

## **Coles County ROSC Council (CCRC) – Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, June 2, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Location:** LifeSpan Center Auditorium / Zoom

**Facilitator:** Lisa Blackwell, Coles County ROSC Coordinator

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Lisa Blackwell welcomed all attendees and shared the mission of ROSC: to build and empower communities of recovery by reducing stigma, lowering barriers, and increasing accessibility to services in Coles County.
- Sign-in was completed in person and via Zoom chat.
- Attendees were asked to share names, emails, and organization titles.

### ☒ **Attendees**

#### **In-Person**

- Lisa Blackwell – Coles County ROSC Coordinator
- Sunny D – Guest Speaker/Person with Lived Experience
- Jasmine Gast – Recovery Navigator
- Maggie Reed – Community Advocate/Person with Lived Experience (Hygiene Bag Initiative)
- Scott DeWeese – The Pavilion Behavioral Health System, Champaign
- Gary Stephens – Wingman Ministries

#### **Zoom**

- Kristin Davis – Family Guidance Centers
- Liz Pearson – Prevail Illinois
- Regina Lenox – Prevail Illinois
- Heather Meyers – Salvation Army
- Debra Beckmann – Statewide ROSC Team
- Brandy Schlanser – Coles County Recovery Navigator
- Carlee Parks – SAIL
- Amber Clark – VA
- Tristan McGrew – TASK
- Carrie McKinzie – Gateway Foundation

- Tyler Warner – BASE
  - Lisa distributed the May meeting minutes, June meeting agenda, and Grub Fest flyer.
  - Organizations and Craft Vendors were encouraged to set up tables for Grub Fest.
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## **2. Spotlight on Recovery**

### **Guest Speaker: Sunny Diel – Person with Lived Experience**

- Shared her recovery journey, including early struggles with alcohol, long-term treatment, family reconnection, and the value of ongoing community support and program participation.
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## **3. Program Updates**

### **Recovery Navigator – Jasmine Gast**

- Education group for PTSD Awareness Month scheduled at Mattoon Library.
- Charleston Library recovery resource display is stocked and active.
- Jail outreach currently paused due to renovations; expected to resume in July.
- Ongoing outreach at Hope women's shelter.

### **Faith in Community Subcommittee – Next Meeting July 17<sup>th</sup>**

- June meeting canceled for Juneteenth; members encouraged to invite one local church to the July meeting.

### **Drug Court Graduation**

- Four individuals graduated in May.
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## **4. Event Recaps**

- **May Laundry Day (Mattoon):** 23 families served, 63 washes, 46 dries, 23 Narcan boxes distributed.
  - **Lake Land Narcan Training (May 8):** 14 attendees, 26 boxes of Narcan distributed.
  - **Social Media Reach:** 48,000+ views, 14,000+ reach, 76 new followers.
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## **5. Upcoming Events**

- **June 12:** Resource Block Party (LIFT Center), 11 AM – 2 PM
  - **Hosted by Birth to 3**

- Coles County ROSC will set up a resource table
  - **June 20:** Recovery Grub Fest, 5–10 PM. Resource tables from 5–8 PM.
    - **Moana 2 starting at Dark**
    - 4-5 Musicians
    - 5 food trucks
    - Still accepting local recovery support, organization, and craft vendor setup.
  - **June 26:** Laundry Day, Easy Wash in Charleston, 9 AM – 2 PM.
    - **Accepting volunteers and or sponsors**
  - **July:** Cooling Center outreach list to be distributed.
    - **Reaching out to EMA and local organizations**
  - **August – Overdose Awareness Month:**
    - Paint the Town Purple
    - Light Up the Town (purple lights for businesses)
    - Candlelight Vigil (late August, seeking speakers)
    - Narcan training at Lake Land
  - **November:** Homelessness Awareness Bags – partnered with Salvation Army; taking community donations.
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## 6. Strategic Priorities & Initiatives

- Volunteer Transport List – still in progress
  - Safe Passage Flyers – to be distributed community-wide
  - Second-Chance Employment Fair – tentatively planned for fall
  - DOPP Sites – now nearly 80; council asked to assist with monitoring
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## 7. Open Discussion

- **Maggie's Hygiene Bag Project:**
  - Focus on women entering treatment or recently incarcerated
  - Includes pads, hygiene items, and optional Bibles
  - ROSC will support the Project

- Plans to have a table at Grub Fest and distribute at Family Worship Center meal night
  - **Homeless Bag Distribution Planning:**
    - Heather Meyers proposed a public pickup site; follow-up meeting planned
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## **8. Closing**

- **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 7, 2025, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, LifeSpan Center Auditorium / Zoom
- Lisa thanked everyone for their time, participation, and continued support of recovery efforts in Coles County.