

Coles County ROSC Council (CCRC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 3, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium & Zoom

Facilitator: Lisa Blackwell, Coles County ROSC Coordinator

1. Welcome & Introductions

Facilitator Lisa Blackwell welcomed attendees and began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Introduced Attendees:

- **Lisa Blackwell** – Coles County ROSC Coordinator
 - **Tyler Warner** – Recovery Navigator, BASE Program (Coles County)
 - **Nick Spidel** – Recovery Navigator, BASE Program (Douglas County)
 - **Caden Dedmon** – Community Member
 - **Gary Stephan** – Wingman Ministries
 - **Lisa Cook** – Illinois RCCA
 - **Brenda Ingle** – SAIL
 - **Heather Meyers** – Salvation Army Outreach Coordinator
 - **Tammi Clancy** – Men's Recovery Home Coordinator, Hour House
 - **Carlee Parks** – SAIL
 - **Kristin Davis** – FGC RSUPIC
 - **David Cottrell** – Deflection Specialist, TASC
 - **Deb Beckmann** – Statewide ROSC
 - **Abby Behrens** – Prevention Specialist, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
 - **Scott Louis** – Pavillion Hospital Champaign
 - **Samantha Cross** – Recovery Navigator, Hour House
 - **Shannon Newsome** – Student Support Specialist, Mattoon CUSD
 - **Josh Forbes** – Community Member
 - **Patrick Benn** – Outreach Coordinator, Rosecrance Recovery Services
 - **Jason Beachy** – Director, Project 61 Ministries
 - **Kenny Bell** – Staff, Project 61 Ministries
 - **Ambrosia Branson** – Community Outreach, Circle of Care
 - **Brandy Schlanser** – Community Member, Volunteer
 - **Lindsey Hoover** – Douglas County ROSC
 - **Misty D.** – Community Member
 - **Michelle Hibbard** – Presenter, Community Relations Rosecrance Behavioral Health
- (Other attendees may have been present but did not introduce themselves on the record.)
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2. Guest Speaker Presentation – Michelle Hibbard, Rosecrance Behavioral Health

Michelle shared the scope of Rosecrance services across Central and Eastern Illinois, including:

- **Residential Treatment** (including crisis stabilization)
- **Outpatient Programs**, including assessments and individualized services

- **MAT/MAR** (Medication-Assisted Recovery) services
- **Peer Support and Community Outreach**
- **Family Support Programs**
- **Triage Center** being established in Champaign for immediate support
- **Collaboration Opportunities** with local ROSC efforts and peer engagement

Contact:

- Michelle Hibbard – mhibbard@rosecrance.org
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3. Council Updates & Announcements

a. Recovery Navigator Updates

- **Tyler Warner (Coles):** Continued jail outreach, distributing peer materials and recovery literature, assisting with Drug Court needs
- **Nick Spidle (Douglas):** Working with youth and justice-involved individuals, assisting with housing and recovery planning

b. Project 61 Update

- Jason Beachy introduced Project 61 as a ministry offering housing and recovery support for men, with a strong faith-based peer recovery model
- Kenny Bell spoke about lived experience and outreach within their ministry

c. Faith in Community Subcommittee

- Continues to meet monthly
- Exploring deeper partnerships with churches and faith leaders to promote inclusive recovery supports

d. Recovery Events & Outreach

- **Recovery Strikes** event was a success with 148 attendees and 21 new ROSC email sign-ups
- **Community Laundry Days:** Charleston and Mattoon – May events planned, helped 14 families in April, distributed 6 Narcan boxes
- **Upcoming: Recovery Grub Fest on June 20 at Lytle Park** featuring Moana 2 movie night

e. Drug Court Graduation

- Graduation was held and was a meaningful celebration – continued efforts to support participants post-graduation
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4. Social Media & Engagement

- Facebook reach continues to grow: **48,363 views, 14,062 reach, 1,104 interactions, 76 new follows**
 - Social media is being used to promote events, distribute recovery info, and reduce stigma
 - Council now has over **25 members signed up** for regular updates
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5. New Initiatives & Next Steps

- **Volunteer Transport List:** Starting to compile names of individuals able to help community members get to appointments or recovery meetings
 - **Council Member of the Month:** New recognition program launching in June
 - **Continued Focus:** Promoting second-chance employers, building Narcan access, expanding community partnerships
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6. Reminders

- **Monthly Laundry Days:** Mattoon and Charleston (tentatively recurring – contact Lisa to help or donate)
 - **June 12 Resource Block Party** at Lytle Park
 - **Recovery Grub Fest** – June 20, 5–10 PM at Lytle Park
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7. Closing Remarks

Lisa thanked attendees for their continued work and reminded everyone to reach out with ideas, needs, or if they wish to contribute to upcoming events.