

# Douglas County Meeting Minutes

3-23-22

10:00 am

Zoom and In-Person Hybrid

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**Note taker:** Randi Wilson

**Attendees:** Kari Knapp, Randi Wilson, Karen Cook (HOUR House ROSC Coordinator), Jennifer Houser (HOUR House Recovery Navigator), Coleen (Douglas County Health Department), Summer Phillips (Douglas County Health Department), Liesl Wingert (SIU School of Medicine), Stacy Welch (Shalynn's Hope), Heather Skinner (Douglas County Coroner), Lauren Christina (RISE Behavioral Health and Wellness), Kaycie Sanders (Dial-A-Ride), Alexia Martinez (Douglas County Health Department), Jason D. Pantier (Douglas County Probation), Matthew Hales (NRLD), Joe Mounce (Hour House Recovery Navigator), Sarah Ruholl (One Hope United), Michael Haste (Celebrate Recovery), Amanda Barbee (Douglas County), Amanda Minor (Douglas County Health Department), Melissa Ratliff (Carle)

## *Minutes*

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### **Agenda Item: Recovery Navigator Introduction**

- Jennifer Houser Recovery Navigator from HOUR House will be working in Douglas County with Probation on Wednesdays 8:30-12:30 to see up to 4 clients.

### **Agenda Item: Douglas County Needs Assessment Review with Kari Knapp**

- PowerPoint presentation
- Individuals on the call appreciated "patting each other on the back" and calling out the good work people on the call/in the community were doing
- Jason from Probation addressing Drug court – personnel, funding, lack of resources. There has always been a great interest. Drug court falls to probation, and there are not enough people to run it. A lot of support available, but need the people, resources, and the funding. Majority of people ordered to supervision or probation and they send out for assessments.
- Matthew Hales – NRLD is now offering wireless hotspots and chrome books for check out. Such programs implemented at more small town libraries might assist with telehealth and other matters in which privacy is paramount
- Sarah Ruholl - Says that Cumberland linked with an existing drug court to implement services that wouldn't be possible in a one county region. Coles – Cumberland
  - Jason replied that there are discussions happening. Would have to be in the same circuit

- Melissa - Bright Heart Health (out of Chicago) – provide telehealth MAR services. In the ER but can provide intake, counselor, prescription for buprenorphine or Suboxone to get started. All over the internet.
- Heather Skinner – check with local counties like Champaign if they would be willing to provide telehealth services.
  - Do you have statistics of how many patients would need MAR?
- Liesl – AOIC Administrative offices of courts (certifies drug courts) works with them. Happy to facilitate conversation to get drug court set up. SIU does provide telehealth for MAR, various projects where they can provide equipment and training. Willing to help if people reach out and can get people set-up with that.
  - Have you spoken to Christine Boyd from Jason – works closely with
  - She trains probation offices how to do strategic planning
  - They will look into setting up a meeting between Liesl, Christine (at AOIC) and Jason at probation.
- Lauren Christina – RISE could set up office for people to have internet and access to telehealth services. So that people don't have to do telehealth from their homes.
  - Kari brought up "telehealth cafes" where community places could serve as a private space to conduct telehealth services
- Jason – had contact with Victory Church doing Celebrate Recovery. Eagle Mountain in Tuscola has group called "Encounter"
- Mike Haste (Celebrate Recovery) – Eagle Mountain has been meeting for about a year. Group just using the building. Alternate between lessons and testimonies. Lessons that go through the 12 steps. 25 lessons that go through the steps. Small group with men meeting and women meeting separately. Can break out further if you have enough numbers for CoDa and such.
  - How do you get info out? Just got on celebrate recovery group map. Flyers that they hand out and put up different places. Go to churches. Will get them listed on 211.
  - Meet Sunday nights at 5pm
  - Do not have it online, transportation has not been much of an issue yet
- HIPS - Second week of July for Moultrie County fair
  - Talked about a lot of different areas/events that could host a HIPS event