

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom and In-Person at the Douglas County Annex, 209 East Van Allen, Tuscola, IL

1. Welcome and Introductions

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Attendees:

Anthony Hooker-Parkland College, **Diane Zell**-NAMI, **Linda Scribner**- Be BRAVE, **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Janson Pantier**- Douglas County Probation, **Andy Brandenburg**- Program with Hour House, **Sheriff Nate Chaplin**, **Kaitlin Rund**- Douglas County Jail Administrator, **Adam Brazzell**-Douglas County Deputy, **Katie Dorset**- Douglas County Probation, **Matthew Hales**-Newman Regional Library, **Charles Lyons**-Community Member, **Rob Wentz** – Firefighter/Community Member/PLE Guru, **Skylar Miller**- Moultrie/Shelby ROSC Coordinator, **Leanna Morgan**-B.A.S.E Program Coordinator with Hour House, **Megan Janes**-B.A.S.E. Program with Hour House, **Jaya Kolisetty**- RACES (Rape, Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services) in Champaign, **Nick Spidle**- B.A.S.E. Program with the Hour House, **Michelle Hibbard**- Rosecrance, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator with Hour House, **Deb Beckman**-Statewide ROSC, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Centers, **Heather Meyers**- Salvation Army Supportive Services for Veterans and families

2. Review and Approval of April Meeting Minutes

- May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without objections.
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3. Organizational Spotlight / Guest Presentation

Presenter: Anthony Hooker from Parkland College

Topic: Overview of Programs offered

- Parkland has traditional certificate, degree and transfer programs but over the last ten years has changed to offer some free training programs. These programs are short so that people can get into the workforce quickly. If you are not a high school graduate these programs will help you to earn your GED as part of your training.
- SWFT (Support for Workforce Training) program offers training for in-demand fields that pay competitive wages and SWFT provides comprehensive support to help students successfully complete their training.
- Some of the other areas of training in SWFT are a six-week truck driver training (CDL), one semester Nurse Assistant (CAN) training, and a 911 Telecommunication program that is a paid two-week certification program.

- Highway construction program is a 16-week hands on vocational program. It introduces students to different trades such as electrician, construction, masonry, and construction math. Drug testing is required in the programs that are preparing student to work as part of a union and will likely be required in the jobs out in the field. After training the students can go on to obtain good paying union jobs. The tradesman workforce is aging so this is a much-needed program because employers are looking new employees.
 - Clean Air Jobs Act includes quick programs in HVAC and solar panel technician/ solar power installation.
 - You can find more information about these programs, eligibility, the application and more at: Parklandcollege.edu. [Areas of Study](#) , [SWFT Eligibility](#), [Application Process](#). You can reach Tony Hooker with questions at ahooker@parkland.edu or 217-351-2462.
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4. Transitional Housing Updates (PJ's Place)

- Help spread the word about PJ'S Place, follow them on Facebook and Instagram for updates. You can also watch for their Amazon wish list on their website [PJ's Place | Be BRAVE](#)
 - Next meeting will be in July please watch your emails for more information.
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5. STYLE Group (Strength Through Your Lived Experience)

- Rob is still looking for others who would like to get together for support, encouragement, and to help plan community activities. People may be or have been impacted by different lived experiences so please feel free to come to this group and learn more. Next meeting is on July 15th at 6 pm in person at 209 E Van Allen in Tuscola. Please let others know about this group.
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6. Navigator Updates

- Updates for June:
 - Community in person education group is happening once a week in the month of July. Please let others know about this group and encourage them to attend. **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm.**
 - Ongoing jail groups with Kandis our recovery Navigator continue to go well.
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7. Upcoming Douglas County ROSC hosted or partnered events

- **Candlelight vigil in August** more details to come soon
- ROSC will be at the **Resource Rendezvous** on July 12th 1-3pm located at the Zest for Life Center in Villa Grove.

- ROSC will be at **RC Fest** in Tuscola on July 26 at Wimple Park.
 - ROSC will be at the **Family Fun Day** in downtown Tuscola on August 30th.
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8. Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** July 23rd, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Location:** Virtual and In-Person at the Douglas County Annex.