

Date: Monday, October 6th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium & Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller, Coles County ROSC Coordinator

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Coordinator), **Megan Ballard** (Coles County Recovery Navigator), **Stephanie Burton** (Dial-A-Ride Transportation), **David Cottrell** (Deflection Specialist, TASC-Champaign), **Tammi Clancy** (Hour House Women's Outpatient and Extended Care Coordinator), **Carlee Parks** (SAIL-Center for Independent Living), **Carrie McKinzie** (Gateway Foundation), **Scott DeWeese** (The Pavilion), **Kristin Davis** (Family Guidance Center), **Heather Myers** (Salvation Army-Veterans Services), **Gary Stephens** (Wingman Ministries), **Linda Scribner** (Be Brave), **Ayla Holford** (Hour House BASE), **Michelle Hibbard** (Rosecrance), **Deb Beckmann** (Statewide ROSC TA), **Brycen McFadden** (Oxford House), **Amber Clark** (Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator for Suicide Prevention-Danville VA), **Tyler Warner** (Hour House BASE), **Camille Gordon** (HOPE), **Todd Brooks** (Community Member), **Brandy Schlanser** (Hour House CORS)

Spotlight Speaker – Brycen McFadden, Oxford House

Brycen, an Outreach Worker for Oxford House Inc., provided the council with comprehensive information about the program, including its key principles, origins, qualifications, structure, and current statistics. Oxford House offers individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) from all backgrounds an increased opportunity for long-term recovery through its peer-supported, sober living model. The program is particularly effective for individuals with a history of opioid abuse, co-occurring SUD and mental health disorders, veterans, drug court participants, those re-entering society from incarceration, and individuals with a pattern of chronic relapse. To explore current vacancies within Oxford House, visit www.oxfordvacancies.com.

Homelessness Awareness Month

Skylar asked the council for help understanding how we usually partner with the Salvation Army for Homelessness Awareness Month. **Jenna** mentioned in the past, Coles County ROSC would assist with collecting coats for the Salvation Army's Coat drive. **Skylar** will reach out to the Salvation Army for more details and see where ROSC can be of service in this area.

Laundry Day Update

Skylar reviewed next steps for Free Laundry Day in Coles County. She explained the work she has done in other counties with Laundry Day and expressed her excitement with this event. **Lisa** introduced Skylar to Dial-A-Ride Program Director, **Kaycie Sanders**. They discussed providing transportation to members of the community for the laundry day. We are aware that we would need to work around their schedule to be able to have this partnership. **Stephanie** confirmed during the meeting that **Kaycie** would touch base with her soon and then they would reach out about what works best. Skylar asked where the last laundry day took place and **Jenna** said it was in July in Charleston. **Skylar** stated that we would have the next one in Mattoon. She also mentioned that there is \$150 available for the event but more funds are needed.

Recovery Month (September) – Recap

Highlights from recovery month in Coles County include:

Recovery- Themed Drinks at Ginger Ale's in both Mattoon and Charleston, The JAC, Milk & Honey and Kamikaze.

Both Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital and Hour House lit up purple in recognition of recovery month.

The Hour House hosted a Recovery is Real celebration, painted their windows at the women's facility and decorated the sidewalks at the men's facility with recovery art.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Recovery Month Celebrations!

Survey Updates

Skylar reviewed survey outreach and numbers with the council. So far, Coles County has 130 community survey responses. To hit our 5% goal, we need a total of 2,500 responses.

Outreach we've done so far:

Skylar passed QR codes at the Coles County Business Expo, shared it at CIL-CON event, sent to multiple to friends throughout Coles, asked men and women's residential facilities to fill them out, sent to all Hour House staff, put QR codes out on tables at Phoenix Elite, took to Stepping Stones daycare for staff and parents, asked people to fill it out at the Recovery is Real Celebration.

Megan has taken QR codes to multiple businesses, such as, Coca-Cola, Owens Motorsports, and KC Summers. She plans to take paper copies when she attends her church and CR. She's shared with multiple of her personal contacts.

Skylar and **Megan** both will continue to share the survey and work together to outreach and get some solid numbers.

Jenna suggested that we go to the JAC for a ½ day and ask customers to fill it out while they wait on their order.

Recovery Navigator Update

Megan Ballard is the new recovery navigator for Coles County ROSC. She will be spending part of her time in Shelby County. She shared with us that she graduated Coles County Drug Court in May, and she is really grateful for Hour House and Drug Court because without their structure and support she wouldn't be in the position she is in today. She shared about her start date and how training has been so far. She has done a lot of work on the survey outreach and with DOPP sites already.

Open Discussion or Updates

Linda Scriber mentioned PJ's Place, a sober-living home that will be opening in Douglas County. She told anyone who has not seen it yet to come check it out. **Gary** wants to connect with Linda about sober-living.

Action Items & Closing

- **Skylar** reach out to JAC about spending a half-day at the JAC for survey outreach
 - **Skylar** connect with potential laundry day sponsors
 - **Skylar** connect with Dial-A-Ride to get the next laundry day date scheduled
 - **Skylar** reach out to the Salvation Army to see how we can help with Homelessness Awareness Month
 - **Skylar** will send Linda's contact info to **Gary**
 - **Megan** will take surveys to church when she attends
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Contact emails:

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Where to find past meeting minutes: <https://www.govst.edu/ROSC-GSU/ROSCC>

Coles County ROSC Facebook Page:



Next Coles County Council Meeting**

Date: November 3rd, 2025

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Where: LifeSpan Center or Zoom