## Strategic Plan Edgar County ROSC Council

Region: ROSC Region 4
Lead Agency: Hour House
County: Edgar County

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## **Purpose of the Strategic Plan:**

• The purpose of the Edgar County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Council (ROSC) Strategic Plan is to provide individualized goals broken down through activities to help achieve the objectives for each goal.

## **Edgar County ROSC Strategic Plan FY25**

Goal A: Maintain a local ROSC Council in Edgar County.

**Objective 1:** The ROSC council will meet monthly and have 50 % attendance rate for members.

**Activity 1:** The ROSC Coordinator will distribute the calendar dates for upcoming ROSC Council meetings one week before each council meeting for Fiscal Year 2026.

**Activity 2:** Create an email and mailing list to maintain communication among ROSC Council members.

**Activity 3:** Maintain regular contact with existing council members to ensure they are aware of upcoming meetings, activities, and events.

**Activity 4:** The ROSC Coordinator will send out meeting minutes within 72 working hours of the council meeting.

**Activity 5:** ROSC Council members will reach out to non-attending members to increase membership.

**Goal B:** The ROSC Council will fulfill the required stakeholder sectors.

**Objective 2:** The ROSC Council will have 2 people representing each stakeholder sector by July 2027.

Activity 6: Create a list of stakeholders in the county to reach out to.

**Activity 7:** By January 2027, 75% of the stakeholder sectors will be fulfilled.

- **Activity 8:** Engage in ongoing discussions with council members about key organizations or agencies that are currently not represented on the ROSC Council.
- **Objective 3:** The ROSC Council will monitor the retention and contribution of council members monthly.
  - **Activity 9:** A sign-in sheet will be provided at each council meeting for council members to sign.
  - **Activity 10:** The ROSC Coordinator will keep documentation of events the council members partake in or contribute to.
  - **Activity 11:** The ROSC Coordinator and ROSC Navigator will reach out to council members who have not been in attendance for meetings or events and follow up with them.
- Goal C: Develop additional support systems for persons in recovery and their families.
  - **Objective 4:** The ROSC Council will assist in exploring the implementation of a Warm Hand-Off Program at Horizon Health in collaboration with the hospital.
    - Activity 12: Research Warm hand-off programs, development, and maintenance.
    - **Activity 13:** In FY26 the ROSC Coordinator will identify and engage with key stakeholders, such as hospital administrators, emergency department staff, and community partners, to gather input on program development.
    - **Activity 14:** The ROSC Coordinator will assist in establishing a referral network with local treatment providers, recovery coaches, and peer support specialists to ensure smooth transitions.
    - **Activity 15:** Provide guidance and support in creating a framework for data collection and evaluation to measure program effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.
    - Activity 16: Support the organization of a pilot program to test the warm handoff process, gather feedback, and make necessary adjustments before full implementation.
  - **Objective 5:** Increase access to early intervention services for at-risk populations.
    - **Activity 17:** Partner with HRC prevention to host parenting workshops focused on substance use disorder (SUD) and adolescent risk factors.
    - **Activity 18:** Assist in creating and distribute educational materials that are culturally relevant, highlighting early signs of substance use and available intervention options.
    - **Activity 19:** Partner with local faith-based organizations, community centers, and housing programs to provide early intervention resources and workshops.

- **Objective 6**: The Edgar County ROSC Council will work to address transportation barriers that prevent access to treatment.
  - **Activity 20:** Collaborate with local organizations and coalitions to recruit volunteer drivers in FY 26.
  - Activity 21: Assist in developing a volunteer transportation list within Edgar county.
  - **Activity 22:** Assist in identifying and securing additional funding sources to support transportation services.
- **Objective 7:** The Edgar County ROSC Council will partner with local industry and staffing agencies to increase access to Second-Chance Employment Opportunities.
  - Activity 23: Identify potential employers and staffing agencies open to second-chance hiring within 3 months.
  - **Activity 24: The** ROSC coordinator and recovery navigator will facilitate meetings with identified employers and agencies to formalize partnerships within 6 months.
  - **Activity 25**: The Edgar County ROSC Council will create a second-chance employer brochure to support individuals seeking second-chance employment.
  - **Activity 26:** The Edgar County ROSC Recovery Navigator will host a resume-building workshop annually starting in FY27.
  - **Activity 27:** The Edgar County ROSC council will host a second-chance employer fair annually starting in FY27.
- **Objective 8:** Explore Recovery Housing options for Edgar County.
  - Activity 28: Communicate with local agencies and organizations to analyze the need for safe, sober living locally in the community. (Completed)
  - **Activity 29:** Identify recovery homes in surrounding counties and build potential partnerships.
  - **Activity 30:** Identify landlords in Edgar County and facilitate meetings to discuss potential safe and sober living opportunities for individuals and their families.
  - **Activity 31:** Aid community resource agencies in developing safe and sober living resource guides.
- **Objective 9:** Improve community knowledge of available treatment resources.
  - Activity 32: Develop and distribute printed materials (brochures, posters, flyers) about available treatment resources to local healthcare providers, schools, libraries, and community centers.
  - **Activity 33:** Organize informational sessions and workshops for community members to learn about treatment options, eligibility, and how to access services.

- Activity 34: Launch a social media campaign featuring local treatment providers and success stories to increase community awareness and engagement.
- **Goal D:** The ROSC Council will provide community members with substance use disorder education and resources for the participants they serve.
  - **Objective 10:** Reduce stigma surrounding substance use by educating the community.
    - **Activity 35:** Host a public awareness event bi-annually featuring individuals in recovery to share their stories and experiences.
    - **Activity 36:** Develop and distribute educational materials that address common misconceptions about substance use and recovery.
    - **Activity 37:** Partner with local media outlets to promote positive narratives about recovery and reduce stigma.
    - **Activity 38:** Organize training sessions for healthcare providers, law enforcement, and educators on the impact of stigma and how to provide compassionate support.
    - **Activity 39:** Assist in events that provide awareness of substance use disorder. (i.e. Hidden in Plain Sight events, resource bag distribution, health and hygiene drives).
  - **Objective 11:** Provide community-wide education specific to families, parents, and children regarding substance use disorder.
    - **Activity 40:** Collaborate with the Illinois Family Resource Center to provide educational resources to families with a loved one with a substance use disorder.
    - **Activity 41:** Partner with other agencies to provide school substance use disorder education (i.e. HRC Prevention, Edgar County Public Health Department, CARE Coalition).
    - **Activity 42:** The ROSC Recovery Navigator will provide recovery educational groups within the community that covers topics related to parenting and helping families.
  - **Objective 12:** Provide community-wide education and promotion specific to harm reduction programs and services.
    - **Activity 43:** Implement a social media campaign that provides factual information about harm reduction, including testimonials from individuals who have benefited from these services.
    - **Activity 44:** Create harm reduction kits—including Naloxone, Fentanyl test strips, and educational materials—to be distributed at community events.
    - **Activity 45:** The ROSC Recovery Navigator will provide recovery educational groups within the community that cover topics related to harm reduction.

**Activity 46:** Develop and distribute a comprehensive brochure listing local Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) providers, including their services, contact information, and eligibility requirements, to ensure community members have easy access to treatment options.

Objective 13: Provide Naloxone training and distribution within the community.

**Activity 47**: The ROSC Council will host quarterly Narcan trainings in the community.

**Activity 48:** Develop a training schedule that complements the Edgar County Health Department, CARE, and HRC services.

**Activity 49:** Provide training sessions in areas of the county frequented by high-risk individuals.