

Coles County ROSC Council

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13th, 2026

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Location: Mattoon Public Library & Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller- Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

Attendees

In-person:

Skylar Miller- Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

Zoom:

Camille Gordon- HOPE Director of Outreach & Prevention

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar thanked Camille for attending the meeting.

Progress

Skylar gave Camille an overview of what the housing committee has been working on over the past few months. She explained that the committee ultimately decided to focus on creating a template for landlords to utilize when considering to rent to individuals with a criminal background.

Create & Plan

Skylar found some questions that she would like to include on the template. She mentioned creating a section in the rental application for "Criminal Background Disclosure." The individual would list their charges and date of offense. There would be a space for brief explanation of circumstances. Then there would be a few questions like:

What have you done to take responsibility for this charge? (EX. Completed probation/parole, paid fines, etc.)

What changes have you made since the offenses? (EX. Lifestyle changes, distancing from negative influence, stable routine, etc.)

Are you currently in recovery? If yes, please describe.

Length of sobriety? Programs involved? Support systems?

Skylar also gave Camille an explanation of the roundtable event.

Next Steps & Wrap Up

Planning for the roundtable event will begin at the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be May 11th at 1:00pm at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.