

April 20, 2023 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by ROSC Coordinator Tia Schum at 3pm on April 20, 2023 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: Tia Schum (ROSC Coordinator); Anna Ruckman (PLE); Aaron Donaldson (PLE); Ted Lowers (Dewitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department); Steve Keagle (Lodge Church of God); Cristin McMullen (IMPACT PCMH); Lindsey Bross (Piatt Co Sheriff's Office); Jenna Hays (Mentor, Region 4 Statewide ROSC); Jaime Porter (Piatt Co Mental Health – Clinical Director); Tony Kirkman (Piatt Co Mental Health – ED); Mary Jo Dean (Willow Tree Missions); Andrea Kocher (DOVE Inc.). In addition the following participants joined via ZOOM: Fran Ingram (Sangamon Co ROSC); Julie Pohlman (Statewide ROSC Region 4); Paul Spangler (First Presbyterian Church); Sheriff Mark Vogelzang (Piatt County Sheriff); Rob Bross (Chief of Police, Monticello); Michael Schroeder (DeWitt Piatt Bi Counties Health Department).

Introductions – General Introductions were given.

Communication Plan – Tia discussed the Suboxone Clinic at Kirby stating that things are going well. Tia shared that Dr. Mandhan and herself have been having “what did you think, what did you observe” conversations after meeting with Suboxone patients. This has proven to be beneficial in that collaboration of services is working. Tia discussed the support group at the Piatt County Jail is going well. Tia has received feedback from Karla Bell, Director of the Jail as well as a few others that the inmates that participate in the group are getting something valuable out of the group. This shows the need to continue with this group. There have been questions from inmates in regards to services after they are released but none have followed up. Tia reports that there has not been any attendance at the Youth Support Group as of yet. Tia stated that though no students have come to the Youth Resource Group, a teacher approached and received information about how to “be there” for a former student turned friend. The Wednesday evening support group is going strong! The group has between 4 and 5 members who attend. Tia has contacted Oxford housing to get a tour and is working on a tour date reschedule. Tia discussed the Murder Mystery event that will be happening May 12th in Monticello, as well as the collaborative partnership between IMPACT and ROSC for Bement's first ever Prevention Week! Tia discussed that the sectors and subsectors are starting to fill up nicely and that there are 6 sub sectors left to fill. Tia then discussed the community NARCAN training being held at the libraries idea that Tony K presented. We are still in the infant stages of planning but have a tentative date for Bement.

This Month's Activities – Tia discussed upcoming events at the beginning of May and encouraged council members to volunteer time!

Speaker – Lindsey Bross is Piatt Counties SRO, School Resource Officer and has held this position for roughly 4 years. Lindsey explained that in order to become an SRO there is special training one has to go through initially as well as annually to get and retain the certification. Officer Bross has 11 years of service all together service in Champaign Co as well as Piatt Co. Currently, Officer Bross goes to 4 different schools in Piatt Co. Those schools are Bement, Cerro Gordo, DeLand, and Monticello. Lindsey explained that her job isn't to provide discipline or only work with the “trouble kids” but actually to keep kids safe and to instill positive interactions between the youth and law enforcement. Officer Bross explained that she doesn't force interactions with kids but will make a point to say hello or good

morning to students that have self-identified or that she herself has identified as not wanting interaction. This helps build trust in law enforcement with the youth. Lindsey also explained that she doesn't just hang out in the principal's office or the hallways but that she has spent time in the art room, the foods room, and especially the gym during PE classes. Officer Bross went on to explain that what she is seeing right now in the schools is vaping and mental health crisis. When asked, Officer Bross couldn't really say if one was more than the other between the nicotine or THC cartridges for vaping. She did state that it is known that there is a dealer out of Decatur where kids are purchasing vapes from "Hollywood Vapes." In regards to the mental health crisis in the schools, simply put, everyone involved needs help but can't get any. Tony K asked with data pointing more towards perceived low risk and permissive parenting, is our data right in regards to usage among the youth? Officer Bross explained that you can't reach everyone and what works for one student may not work for another student. Officer Bross explained that giving information without using scare tactics appears to be the best way to go about giving information. Officer Bross also encouraged more 1:1 or 1:2 informative sessions to the youth away from the "mob mentality". Tia S explained that there is a youth resource group offered in the mornings and afternoons on Tuesday at Bement. Tia encouraged Officer Bross to encourage youth to go to get connected to the right person who could assist with mental health stuff.

ROSC Deliverables – The ROSC deliverables are constantly looked at to ensure the Piatt County ROSC Committee is staying the course.

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:

Drug Take Back Day – April 22

Prevention Week – May 8 thru May 12

Murder Mystery on the Train – May 12

Bement End of the Year Pool Party – June 24

Bement All Sports Day – June 10

DEC (Drug Endangered Children) training – TBD

*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 May 18 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 pm

Recorded by ROSC Coordinator, Tia Schum