## **Clark/Cumberland County ROSC Meeting Minutes**

April 15th, 2025 5:00 p.m. Forsythe Center Zoom

**Attendees:** Kristina Drum, Kyle Houser, Bobbye Scott, Eddie McFarland, Nicki Hanks, Adam Lovell, Aisha Esquivel, Robert Estep

## **Minutes**

**Agenda Item:** Introductions of attendees

Spotlight speaker – No spotlight speaker this month

Meeting Summary: The council discussed the growth of their Facebook page and the success of their communication campaign, as well as the upcoming events and the implementation of a diversion program in Cumberland County. They also explored the potential of a harm reduction initiative and the need for collaboration with local agencies and organizations to achieve their goals. Transportation issues were addressed, with potential solutions including the use of Uber gift cards and the possibility of starting a transportation business through available grants.

Clark/Cumberland County Facebook Page: Kristina discussed the progress on their Facebook page, which now has 618 followers and 262 likes.

Communication Campaign: Kristina discussed the communication campaign in April, which focused on family support and included testimonials from people in recovery.

Lunch & Learn: The lunch & learn in Cumberland County was a success. Cumberland County is planning to implement a diversion program, which would provide treatment instead of charges for low to mid-risk individuals.

**ROSC Reboot:** This event will take place at the CCEEBA Building on April 28th at 5 p.m. A light meal will be provided, followed by a ROSC presentation and a panel featuring four individuals in recovery who reside in Cumberland County. We aim to engage key stakeholders from various sectors and hope to inspire increased membership in the council.

Harm Reduction/Community Readiness: Amber shared her successful experience with a harm reduction initiative at a gas station in Vermilion County. She suggested a similar approach for Cumberland County, possibly at a gas station or a food bank. Kristina and

Kyle found this idea promising and discussed the possibility of collaborating with Eddie and Joe Trotter for guidance on implementing a needle exchange program. The council agreed to explore these ideas further and potentially reach out to Joe Trotter for initial guidance.

Strategic Plan: Kyle and Kristina discussed various goals and objectives for their community, including exploring recovery housing options, addressing the issue of "NIMBY" (Not In My Backyard) in rural communities, improving transportation, and expanding early intervention efforts for at-risk youth. They also mentioned the need to collaborate with local agencies and organizations to achieve these goals. Kristina raised the issue of purchasing bus passes for transportation, but noted that this was not allowed. The team agreed to continue working on these objectives and to seek guidance from local legislators.

**Transportation Solutions & Partnership Opportunities:** Kyle and Kristina discussed potential solutions to transportation issues, including the use of Uber gift cards, suggested by Bo and the possibility of starting a transportation business through available grants. They also mentioned the need for route planning and the potential for partnerships in this area. Kristina offered to share information about upcoming listening sessions and encouraged others to reach out with any leads or ideas.

**Subcommittee Meeting:** The next meeting is TBD.

## **Reminders/Tasks:**

- Please Sign the MOUs and return them to Kristina Drum.
- Kristina will schedule additional opportunities to educate the community on the ROSC Concept.
- Kristina to contact Joe Trotter from Champaign Public Health Department for guidance on starting a needle exchange program in Clark County.
- Kristina to contact Rides Mass Transit to discuss potential collaboration for transportation services for recovery-related appointments.
- Kristina to investigate Uber gift cards as a potential transportation solution for clients.
- Kristina to contact the Marshall disbursement center about setting up a Narcan distribution event during their food bank days.

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2025 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle in Toledo & Zoom

**New Facebook Page:** Please go like and follow The Clark/Cumberland County ROSC Clark/Cumberland County ROSC Facebook Page