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- Added TASC to the ROSC Consortium Logo Board – Put 55<sup>th</sup> St. Renaissance on there
- Please follow us on Facebook – do org spotlights, event planning, great way to see what we have going on and to get in touch
- ROSC Utopic Board Game is in reconstruction right now. Hope to have it reconstructed soon. For those unaware of Utopia – this is a board game we created to make things more actionable, like if you are interested in working in criminal justice system – can pick a card and it will give you an action item.
- ROSC April Meetings were approved.
- Ryan Maranville and Jessica Reichart – IL Justice Info Authority – IL Reentry after Prison
  - Why focus on reentry? Large # people exit prison and a lot are reincarcerated after a few years of release. 95% released – 40% return within 3 years, large fiscal cost (\$150K per incident in IL), large social impact
  - IDOC Admissions, exists and population – over 15K admissions, 16K exits, 29K people in prison. Average 1360 per month exiting prison in IL.
  - Majority are male almost 90%
  - Race is mostly white in Macoupin and Montgomery Counties
  - Prison exits by crime type – largest proportion is violent crimes , followed by drug crimes in IL, Macoupin and Montgomery counties
  - In Montgomery County 85 new probation cases, 179 from Macoupin
  - Barriers to successful reentry – housing, discrimination, high costs, housing shortages – all these things are exacerbated by mental and substance use disorder. 10x more likely to be unhoused. Public housing authorities can set own rules – and they can deny due to incarceration.
  - Another barrier is employment, criminal records and stigma reduces opportunities. In IL former incarcerated have unemployment rate of 46% - 75% of those who worked made \$13.7K per year on average. Black, Latinx, women had lowest wages.
  - Lack of education – 37% did not finish high school diploma/GED, 2/3 have no access to higher education in prison

- Healthcare – lose access to tx and insurance, a lot of people need consistent medications – there are disruptions. – IL does have limited Medicaid coverage up to 90 days release.
- Stigma – self stigma, double stigma due to behavioral conditions – affects well being, willingness to get help, reduces access to housing opportunities, etc.
- Other barriers – collateral consequences – penalties beyond original sentence affecting employment, housing, education.
- Behavioral health concerns – 4 in 10 men and 6 in 10 women have mental health issues, struggle with release, and high risk of overdose/relapse – very high likelihood of overdose during release. There is a 12x increased risk of overdosing after release. Only 10% of state prisons offer MOUD/MAT – IDOC only provides naltrexone.
- More stigma – blame for SUD, lack of willpower, stigma related to reentry, impacts well being, health outcomes, help seeking
- What is IL doing? Trying to involve people who are formerly incarcerated into these initiatives is trying to happen in IL.
  - 2 prisons dedicated to SUD tx with aftercare postrelease – Sheridan, Swick
  - Kewanee Life Skills Program – reentry prep –
  - Murphysboro Life Skills Center
  - Quarterly Southern Region Re-entry Virtual Job Fairs
  - Biannual reentry summits
  - Partnerships to foster housing access and opportunities
  - Providing MAT (naltrexone)
  - Further expanding services near release – work release centers with day passes
  - IL Medicaid expansion – 1 of 19 states that adopted Medicaid enrollment upon exit.
  - IL Reentry Council – have a whole list/annual report of different programs
  - DHS leading IL MAR in jails. Many jails are signed up either get support in starting to offer medications in the jail or already started to do that. They meet and sometimes have events anyone can go to.
  - Governor's Justice Cabinet – lots of focus on reentry, healthcare committee – will be actionable things from this group.
  - ICJIA led Reentry Hubs, grants for reentry. Adult redeploy IL – alternative to sending people to prison – instead of sending people to

prison, keep them in the community – have a mental health court, LEAP program, recovery support – started in July 2022 – Adult Redeploy Website.

- Interagency Workgroup for Stakeholders – meets bimonthly, discuss ways to collaborate to expand reentry in IL, advocacy and policy. Been going on since Oct. 2023 – goal is to support people at every point in the continuum. Want to collaborate and coordinate with other agencies and community partners, find ways to blend resources and funding, want to raise awareness, wholistic framework,
- Think Tanks to develop reentry hubs throughout the state – parole districts. Next meeting next month – Parole district 2 – in northern part of the state.
  - Figure out needs in parole districts, coordinate and improve sub-abuse and MH services
  - Lots of stakeholders, including bh
  - Hub objectives include finding gaps where services are lacking, reentry hubs that are centralized where individuals can connect with services, and regionally responsive reflecting the needs of the area.
  - Administer funding – for adult redeploy – help people re-integrate back into society
- Jail MAR Symposium - Wed. June 11 in Urbana C IL – in person – coffee and networking ILEAS Training Center 1701 E. Main St.
- Slides provided information about restoring rights/expungement

○ Q&A

- The recidivism rate of Sheridan–Layola U evaluated program. The aftercare piece was very important. Participants had a 44% decreased recidivism rate vs. the control. Statement from audience—waiting lists for those programs are very long.
- Info on virtual job fair: will get back to us.
- Elyse Schoen – Overdose Fatality Review Board – (OFR)
  - As of March 2024 – IL Statewide decrease overdose – downward trend across counties. Nationally overdose is 23.6 deaths per 1K (CDC) – 26.9% decrease. When comparing local status to national average – IL still reporting higher. Macoupin 28.4 deaths per 1K, Montgomery higher too.
  - Establishing OFR board critical step to addressing this crisis – brings together disciplinary team - missed opportunities for prevention, analyze local data and circumstances – targeted evidence based interventions .

- Provides coordination bw agencies and reduce overdose deaths.
- IDH has provided funding and permission to start the OFR board. There are only two other established OFRs in Illinois. We want to catch these and really get the numbers to go down completely.
- We will utilize ROSC to establish the OFR board. We will be discussing how these boards work with the counties already operating them.
- Have reached out to Montgomery county coroners. We can then look at both of them.
- Trying to organize a concert/recovery event – sober friendly. Looking for bands who are willing to do a set. Will be on 5<sup>th</sup> street.
- Still doing anti stigma campaign for harm reduction? MD said she will get back on this.
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Next Planning Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month 10-11 AM

Next ROSC Meeting June 23, 2025 2-3 PM – Momentum and Milestones in past fiscal year.  
If have anything coming up you want to talk about – please come ready to talk.