

Date: Monday, February 2nd, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium & Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller, Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees. During introductions, Skylar asked everyone to answer the ice breaker question which was: What made you say yes to being a part of this council? There was a lot of passion shared!

She then reviewed the meeting purpose- The Coles County ROSC Council brings together community partners, individuals with lived experience, and organizations to strengthen recovery-oriented supports in our community. This meeting will focus on council updates, priority projects and collaborative next steps.

In-person attendees:

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Megan Ballard** (Coles County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator), **Tyler Warner** (Build, Amplify, Support, Empower Recovery Navigator), **Ayla Holford** (Build, Amplify, Support, Empower Recovery Navigator), **Colton Bloxom** (Person with Lived Experience), **Gary Stephens** (Wingman Ministries), **Tim Lewis** (Faith-Based Community Member)

Zoom attendees:

Carrie McKinzie (Heritage), **Kristin Davis** (Family Guidance Center- Prevention Integration Coordinator), **Carlee Parks** (Senior Center for Independent Living), **Tristan McGrew** (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities), **Johanna Gonzalez** (Statewide ROSC Council Coordinator), **Toni Randall** (Statewide ROSC Region 4 Technical Assistant), **Deb Beckmann** (Statewide ROSC Leadership Team), **LaSienna Burton** (Champaign-Urbana Public Health Department), **Amber Gabbard** (Family of PLE, Redemption Contractors)

Recovery Navigator/PLE Updates

Megan gave an update on the recovery education groups she hosts every week from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. She has not had any actual attendees but some people have asked her why she was at the library and she told them about the group she is there to hold and what ROSC is.

Megan also touched on her engagement with a few individuals in the community that she has provided harm reduction education and materials to.

Skylar asked the council if they had any suggestions or desires for different times, topics, or locations they think would serve the people they encounter or work with. No one had anything to add at this time.

Discussion, Feedback & Community Voice

There was a speaker planned for this council meeting and they were going to touch on some information that goes along with the goals the ROSC Council is working toward achieving. They were unable to attend, so, **Skylar** reviewed the quarterly report with the council regarding the progress the council has made toward their end of FY26 goals.

Skylar reminded everyone that the first Housing Committee Meeting and the first Transportation Committee meeting will be taking place on February 9th.

Skylar discussed her upcoming meetings with other ROSC Council Coordinators, the warm handoff program and Lakeland College that are going to take place this week. She will share progress at the next meeting.

Discussing the goal to increase recovery capital through CPRS/CRSS led to **Amber** asking for clarification on CPRS/CRSS/CDAC acronyms.

CPRS- Certified Peer Recovery Specialist.

CRSS- Certified Recovery Support Specialist.

CDAC- Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

Gary started a discussion regarding the new grocery store in Charleston that did a suitcase drive for those who may be unhoused and need a way to keep their belongings together. They are doing one now for tents and sleeping bags. He mentioned this because he thought that Hour House, ROSC, and other community programs could find people who needed them or have them available for when they do come across someone who does.

Gary also discussed the great need for an overnight warming center. Everyone agreed. We discussed different ideas. **Skylar** is going to reach out to the Edgar County ROSC Council Coordinator for further information as to how she assisted in getting one started in her county. Gary stated that he did not understand why we have so many church buildings that are empty 6 days a week and nowhere for unhoused to stay warm. He said that there used to be a time when a few churches got together to work together but that has not happened in a long time.

Events

Ayla and **Tyler** gave some detail on an upcoming Valentine's Day Workshop targeting ages 10 and up. It is from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Valentine's Day at the Mattoon Public Library.

Skylar reminded the council of the "Recovery Unplugged" on February 28th at the Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop from 3-6pm and she also discussed having an event in spring and summer. **Ayla** said the BASE team wants to collaborate with the ROSC Council and do an event together. **Tyler** mentioned the tie-dye event that took place in Moultrie and how successful that was.

Next steps & Closing

Skylar thanked everyone for coming and helping her to keep the discussions going.

The next meeting date was confirmed.

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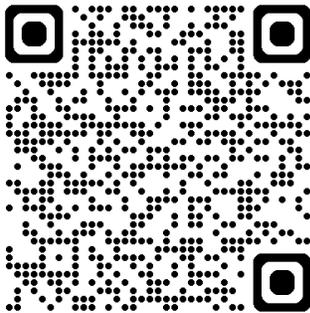
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Where to find past meeting minutes: <https://www.govst.edu/ROSC-GSU/ROSCC>

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Next Coles County ROSC Council Meeting**

Date: March 2nd, 2026

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