Recovery Oriented System of Care



Union County ROSC Council Minutes 03/27/2025

Attendance

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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Mission and Values
- III. Old Business
 - I. Discussed the SWOT Analysis for Union County done at last meeting.
 - I. Strengths There are a lot of resources available in the community including professional intervention and peer led support. The community does well with providing outreach to spread information to those who need it. There are several recovery based groups and meetings occurring in the area already and these have good participation.
 - II. Weaknesses We could grow our connection with the courts and law enforcement. Sometimes communication can be limited to getting the word out to those who may not congregate in areas where the information can be found.
 - III. Opportunities There is an opportunity to build upon relationships with law enforcement and the courts – particularly with probation and parole. Services could be expanded to provide more telehealth intervention and peer support services.
 - IV. Threats Funding, sustainability, and the uncertainty of the future as it pertains to prevention and recovery resources are in jeopardy.

IV. New Business

I. Community Needs Assessment

I. The group reviewed the results of the Community Assessment Survey completed in February. Areas that stood out as concerns were regarding the belief that not everyone in the community can access mental health and substance use services despite their race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, income, etc. It was noted that it was interesting that individuals reported a high rate of food insecurity when there are several resources available. The group acknowledged that part of the issue may be a lack of awareness of the resources available and how to overcome barriers.

V. Announcements

- I. Arrowleaf's New Housing Opportunity Garden Apartments in Anna
 - I. Arrowleaf is now taking applications for the new housing opportunity Garden Apartments in Anna, previously known at Bethany Village. The rent includes utilities. Individuals who may have backgrounds that could get them denied from public housing may still be able to quality. The minimum annual income requirement is \$19,000 and the maximum is \$51,000.
 - II. The new facility hopes to remove barriers for those trying to find quality housing. For more information, email: <u>info@myarrowleaf.org</u> and stay tuned for social media announcements on how to apply.
- II. Arrowleaf's Community Resource Guide
 - I. Arrowleaf is working on reviewing and revising the annual Community Resource Guide. If you know of any substance use or mental health services, supports, and resources that should be added, please let Emily know!
- III. Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - I. Rachel shared that Union County will be hosting a Child Abuse Prevention month kick-off on April 4th at the courthouse in Jonesboro at 9AM.
- IV. <u>Community Needs Assessment</u> <u>click this link</u>
 - I. Our Community Needs Assessment is live! We are seeking feedback from those who live and/or work in the southern seven counties. This brief survey regarding substance use and recovery services will assist our program in better understanding and meeting the needs of the community. Results are anonymous and the data will be used to share with our upcoming Council Meetings.
- V. March Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, April 24th at 1PM