.
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5. Transitional Housing Updates (PJ's Place)

- Next meeting will be on March 14th at 9 am in person at 209 E Van Allen in Tuscola and zoom.
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6. Faith-Based Recovery Initiative

- Tools are given to congregations for free so they can better assist those with mental health and substance use challenges.
 - ROSC can help congregations who would like to become certified.
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7. PLE Initiative (Persons with Lived Experience)

- Rob Wentz shared a bit of his personal story, vision and possible name for the group. Looking for others who would like to get together for support, encouragement, and to help plan activities.
 - Next meeting is on March 18th 6pm in person at 209 E Van Allen in Tuscola.
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8. Navigator Updates

- Updates for February:
 - Community in person meetings planned with fun activities such as adult recovery coloring books and junk journaling.
 - Ongoing jail visits going really well. Will soon have recovery books available to those in the jail.
 - Assisting with community outreach.
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9. Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Events

- **Spring Party** at Tuscola Community Building- **March 30th** from 2-4pm. Free family friendly fun. Games, crafts, and recovery resources.
 - **Open Gym** at Villa Grove Community Recreation Center-**April 27th** from 1-3pm. Free use of the gym to play basketball, pickleball, etc. and recovery resources.
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