

## Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

**Date: December 17, 2025**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom and In-Person at the Douglas County Annex, 209 East Van Allen, Tuscola, IL

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### Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Attendees:

Online: **Deb Beckmann**-ROSC Statewide Leadership Team, **Nick Spidle**- B.A.S.E. Program with the Hour House, **Misty Robinson**-Douglas County Navigator CORES, **Michelle Hibbard**- Rosecrance, **Abbi Littell** -RACES (Rape, Advocacy, Counseling& Education Services), **Barb Gibson**-Community Member, **Angie Hunt**-Regional Council Manager at Birth to Five Illinois.

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Andy Brandenburg** – CORS Program Coordinator, **Jason Pantier**-Douglas County Probation, **Tamee Adams**-Douglas County Jail, **Brody Good**-Douglas County Probation, **Adam Brazzell**- Douglas County D.A.R.E Officer, **Lisa Edwards**-Douglas County Coroner, **Sheriff Chaplin**-Douglas County, **Tristan McGrew**- TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)

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### Guest speaker: **Mandi from ERBA (Embarras River Basin Agency) & Salvation Army in Tuscola**

Mandi spoke about all of the programs that are offered in their office-LIHEAP energy assistance, BRP program for helping people remain employed by providing specific supports like boots, weatherization program, free clothing and some housewares, CSGB grant, information on water bill assistance in Villa Grove (dollarenergyfung.org), utility assistance if living in mobile home.

They Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for fundraising efforts and are located in the same building as ERBA in Tuscola. The Salvation Army can help with medication and vouchers to help with specific needs.

To get assistance it is best to call the office to make an appointment to determine eligibility, then provide documents and complete an application. Even if you are not sure if you qualify please give ERBA a call to make sure. You can learn more about the ERBA programs at: <https://erbainc.org/csbg/> and you can call the Tuscola ERBA office at: 217-253-4434

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### Updates related to Priority Projects- Transitional Housing, MAR, Drug Court

- Only update for transitional housing is that renovations are in full swing at PJ's Place.
- The Drug Court team planning to meet again in January. Kaitlin the Drug Court coordinator has reached out to Mr. Blundell who will be helping the team with guidance on the start of Drug Court. His knowledge and experience will be a great help. Getting a Drug Court started is a big commitment especially for the key players that are needed but worth it and needed in Douglas county. There is a lot of trainings that have been provided to team members. Kaitlin is working on getting the next meeting scheduled with the team.

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### STYLE Group (Strength Through Your Lived Experience)

The group is open to anyone 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 January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in person at PJ's Place- 710 N County Road 700 E., Tuscola.

#### **Navigator Community Group**

- Community education group during January will be **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm.** No group December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1st.

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#### **Upcoming Douglas County ROSC hosted or partnered events**

- Free Laundry event in Arcola is happening December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am -noon or until funds are out.
- ROSC and CORS will host an event in February at Broomtown Café -Hearts, Hope & Hot Coffee. Watch for flyer with details.
- The Council continues to talk about possible free family friendly sober activities we can host or co host in the upcoming months. Andy from the Hour House CORS program mentioned he would like to have a second chance employment event held in the Spring. The idea of a drive-in movie event is still being discussed where kids could build/decorate their car out of cardboard and watch a movie.

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**Next Meeting:** January 28th, 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.