

Douglas County ROSC Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

10:00 am

Zoom and In-Person Hybrid

Note taker: Kari Knapp

Attendees: Karen Cook, Kari Knapp, Colleen Lehmann, Summer Phillips, Kaycie Sanders, Stacy Welch, Jennifer Houser, Katie Difanis, Sarah Ruholl, Jason Pantier, Chana Ray, Michelle Eaton, Jackie Wells, DCHD Interns, Matthew Hales, Stephanie Flier, Christina Moutray, Allison Skinner, Danielle Cruzan

Minutes

Agenda Item: Introductions and Updates

- Michelle – Prevention Expansion Grant (request for information to the State- expanding prevention services for 4th and/or 5th grade (does not have to be both grades; they were awarded funding – plan on hiring 1 ½ people; 8-10 sessions for evidence-based programs); Currently looking at Shelby and Moultrie Counties to implement this program – Katie Wienke might be a good contact for this
- Communication around Edgar County (HRCEC is currently the SUPPS provider so they might be the best agency to implement this education)
- If anyone is interested/knows a school who might want this program, reach out to Michelle Eaton
- Jackie Wells- Jeff Stultz plans on sharing his recovery story (Sunday June 5th at Victory Church in Camargo at 5:00 PM; free event and a meal will be served beforehand)
 - This event is open to all individuals/counties (Karen will share with other ROSC's)
 - Please feel free to share this information with your contacts
- Summer – June 1-July 29th (DCHD summer meal distribution); health department website → outreach → sign up (multiple sites throughout the county and will be offering free transportation to and from these sites)
 - Flyers are available – these are specific to each district and Summer will send those to Karen to share along; these flyers will also be available on the DCHD website
- Hidden in Plain Sight Event-
 - Great participation overall
 - DCHD provided Narcan training
 - Shalynn's Hope & Be Brave (spreading awareness and engagement with caregivers)

- Hour House is hiring for Douglas County ROSC Coordinator and Peer Support Specialist
 - Prefers that this individual is from the Douglas County Area
 - Will primarily work from home
 - Prefers Bachelor's degree for this position
 - Reliable transportation needed- will need to travel to Mattoon office at least once a week
 - Program Director at Hour House is doing the hiring; Karen is happy to field any application questions
- August 31st – Candlelight Vigil
 - Need location, volunteers, is there a fee needed?
 - A host is needed for each town specifically!
 - Matthew will talk with Douglas County museum to see if they would like to be a host for Tuscola (Matthew will connect Karen with the appropriate contact); additionally, Matthew will look into Newman State Park
 - Family friendly event – moment of silence, a script of some sort, etc.
 - If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Karen
 - Looking at 7:00-8:00 PM
- Douglas County ROSC brochure
 - Karen has created a generalized ROSC brochure (how to join, what it is, etc.)
 - If anyone has any ideas of how this should be created, please let Kari know
- Douglas County ROSC t-shirt
 - Karen will reach out to printing to see what the cost
 - Potentially thinking through what the back of the shirt looks like

Agenda Item: Strategic Goals Update and Review of Community Health Needs Assessment

- How can we enhance our current strategic goals?
 - We need community collaboration and support to address these efforts!
 - Last month we looked at health promotion ; look at harm reduction/intervention
- Discussion on Intervention/Harm Reduction:
 - Drug Court (Karen/Jason have had a few conversations around this)
 - Update from Jason: had the opportunity to meet with the Judge to have the drug court discussion (funding, staffing, and lack of resources – time issue as well)
 - Douglas County resources need to be in place (treatment resources in Douglas County)
 - Sara mentioned that Cumberland County is in a similar boat (lack of overall resources; but they ended up partnering with a neighboring county)
 - Jason said that certification through the State is needed, but a foundation is needed first (ensuring that treatment services are in place)
 - Karen shared that drug court is an opportunity for folks in recovery, however, she mentioned that it is extremely lengthy and might be a multiple year project (little steps are needed)

- Karen emphasized the importance on HOW we want to get to a drug court; right now we need to focus on the little steps so we do not get defeated
- Jason highlighted the importance of the Recovery Navigator role
 - Karen mentioned that maybe this is something we want to add to the strategic goals (i.e. specific roles of RN's)
- Pushing the importance of establishing jobs/goals for individuals in recovery
 - Goal in Douglas and Piatt Counties
 - Workforce development
 - Group presentations available if needed
 - Current partnership with Champaign County Probation Department
- Matthew Hales- safe consumption sites
- Jason- school involvement, school presentations, civic organizations (Moose, Kiwanis, American Legion, Churches, etc.)
- Stacy Welch – students feel like they do not have anyone to talk to; they do not want to talk to teachers (Operation Hope offers this opportunity for students to come together)
 - Reflection back on student event at Newman Library this summer
 - Multiple students are needing mental health support (this circles back to stigma within the community)
 - Jason said that he has previously received great feedback when going into classrooms – Jason mentioned RISE as being a support for students
 - Looking at other models (such as Big Brother Big Sisters) that have been successful in the past – help students know how to access resources
 - Quarterly Events for students
 - Linking students with adults who do not live in the same town (Stacy)
- Jason mentioned DCFS/representation on the ROSC
 - Sarah has the same licensure as DCFS
 - Educators are missing at the table
 - Jason – Youth Advocate Program (previously served Douglas County)
 - Office in Charleston (unsure if they still serve Douglas)
- If anyone has any additional ideas on Harm Reduction/Intervention, please reach out to Karen; as a friendly reminder, this is the DOUGLAS County ROSC and your voice is needed!

- **Next Meeting: June 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM**