

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: July 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 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:

Jenna Slaughter- Career Coach Workforce Development, **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Coordinator , **Charles Lyons**-Community Member, **Rob Wentz** – Firefighter/Community Member/PLE Guru, **Lisa Edwards**- Douglas County Coroner, **Leanna Morgan**-B.A.S.E Program Coordinator with Hour House, **Megan Janes**-B.A.S.E. Program with Hour House, **Nick Spidle**- B.A.S.E. Program with the Hour House, **Michelle Hibbard**- Rosecrance, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator with Hour House, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Centers, **Heather Meyers**-Salvation Army Supportive Services for Veterans and families, **Angie Hunt**-Birth to Five Illinois, **Joe Duncan**-Atwood Police Department, **Carrie McKinzie**- Gateway Foundation, **Amber Clark**- Veterans Affairs

2. Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes

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

Presenter: Jenna Slaughter a Career Coach from Workforce Development

Topic: Overview of Programs offered

Career Services-Job seekers and workers can access these services during walk-in hours or by setting up an appointment with a Career Coach. There is no charge to work with a Career Coach. Basic career services include a labor exchanges services, orientation, intake, eligibility determination, and referrals.

Training Services-To receive training services, someone must be determined eligible and complete an application. Eligibility is based on need and if a person is low income or basic skills deficient. The application window is open during the summer for fall enrollment. Applying for services is not a guarantee of services.

A career coach will help the enrolled student choose a training program and make a service plan. Training programs usually include short-term credentials or two-year degrees related to an in-demand job (not four-year degrees). Enrollees will receive tuition payments, supportive services for barriers, and assistance with finding a job once training is complete.

Business Services-Available to employers within our five-county service area at no-cost to them. Most commonly used business service is a grant that reimburses employers for costs associated with customized training projects. Other business services include apprenticeship development, including the design and launch of USDOL registered apprenticeships.

Youth Services-Youth programs are providing opportunities to explore local industries and gain work experience. Youth ages 18-24 years who have a barrier to employment and are “out of school” are the primary target. For those in school youth they are encouraged to work with their high school, alternative education programs, and Education for Employment.

- You can reach Jenna with questions at JSlaughter@ccrpc.org or 217-253-7555.
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4. Transitional Housing Updates (PJ's Place)

- Linda has some PJ's Place brochures to share.
 - The peach trees at the property are loaded with fruit and breaking off.
 - The doctors group has promised a donation.
 - A contractor has looked at the house and Linda is waiting for an estimate on remodeling the attic into sleeping spaces. An excavator is coming soon to work up the horse pasture.
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5. STYLE Group (Strength Through Your Lived Experience)

- Rob is 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 August 19th at 6 pm in person at 209 E Van Allen in Tuscola.
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6. Navigator Updates

- Community in person education group is happening once a week in August. Please let others know about this group. **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm.**
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7. Upcoming Douglas County ROSC hosted or partnered events

- ROSC will be at the **Newman Market** on August 2nd 8am.
 - ROSC will be at the **Family Fun Day** in downtown Tuscola on August 30th.
 - **Candlelight Vigil** on August 30th from 7-8pm at the Douglas County Courthouse Gardens.
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8. Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** August 27th, 2025 starting at 10am located in the Douglas County Annex and on zoom.