

Hour House -Coles County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

Members Present: Olivia Jenkins, Karen Cook, Dana Tell, Gary Stephen, Roberta Hinman

Membership Sharing:

ROSC Update: Karen shared that ROSC has hired a new Coordinator and Recovery Navigator for Coles County. They both will begin at the Hour House on July 11.

Hour House Prevention: Received additional grant funding and will now be expanding their curriculum for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Services that can be provided to support veterans help with the first month's rent, housing items, new beds, and social service navigation. Due to the pandemic, it was noted that 2 individuals had lost their lives due to SUD.

Roberta: Provided insight on the Warm Handoff Program through Gateways; they are housed at SBL ER.

Continuation of meeting with strategic goals discussion:

List of Local Recovery Meetings: Karen will send the local self-help meeting list for members to review.

Narcan Training: June 30 at 4:30 PM at the Charleston Public Library

Community events/Anti-Stigma/Education

Karen reminded ROSC members that August 31 is National Overdose Awareness day; Karen explained to the members that they could host a candlelight vigil to remember those who have lost their lives. Members suggested having a small group in each town due to lack of transportation. Members will volunteer to lead the groups. Karen will call the local park districts in Mattoon and Charleston to reserve locations.

Members discussed potential harm reduction methods such as allocating fentanyl strips, Narcan, and never using alone cards. Members discussed the concept of providing bags to local law enforcement and jails.

The next Coles County meeting will be hybrid on July 25 at noon. Locate a restaurant in Charleston