

Coles County ROSC Council (CCRC) – Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 7, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium / Zoom

Facilitator: Lisa Blackwell, Coles County ROSC Coordinator

Attendees

- **Lisa Blackwell** – Coles County ROSC Coordinator
 - **Jasmine Gast** – Recovery Navigator, Coles County
 - **Stephanie Burton** – Dial-A-Ride Transportation
 - **Scott DeWeese** – The Pavilion Behavioral Health System
 - **Bryson McFadden** – Oxford House Outreach
 - **Brittney Card** – ROSC Coordinator, Macoupin & Montgomery Counties
 - **Carrie McKinzie** – Gateway Foundation
 - **Gary Stephen** – Wingman Ministries
 - **Jenna Hayes** – ROSC Supervisor, Hour House
 - **Heather Meyers** – SSVF Outreach Coordinator, Salvation Army
 - **Abby Behrens** – Prevention Specialist, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Lisa welcomed everyone and encouraged video participation from Zoom attendees.
 - All participants introduced themselves and their organizational affiliations.
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2. Organizational Speaker Presentation

Speaker: Scott DeWeese – The Pavilion Behavioral Health System

- **Psychiatric Hospital Services**
 - 84 inpatient beds for children, adolescents, and adults.
 - Open 24/7 for crisis assessments.
- **Youth Residential Program**
 - Ages 12–19; long-term placement with secure education and housing.

- **New Choice Recovery Program**
 - 28-day structured, abstinence-based program.
 - 26 dedicated beds; accepts dual-diagnosis patients.
 - Medical detox for heroin and alcohol; no detox for meth.
 - Secure campus with monitored recreation and smoking areas.
 - No registered sex offenders allowed due to youth proximity.
 - **Intake Process**
 - Prescreening required; patient must be voluntary and present for assessment.
 - Walk-in accepted but calling ahead preferred.
 - 800 number routes directly to assessment team – no voicemail.
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3. Program Updates – Jasmine Gast

- **PTSD Awareness Month:**
 - Library group
 - **Jail Outreach:**
 - On pause due to facility renovations; 2 successful transitions to rehab noted.
 - **Hope Shelter:**
 - 5–6 engaged participants; strong engagement from women.
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4. Event Recaps

- **Resource Block Party (June 12):**
 - Partnered with Birth to 3; distributed 36 Narcan kits.
 - **Recovery Grub Fest (June 20):**
 - 200+ attendees; live music, food trucks, and community resources.
 - **Laundry Day (June 26):**
 - 7 families served; 30 dries, 26 washes; 3 volunteers supported.
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5. Social Media Metrics

- **Reach:** Over 48,000 views

- **Engagement:** 14,000+ reach and 76 new followers
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6. Upcoming Events & Planning

- **August: Overdose awareness Month**
 - **Candlelight Vigil:** at Kiwanis Park
 - 4 speakers, candle lighting at 8 PM
 - **September: Recovery Month**
 - **“Paint the Town Purple” Initiative**
 - Window painting, lighting public buildings purple
 - **“Light Up the Town”**
 - Community members encouraged to use purple lights outside.
 - **Narcan Training at Lake Land College**
 - To be scheduled; prior events were well received
 - **Homelessness Awareness Bags (November):**
 - Partnering with Salvation Army
 - Seeking donations (gloves, socks, hygiene items, hand warmers, etc.)
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7. Strategic Priorities & Initiatives

- **Volunteer Transportation List:**
 - List available upon request via Lisa or Jasmine
 - **Second-Chance Employment Fair:**
 - Fall 2025 planning underway
 - **DOPP Site Monitoring:**
 - 80 sites monitored; updates encouraged from community
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8. Open Discussion

- **Maggie’s Hygiene Bag Project:**
 - Focused on women in reentry or recovery
 - Seeking support and item donations

- **Oxford House Update – Bryson McFadden:**
 - New Effingham location opened (8 beds)
 - Seeking supplies, hygiene items, and bedding
 - Amazon wishlist created and to be shared
 - Confirmed as guest speaker for **November 3, 2025** meeting
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9. Closing Remarks

- Next Meeting: **Monday, August 4, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**
- Lisa thanked everyone for their engagement and ongoing commitment to recovery initiatives in Coles County.