

Douglas County ROSC

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022

10:00 am

Zoom and In-Person Hybrid

Attendees: Karen Cook, Leanna Morgan, Darlene Smith, Stephanie Burton, Heather Elfakir, Matthew Hales, Lamont Gordon, Aaron Luth, Tess Miller, Jason Pantier, Summer Phillips, Kaycie Sanders, R. Jason Wallace, Liesl Wingert

Minutes

Agenda Item: Updates and Introductions

- Karen Cook, ROSC Supervisor
 - Introduced the new Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, Leanna Morgan and Recovery Navigator also known as a Peer Support Specialist, Darlene Smith.
 - Strategic goals have been revised and will be sent to the council for final review. Next step is to begin working towards the goals.
 - Overdose Awareness
 - The Candlelight Vigil will be August 31st at Ervin Park in Tuscola at 7:00. Candles are being provided. Stacy Welch with Shalynn's Hope has partnered and will be speaking.
- Recovery Month
 - Resource bags are being put together for disbursement to those in recovery. ROSC is currently obtaining program information, hygiene products, and other items for 100 bags for each of the following counties; Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Moultrie and Shelby.
 - Testimony Tuesdays. Every Tuesday in September on Facebook highlighting recovery. Also, looking for 2 volunteers for short recordings on radio.
- Stephanie Burton, Dial-A-Ride Operations Manager
- Kaycie Sanders, Dial-A-Ride Administrative Director
 - Have applied for a 1.1 million dollar grant from IDOT to purchase a vehicle storage facility. She will know if awarded hopefully by November.
 - Will work with Probation to provide ride coupons. Probation stated that the coupons work well and have been very helpful.
- Jason Wallace, North Ward Principal
 - Three new social workers have begun working. Jason is willing to share resource with families in need.
- Summer Phillips, Community Outreach & SUD Prevention

- Summer meals completed July 29th. In 42 days, over 4000 meals provided in Douglas County and over 2500 in Edgar County. New shoes were provided to 43 children and 110 families signed up for continuing meals.
- Health fair at Arcola Center on September 30th, email Summer for more information.
- Received grant funding for additional Narcan. Will be providing trainings in near future. After the training, individual leaves with a kit.
- Tobacco cessation grant concluded (Tobacco free communities)
 - Two ordinances (01 and 02) passed February 2019 in Douglas County- no tobacco use in any public place anywhere in county
 - Cessation for vaping- Participants have remained tobacco free. Partnered with Dr. Peddy at Carle and Sav-Mor Pharmacy to get cessation products for 7 teenagers
- Aaron Luth- Lifetime resident that grew up in Newman, IL.
 - Person with lived experience, eager to offer guidance from his own experiences and assist with finding ways to relate with those in recovery.
- Jason Pantier, Probation
 - Expressed how exciting it is to have more exclusive help in Douglas County.
- Lamont Gordon, TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
 - Provides case management. Works with probation and helps find programs for those needing connection to services.
- Leisl Wingert, SIU School of Medicine
 - Provides Narcan training. Knowledgeable with recovery and addiction. Has assisted a lot with behind the scenes knowledge for ROSC.
- Matthew Hale, Newman Library
 - Summer reading has ended.
 - Facilitates meetings for Inter-Agency for Douglas County. Email Matthew to be added. Meetings are 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 am.
- Tess Miller, ROSC Coordinator Moultrie County
 - Currently collaborating with Leanna Morgan to provide community outreach in Arthur which is split down the middle by both counties.
- Heather Elfakir, Recovery Navigator Moultrie County
- Leanna Morgan, ROSC coordinator for Douglas County.
 - Associates in Human Services and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Development. Has lived experience assisting others with recovery and finding resources.
 - Welcomes continued 1 on 1 meetings between council meetings.

- Sharing Douglas County Coalition contact for Interagency meetings with ROSC Council. Also, will share the ROSC Coordinator email for Moultrie County for those that also provide services in Moultrie County.
- Darlene Smith, Recovery Navigator
 - Associates in Criminal Justice. Has lived experience.
 - Has worked for Hour House for 7 years. Darlene's goal as Recovery Navigator is to reach as many people as she can. Darlene will provide peer support services within Douglas County after her training and ends in September. She will also shadow the previous pilot recovery navigator for Douglas County.
 - Will assist with goals and everyday skills. Possible group sessions and one on one assistance.
- **Next Meeting: September 28th, 2022 at 10:00 AM**