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Greene & Scott County Recovery Council

Date of Meeting: 7/15/2025

Time of meeting: 3 PM

Location of meeting: Online/205 S. Morse St Roodhouse, IL 62082

Format: Hybrid

Attendees:

AM - GCHD

BB – PLE/Americorps

BK – PLE/Gateway Foundation

MM – GCHD

KC– Birth to Five

RR- Prevention Educator

AD- Family Guidance Center

AS- Crisis Center

HM – Salvation Army

MS – Locust Street

Key Approvals

- Without objection, the meeting minutes from July were approved

Support groups, upcoming events, and ROSC member updates.

- **The Crisis Center Foundation-** shared they are hosting their Back to School Bash 8/9/25 11AM-2PM At Minnie Barr Park in Jacksonville it is a free event.
- **Janelle Bishop-** shared about her free store at Souls Harbor in Roodhouse. Our free store is more than a place to pick up essentials—it's a place of dignity, compassion, and connection. By providing clothing, toiletries, and other necessities, we're helping our unhoused neighbors meet immediate needs while also building trust and opening doors to resources that can support long-term stability and recovery.

Addressing social determinants of health for substance use recovery.

- Discussions highlighted the importance of addressing social needs, such as access to clean clothes, to help individuals in recovery connect with resources and achieve their goals. Thanks to a coordinated effort between

every member of the ROSC, much of our work has been centered on this over the past year and a half. This must continue as this is making a difference in people's lives. It also supports each of our service delivery areas of the various members, bringing coordination to our recovery-oriented system of care. We are helping people get jobs, getting them access to educational resources, finding medical care, accessing health and wellness supports, helping get laundry, finding clothes, identifying resources to support social needs, getting legal support, and so much more.

Barriers & Challenges

- Housing shortages or lack of recovery-friendly landlords.
- Limited access to reliable transportation work and support meetings.
- Stigma in employment or housing for individuals with a history of substance use.
- Food deserts or nutrition insecurity in recovery communities.
- Legal challenges (e.g., criminal records limiting job/housing eligibility).

Ongoing & New Initiatives

- Partnerships with housing authorities or nonprofits to secure sober living spaces.
- Employment pathways: second-chance employer partnerships, job fairs, skills training.
- Legal aid clinics for expungement and rights restoration.
- Food distribution programs, community gardens, or recovery-friendly food pantries.

Collaboration Opportunities

- Cross-sector workgroups (public health, workforce development, housing agencies).
- Faith-based and community organization partnerships.
- Engaging local businesses in second-chance hiring initiatives.
- Advocating for policy changes at the county or state level.

New Initiatives and Updates:

– Homelessness in Our Community

The ROSC free store continues to provide clothing, hygiene products, and basic necessities at no cost, with an emphasis on accessibility and dignity for those experiencing homelessness.

Laundry & Shower Access: Greene County Health Department provides free laundry and shower access, addressing hygiene needs and reducing barriers to employment.

Resource Navigation: Recovery Navigators are helping unhoused community members obtain IDs, apply for benefits, and access legal aid.

Supply Closet & Donations:

The ongoing need for donations to stock our supply closet was emphasized. This resource remains essential to breaking down everyday barriers that hinder recovery by ensuring individuals have access to basic hygiene and personal care items.

Additional Council Actions and Discussions:

- A standing monthly ROSC Council Planning Committee meeting will be held at the beginning of each month to coordinate activities, set priorities, and strengthen the overall impact of ROSC initiatives.
- Discussions are currently underway to bring in a qualified facilitator to provide Life Skills training. This initiative aims to equip individuals in recovery with practical tools for daily living, including financial management, communication, employment readiness, and problem-solving, to support long-term stability and success.

Member Updates:

- Just as a reminder, there is a Member Orientation on the 3rd Wednesday of every month where new members can join to learn about ROSC, our work and the direction of our council