

Date: Monday, December 1st, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium & Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller, Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees, asked everyone to introduce themselves and to participate in the ice-breaker- What is your favorite holiday drink?

In-person attendees:

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Megan Ballard** (Coles County Recovery Navigator), **Gary Stephens** (Wingman Ministries), **Josh Forbes** (Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Ion Daniels** (Community Member)

Zoom attendees:

Deb Beckmann (Statewide ROSC TA), **Kristin Davis** (Family Guidance Center), **Lisa Cook** (Illinois Regional Care Coordination Agency), **Carrie McKinzie** (Heritage), **Brandy Schlanser** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support), **Kristin Davis** (Family Guidance Center- Prevention Integration Coordinator), **Andy Brandenburg**, (Community Outreach and Recovery Support Coordinator), **Jenna Hays** (ROSC Program Supervisor)

Laundry Day

Skylar Miller presented the stats from the Free Laundry Day we had in Mattoon. We were able to serve 36 community members, completing 45 wash loads and 35 dries — using a grand total of 1,648 quarters!

We also distributed one box of Narcan, continuing our mission to support harm reduction and promote community wellness.

Tyler Warner with the Hour House BASE Program and **Amber Gabbard**, from Redemption Roofing and Exteriors volunteered their time. Thank you again to our sponsors, Co-Lab Gutters and other anonymous local businesses. We also appreciate our partnership with Dial-A-Ride. We could not have done it without all of you!

Our next steps are to have one in Charleston. We will partner with Dial-A-Ride again but before we plan any dates, we need sponsors. **Skylar** and **Megan** will be working toward that.

Survey

The original end date for our FY26 Community Survey was supposed to be December 1st. Skylar had reached out to a few local businesses asking for help in providing incentives for community members to

take the survey. Inkcap Tattoo Parlour agreed to give a \$100 gift card. We utilized our Facebook page to do a contest. If you post a screenshot of your complete survey and tag three friends, you would be entered in a drawing to win the gift card. We are hoping this gets us closer to our recent goal of 300.

Event Planning

Skylar mentioned planning an event to take place in January similar to the Together in Tune event at Jackson Avenue Coffee in March. She thinks January would be a good time for community members to get out and about.

This event was essentially an open mic night, but there were a few acts that were asked to be there. There was coffee, doughnuts and a resource table. A place where everyone in the community could connect.

Skylar and **Megan** will pick a final date on that and ask the council for help with planning/volunteering.

We also discussed what it would look like for us to host a second chance employment fair. Skylar is familiar with holding an event like this because she did one when Moultrie/Shelby was a ROSC. Resources like assistance with writing a resume or filling out a job application, mock interviews, free business casual clothing. **Jenna** mentioned including a record expungement workshop. **Andy** talked a bit about the one he is planning to have in Douglas County.

Skylar will reach out to Douglas and Edgar County about their experience and ideas with this event.

ROSC Council Mission Statement

Skylar is working on updating the Coles County Strategic Plan and she wanted to touch base with the council and make sure that everyone is okay with the Mission Statement. Everyone was okay with it.

Logos

We reviewed the three logos made for our personalized logo. The council all agreed on one. Jenna suggested that Skylar send it over to Jessie Betz, the Hour House's contracted media person.

Open Discussion/Partner Updates

Skylar opened the floor for council members to share any updates they may have.

Lisa Cook invited community members to join the Illinois RCCA. She will be sending the invite information for Skylar to share.

We went over the progress for Warming Centers in our community. **Gary** asked if there are any overnight centers that we've found and as of now there are not. He did share contact information for a street pastor in Champaign that is willing to share how he runs things with overnight warming centers

there. **Jenna** suggested that we reached out to the Edgar County ROSC Council about their experience with warming centers.

Skylar asked Josh about the zero-degree sleeping bags that were discussed at the last meeting. He gave contact information for us to reach out. There will not be a community dinner this month with Family Worship Center.

Megan let everyone know that she is working out the details to get a Recovery Education group set back up in both Mattoon and Charleston.

Next steps & Closing

Megan and **Skylar** will follow up with everything discussed at this month meeting. Progress will be shared as we go.

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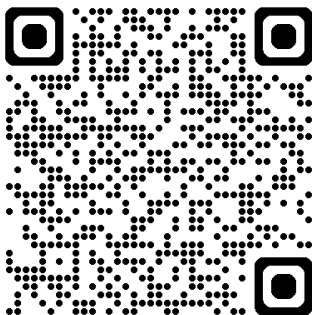
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Where to find past meeting minutes: <https://www.govst.edu/ROSC-GSU/ROSCC>

Coles County ROSC Facebook Page:



Next Coles County Council Meeting**

Date: January 5th, 2025

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Where: LifeSpan Center or Zoom