

April 17, 2025 ROSC Council Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Tia Schum at 3pm on April 17, 2025 at The Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Attendance was taken: In Person: Tia Schum (PCMHC), MaryJo Dean (Willow Tree Missions), Charles LeGrand (Pavilion), Cassandra Button (PLE), Tony Kirkman (PCMHC). In attendance via zoom: Jensen Eliason (Youth Prevention PCMHC), Marcie Albrecht (Kirby Outreach).

Introductions – General Introductions were given.

Communication Plan – Tia shared Suboxone is going well. We have 47 patients. 1 possible returning due to difficulty finding Suboxone providers up near his home. Groups are going well. Bement has moved its meeting day and time to Sunday's from 4 pm to 5 pm so they can attend the Wednesday meeting in Monticello.

Naloxone trainings:

April 2nd a Naloxone training for Allerton Public Library staff was held. Tony feels that all libraries in Piatt Co now provide Naloxone to the public. This is ahead of a house bill recently passed that all libraries carry Naloxone and at least one staff member be trained. There will be a Naloxone training for Cerro Gordo first responders/fire protection. Bement Public Library will have a Naloxone training scheduled during the summer, early fall.

This Month's Activities – Prevention thru Art competition. Voted on art and we have a winner! Tia will contact the schools to provide awards to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mentions place! The murder mystery is coming up Friday April 25th as well as National Drug Take Back Day. Tia also discussed the job fair. 20 job seekers met with roughly 8 or 9 employers. Good turn out with lots of applications filled out.

Deliverables: Tia discussed the Impact Report that will be due June 30. Tia explained that this is our last deliverable for the fiscal year. This report will consist of data, feedback, and highlighted improvements along with our identified challenges and strategies.

Sector Speakers – Tony discussed changes to the grant for the upcoming fiscal year. Tia explained that funding has been trimmed a bit in regards to sober recreational events not being funded any more. The state is really encouraging the ROSCs to develop and sustain a system of care. The state has asked that each ROSC identify 2 to 3 challenges within their community. Tia shared what she had landed on and asked for the council's opinion. These challenges are, stigma reduction, transportation, more youth peer support, enrichment group for those with intellectual and developmental delays, as well as working with local law enforcement to establish alternatives to arrest for those with substance use disorders. The council in attendance were in agreement.

Tia discussed the possibility of creating peer recovery support groups within the schools. Tia will be presenting about the dangers of opioids and fentanyl to 4 out of the 5 schools within Piatt County. This is a big step in having more involvement in the schools.

The conversation about the expert panel was discussed. This year's topic will be "The Effects of Addiction on the person, their friends and family, and the community". The council is working on getting a date and speakers figured out.

Future engagement opportunities –

April 25 – Murder Mystery
TBD – Expert Panel

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:

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 15 @ 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 Tia Schum