

January 19, 2022 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 3pm on January 19, 2022 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); Troy Dunn (Piatt County Coroner); Andrea Kocher (Piatt Co Dove); Charles LeGrand (Pavilion Hospital); Ted Lowers (Dewitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department); Steve Keagle (Lodge Church of God); Paul Spangler (First Presbyterian Church); Terry Jones (Monticello PD); Cristin McMullen (IMPACT PCMH); David King (Carle); Tony Kirkman (Piatt Co Mental Health – ED). In addition the following participants joined via ZOOM: Mary Vogt (Bement School District Superintendent); Tawanna Nickens (Parkland GED); Kyle Reynolds (Piatt Co Probation); Tony Comtois (CU Church/PLE); Jenny Galloway (IL HPP Prevention); Michael Schroeder (DeWitt/Piatt Bi Counties Health Department); Hillary Stanifer (Blue Ridge School District Superintendent); George Vargas (Piatt Co Public Defender).

Introductions – General Introductions were given.

Communication Plan – Tia discussed the Suboxone Clinic at Kirby stating that things are going well. Tia reported that the end of year data showed that she had given 17 out of 42 patients information about mental health services. Of these 17 patients, Tia reported that 14 are now seeing a mental health provider. This is an increase from June however, Tia did not have the information from when she started providing case management for Dr. Mandhan's Suboxone patients. Tia discussed the end of the year data for the support group held at the Piatt County Jail. End of the year data showed that 19 inmates participated between July '22 and December '22 with 4 of these clients being regulars. The other 15 inmate's attendance varied due to transfer to DOC, release, or not wanting to participate. Tia then discussed the first meeting of the Youth Resource Group held at Bement on Fridays between 12 and 1230 pm. No one was in attendance but Tia explained that this is to be expected and explained when she started the Wednesday evening support group there were was a big attendance the first meeting and then a few weeks of 0 in attendance. Tia explained that if she thinks back to when she was in high school, she would observe from afar if there was a new service or club introduced at the school to see if this was a onetime thing or if this person was going to be around for the long haul. Tia stated that she is in it for the long game and is confident about the Youth Resource Group's growth. The Wednesday evening support group is going strong! The group still has 5 members who attend. Tia has contacted Oxford housing to get a tour and has a tour date scheduled for Friday 1/27 at 130 pm. Tia discussed that a youth activity by May of 2023 was on the "honey do" list and opened up the floor for discussion about this. It was suggested a possible collaboration with IMPACT and YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) for an activity done at all of the schools in Piatt County. Another idea that was thrown out was a pool party in Bement near the end of May beginning of June. These two ideas are very good possibilities. Tia reported that the Leave Behind Bags are ready and that Tony or Cristin will be taking them to the PC Fire Association meeting at the Hammond Fire Station on January 31 at 645 pm. Tia explained that she has taken 10 of the bags to the Suboxone Clinic and handed them out with the NARCAN that Dr. Mandhan was handing out to his patients in hopes to "close the gap" of overdose deaths. Tia discussed that the sectors and subsectors are starting to fill up nicely and that she is in conversations with at least 8 people. She is hopeful that this will drop her number down to 3 subsectors needing to be filled. Tia discussed presenting at the Ministerial Alliance on January 5th and explained that those that were in attendance appeared to be open and interested. Steve Keagle suggested a good

follow up of “hitting up” the Ministerial Alliance for collaboration with events that ROSC puts on. He stated that the Alliance wants to help, they just don’t know what the council needs help with when putting on events. Tia discussed with the group the progress on the Parent’s Night Expert Panel. The date is set for March 6th from 630 pm to 730 pm. It will be at Monticello High School but it is yet to be determined whether it will be in the Severs Center or the Auditorium.

This Month’s Activities – Tia discussed that there was monies still left in the budget for 1 more billboard and gave the ROSC Council another challenge to come up with a billboard. Tia encouraged the members to email her with ideas! Tia also discussed with the council the opportunity of going to CADCA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. at the end of January. Tia asked the council what they would want her to discuss with legislation on “Capitol Hill Day”. Suggestions were encouraged via email as well as Tia threw out discussing NARCAN being distributed with all opioid prescriptions given out at pharmacies as well as making changes to access to care and moving towards eliminating the “wrong insurance” issue a lot of those seeking recovery have.

