

Date: Monday, April 6th, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: LifeSpan Center Auditorium & Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller, Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

In-person attendees:

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Megan Ballard** (Coles County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator), **Ayla Holford** (Build, Amplify, Support, Empower Recovery Navigator), **Gary Stephens** (Wingman Ministries), **Brandy Schlanser** (Community Outreach & Recovery Support Recovery Navigator), **Toni Randall** (Region 4 Statewide ROSC Technical Assistant), **Andy Brandenburg** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support Coordinator)

Zoom attendees:

Amy Evans (Hour House), **Carlee Parks** (SAIL), **Lisa Cook** (Illinois Regional Opioid Advisory Program Manager), **Tammi Clancy** (Hour House), **Craig Banyai** (HOPE Case Manager)

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees. During introductions, Skylar asked everyone to answer the ice breaker question which was: What is the most important lesson you've learned in your current role? There were a lot of really good answers shared like, listening to other people's perspectives!

She then stated the meeting purpose- The Coles County ROSC Council brings together community partners, individuals with lived experience, & organizations to strengthen recovery-oriented supports in our community. This meeting will focus on council updates, priority projects & collaborative next steps.

Committee Updates/Navigator Updates

Skylar gave an update from the March transportation and housing committee meetings.

The transportation committee has decided on a new name which is "Ride into Recovery." We have also decided that our primary focus at this time is on a volunteer transportation list. We will be working on waivers, policies, and a handbook.

The housing committee has decided that we will be focusing on a template for landlords to use when renting to individuals with a criminal background. We also want to host a roundtable event to talk with landlords about their concerns and barriers when renting.

Megan continues to hold her weekly recovery education groups with a few cancelled for April due to a conference and trainings.

Progress toward ROSC goals

Skylar gave an update on the progress made toward our priority project goals.

Goal 1: Strengthen transportation and housing recovery support services in Coles County by June 30th, 2026.

Goal 2: By June 30, 2026, collaborate with key stakeholders—including the County Sheriff's Office, jail administration, local healthcare providers, probation, the State's Attorney's Office, and persons with lived experience—to explore the feasibility and implementation requirements for offering MAR within the local jail system.

Goal 3: By June 30th, 2026, enhance Recovery Capital in Coles County through increasing CPRS and CRSS positions.

Skylar mentioned to council members that if they are unavailable for transportation or housing committee meetings, we would still love their ideas and participation in the upcoming projects related to these goals.

Skylar gave an overview of the meeting with the Coles County Jail Administrators. Megan will begin recovery education groups in the jail in May. The jail requested resource folders for those being released. Megan & I made & delivered 20 of the folders. We also discussed Medication-Assisted Recovery and resources for the jail to utilize to learn more about it and receive support where it is needed. Overall, we are really excited to be working with the jail again.

Skylar stated that she has begun working on a list of CPRS/CRSS's within the county. She also stated that next steps will be planning a networking event for those who hold these positions.

Events

Transportation & Housing Committee Meeting

The next committee meetings will take place in Mattoon at the library on April 13th. Skylar stated that those meetings will be focused on getting started with our template and volunteer list.

Free Laundry Day

The next free laundry day will be in Charleston on May 21st from 9am to 12p or until funds run out. Our sponsors for this laundry day are the Charleston Kiwanis Club, Central Roofing, and Crossroads Community Church. THANK YOU!

Charleston Discount Grocery has agreed to put out a bucket for donations for Free Laundry Day in September.

A council member suggested asking local churches for transportation for free laundry day.

Summer Event

On June 28th from 6pm to 8p at Lytle Park in Mattoon, we will be hosting a family-friendly event. Following our event there will be a movie in the park hosted by Lytle and Mattoon Public Library.

Skylar asked the council for suggestions on a possible speaker and no one had any preferences. She asked them to consider what type of speaker would fit with the event if we did decide to have one. No one had anything to add.

Candlelight Vigil

Skylar mentioned that we will begin planning for our vigil next month.

Shatter the Stigma

Skylar gave the council an explanation of a small grant that the Hour House received. It is the Untold Stories grant, meant to tell the stories of underrepresented populations within Coles County. There are 12 participants telling their stories in one of three ways. One of the ways is through art-based storytelling. There will be traveling exhibits of photos telling the stories of people in recovery. Skylar told the council about all the places that have already dedicated space to these exhibits and asked for more ideas of locations and events for display.

Next Steps & Closing

Skylar reminded members of the upcoming transportation & housing committee meetings on April 13th. She closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support & attendance.

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

Coles County ROSC Council Facebook Page:



Next Coles County ROSC Council Meeting**

Date: May, 4th, 2026

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Where: LifeSpan Center or Zoom