

Recovery Oriented System of Care



Hardin/Pope County ROSC Council Minutes 06/12/2025

Attendance

Cammy Duggins, Arrowleaf Hardin/Pope ROSC Council Coordinator
Amber Mulkins, Arrowleaf
Dan Martinez, Arrowleaf/STOP Program Manager
Melissa Brown, Arrowleaf/Community Resident/PLE
Mary Jo Agin, CASA
Michelle Buckley, Oxford House
David Griswold, Community Resident/PLE
Lisa Burns, Community Resident

Notes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**
- II. **Mission and Values**
- III. **Old Business**

- I. Transportation Services

- I. Ana DeUnamuno, RIDES Mass Transit provided an overview of transportation services in Hardin and Pope Counties, noting that RIDES Mass Transit can pick up residents for various needs within the service area. Ana mentioned improvements in availability, allowing for earlier pick-ups and more options for scheduling, while also explaining the process for Medicaid and Managed Care transportation. Fixed routes and pricing details were also reviewed.

- I. A support person can accompany individuals at no cost.

- II. Emily Middleton, Arrowleaf reviewed transportation services often available through insurance companies, noting many individuals are unaware of these options. Managed Care Organizations in Illinois help with transportation to medical appointments, including mental health and substance use services. Another resource discussed is the Home Free program through the National Runaway Safeline for youth and young adults who are displaced and needing assistance in returning home.

- I. [Link to view more information on the Home Free program](#)

- III. Jessica Bradshaw discussed resources available with The Network to assist domestic violence survivors with getting to a safe location.

Jessica stated that no identification is required of the individual seeking assistance and that alias names can be used for safety.

- II. Updating our ROSC Facebook page and our Teams meeting link starting with the May meeting: www.bit.ly/HardinPopeROSC

IV. **New Business**

- a. Oxford House Recovery Homes

- a. Michelle Bukley, Outreach Worker, Oxford House, Inc. provided an overview of the Oxford House. It is a peer-run, self-sustaining, substance-free recovery home. It originated in 1975 by Paul Malloy and now has over 4,100 houses across the country serving 34,000 members. The Oxford House is a shared residence where people in recovery from substance use disorder can live together and support each other in a drug and alcohol-free environment.
 - b. Michelle shared her personal recovery experience and life skills gained through Oxford House, including communication, hygiene, and relationship building. The Oxford House runs on a democratic structure of operations including voting requirements for new residents, shared responsibilities for house management, financial structure where residents equally share expenses (rent, utilities, supplies), and establish roles of comptroller, treasurer, and secretary in managing finances and meetings. There is a policy in place regarding relapse where residents may be referred to treatment and could potentially face expulsion from the program. Unity and weekly house meetings to ensure equal collaboration and support are core tenants of the program.
 - c. Questions were asked regarding the application process and eligibility. The application begins with viewing the Oxford House website (www.oxfordhouse.org) to see real-time updates on vacancies.
 - a. More information on resources regarding the house rules, outcomes, and other information can be found [at this link](#).
 - d. Those interested in touring the Oxford House in Marion, Illinois were invited to a field trip on Thursday, June 26th at 2:00PM.

V. **Announcements**

- I. July Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, July 10th from 11:30AM to 12:30PM