Speaker – There were no formal speakers this month however 15 minutes time was given to both Mr. Troy Dunn, Piatt County Coroner as well as Mr. Charles LeGrand, Outreach Coordinator for the Pavilion in Champaign. Mr. Dunn explained that he has been wanting to get his office involved in something like ROSC for a while now. He stated that he sees that there is a huge issue in regards to drugs within the county and it is a lot bigger than what is presented. He explained that in the past, if a drug is not a contributing factor to the death, there was not note made in regards to the drug use. Moving forward, he is going to begin making notes of drugs in the system at the time of death in hopes to bring to light how big the drug use issue is in Piatt County. Mr. Dunn explained that he had seen a billboard in Champaign that was bringing awareness to “Rainbow Fentanyl” which is a new trend in distribution of Fentanyl. Mr. Dunn also threw out the idea of possibly in the future collaborating and putting together a trailer to go to community events to show places where kids are hiding substances and alcohol. Tia explained that this sounds like a “Hidden in Plain Sight” trailer Shalynn’s Hope does but are interested in the possibility. When the floor was opened up for questions, comments, Tony thanked Mr. Dunn for being at the meeting and stated that getting data on NARCAN administration is extremely hard due to lack of reporting. Tony wondered if there was a way to get more EMT’s, first responders, police officers to report the administration of NARCAN. Mr. LeGrand introduced himself and explained that he is a case manager first and an outreach coordinator second. Mr. LeGrand explained that his background is in human services. Mr. LeGrand explained that the Pavilion offers 28 day detox for adults not just with Substance/Alcohol Use Disorders but also adults with dual diagnosis. Mr. LeGrand explained that most places say that when a person with a dual diagnosis comes through the doors of a detox center they are either “to psychotic to go to detox or too inebriated to go to the psych ward” so they don’t get treatment due to this. He explained that the Pavilion will take them to help get them detoxed and back to feeling better. When asked, Mr. LeGrand explained that the Pavilion will “go to war” with the insurance companies and does this almost daily to help people who are wanting to get help don’t have insurance as a barrier. Mr. LeGrand explained that the Pavilion takes Adolescents, Adults, and those with dual diagnosis who are wanting to detox.

ROSC Deliverables – The ROSC deliverables are constantly looked at to ensure the Piatt County ROSC Committee is staying the course. Tia discussed the leave behind bags and asked if someone could take the bags to the Piatt Co Fire Departments Meeting on January 31. Tia also distributed a list of activities for the past fiscal years (FY '22 and FY '23). Tia encouraged and challenged the ROSC committee to come up with ideas for future events. FY '23 were discussed. FY '24 events and campaigns were also discussed. David King requested that drug take back days be out on the list of events for April and October. Tia agree with this and asked Cristin for collaboration as IMPACT/Prevention typically is in charge of this. Andrea suggested a Buster Ball all day tournament and stated she would get Tia the information on this. Tony Kirkman brought up the idea of “Chalk the Walk” but at the Monticelibration. This idea was built on even more with the suggestion of taking “Chalk the Walk” to the different schools in Piatt County. Both ideas were agreed that they were great and should be added!

Who's Missing? – Tia continued to remind group that IDHS has an expectation that 50% of the total council should be composed of PLEs.

Planning for future engagement opportunities:

Piatt County Fire Departments Meeting – January 31, 2023 – Distribute “Leave Behind Bags”
Parent's Night Expert Panel – March 6th 2023 630 pm to 730 pm at Monticello High School

NARCAN Training

February 3, 2023 – Piatt County Court House

February 17, 2023 – Blue Ridge School District Faculty

DeWitt Mental Health Board would like to offer a community wide training to those in Farmer City but have not solidified a date yet.

*Hopefully if COVID #s decrease, Council can resume past discussion regarding a possible County-wide collaborative effort to provide a NARCAN training for multiple communities with multiple agencies utilizing their communication channels.

Future Meetings – It was agreed that future ROSC Meetings will be held 3rd Thursday of the month @ 3pm with the next Piatt County ROSC meeting being held here at The Center on Thursday February 16 2023 @ 3pm. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to maintain a zoom option for guests.

Satisfaction Survey – A brief verbal satisfaction survey was conducted. Participants felt encouraged by number of those in attendance and the progress made at meeting. It was agreed that more PLEs would help move discussion along and the important thing is to have meetings that move forward the deliverables of the grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

Recorded by ROSC Coordinator, Tia Schum