May 20, 2025 5:00 p.m. Calvary Tabernacle Zoom

Attendees: Kristina Drum, Kyle Houser, Bobbye Scott, Norm Wilson, Sara Ruholl, Cindy Hanley, Jenna Hays, Debra Beckman, Adam Lovell, Beth Wright, Heather Meyers, Camille Gordon

Minutes

Agenda Item: Introductions of attendees.

Spotlight Speaker – No spotlight speaker this month.

Meeting Summary: Kyle shared details of the recent Reboot event and its success. We are currently working on implementing a diversion program in Cumberland County to offer first-time offenders access to treatment as an alternative to court proceedings. The upcoming "Color the Sky" event, scheduled for June 7th, was announced, along with a call for sponsors to support an upcoming Laundry Day. The meeting concluded with a discussion on preparing the end-of-year impact report, and participants were invited to share feedback on the organization's efforts and accomplishments.

Clark/Cumberland County Facebook Page: Kristina discussed the progress on their Facebook page, which now has 631 followers and 262 likes.

Community Reboot: Kyle shared the success of the recent Reboot event, which featured a panel of individuals in recovery and drew over 20 attendees, including members of law enforcement. Kristina emphasized the effectiveness of personal invitations in encouraging law enforcement participation.

Veteran Support: Heather Meyers introduced herself as the Outreach Coordinator for The Salvation Army's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. She explained that the program offers housing stabilization and supportive services to low-income Veterans who are either experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The program assists Veterans in need of community-based housing support or wraparound services. Heather encouraged attendees to reach out if they encounter a Veteran in need, noting she can be contacted directly at heather.meyers@usc.salvationarmy.org or by phone at 309-232-7097. Veterans may also call the program's pre-screening line at 217-278-9897 to determine eligibility.

Impact Report: Council members reflected on the impact the ROSC has made over the past fiscal year, with a focused effort on supporting individuals in recovery and those involved with the justice system. The allocation of opioid relief funds allowed for the creation of a half-time position, enabling Kyle to provide more services, including time spent at the Cumberland County Courthouse. In addition, Kyle provided educational groups in the Clark County Jail and at Probation The council also collaborated with the judicial system in Cumberland County to begin implementing a diversion program. Notable events that contributed to our progress included recovery panels, the recovery picnic, a bowling event, laundry days, and related sponsorships and supplies. New partnerships have begun forming with educators, and there is potential for collaboration with local law enforcement. Sectors identified for increased engagement include persons with lived experience (PLEs), veteran organizations, and the aging population. Key efforts that had meaningful impact included sharing recovery stories, Narcan trainings, and driving system-level changes.

Opioid Relief Funds: Kyle and Kristina requested assistance with distributing recovery literature, homeless outreach backpacks, and Casey's gas gift cards, all purchased with opioid relief funds designated for Cumberland County.

Harm Reduction: We currently partner with 10 businesses across both counties that provide Narcan access to community members. Kristina invited council members to suggest additional businesses that could serve as Narcan display sites. The liquor store in Marshall was recommended as a potential DOPP (Drug Overdose Prevention Program) location.

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 email Jenna about Cumberland County interagency meetings moving to Zoom format.
- Kristina to set up meetings with Beth and Heather.
- Kristina and team to arrange distribution of recovery literature and homeless backpacks in Cumberland County.
- Kristina to look into setting up a Narcan display site at the liquor store in Marshall.
- All members to think about and invite potential new members from various sectors to join the ROSC.
- Sara to have a conversation with Todd, the new director of nursing at Green Up, about involving the aged population in ROSC efforts.
- Heather to share resources and potentially collaborate on outreach efforts with the ROSC team.

Next Meeting: June 17th, 2025 5:00 p.m. at The Forsythe Center in Marshall & Zoom

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