

Date: Monday, January 5th, 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 personal or agency/organization goal for this year?

In-person attendees:

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Megan Ballard** (Coles County Recovery Navigator), **Andy Brandenburg** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support Coordinator), **Brandy Schlanser** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support), and **Stephanie Burton** (Dial-A-Ride).

Zoom attendees:

Kristin Davis (Family Guidance Center), **Carrie McKinzie** (Heritage), **Kristin Davis** (Family Guidance Center- Prevention Integration Coordinator), **Tammi Clancy** (Hour House Coordinator of Women's Extended Services), **Carlee Parks** (Senior Center for Independent Living), **Bethany Hayden** (Bethany Christian Services), **Tristan McGrew** (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities), **Johanna Gonzalez** (Statewide ROSC Coordinator), **Adam Flack** (Division of Rehabilitation Services program), **Amber Clark** (Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator Veteran's Affairs).

Survey

Skylar reviewed some of the results from the FY26 Community Survey and told the council how the information we gathered was utilized in writing our FY26 Strategic Plan. She also recognized that some of the personal comments were left at the end of the surveys and the stigma surrounding Medication Assisted Recovery was prevalent. The conversation began about the data collected regarding housing and transportation needs in our community. Skylar opened the floor for Council members.

Adam mentioned that the transportation has always been a problem, and he can foresee it being a problem for quite a long time until there's some kind of fundamental change to either public resources or people's ability to be able to drive themselves and so forth.

Event Planning

We discussed the upcoming Recovery Unplugged event that will take place on February 28th. That is a Saturday, and it is from 3pm to 6pm at Jackson Avenue Coffee. **Skylar** asked for volunteers. **Brandy** said that she would like to attend.

Skylar has a meeting with **Andy** this week about partnering with CORS for different events throughout the year.

Committee

Skylar asked the council what days work for them between Mondays and Thursdays for a housing committee meeting. She also asked the same for transportation committee meetings. They discussed keeping it during the lunch hour. The majority said that Mondays worked better for them.

Skylar is going to set up a space and finalize a date for early February.

In addition, **Brandy** mentioned in some situations she can help with transportation.

Kristin suggested **Skylar** connect with **Samantha McCullough** with Coles County Regional Planning. She would love the data that we gathered in our survey and may attend transportation meetings. **Kristin** will send an introductory email after this meeting.

Education Groups

Megan shared the details for her Recovery Education Groups that have begun in both Charleston and Mattoon. The Charleston group will take place at the Carnegie Public Library on Mondays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The Mattoon group will take place at the Mattoon Public Library from 3:30 to 4:30, every Tuesday.

Andy suggested if we were wanting to do an employment fair maybe tying in the education groups the month prior to the event in with whatever event it is-- topics like filling out applications, creating resumes, etc.

Open Discussion/Partner Updates

Skylar encouraged the council to share anything else that they would like to add to the meeting.

Adam told us he did a random search for transportation grants in Illinois and found this place called thegrantportal.com and it has 244 pages of different grants opportunities that can be found. You can filter out by the interest or the eligibility that you're looking for, but if there is someone who wants to apply for a grant or several people or an organization to apply for a grant for transportation, hopefully this information will help those who are experiencing a barrier to transportation.

Skylar mentioned that the next Free Laundry Day will take place in Charleston but we do not have the full amount to have one quite yet.

Next steps & Closing

Skylar thanked everyone for joining us for the first meeting of 2026.

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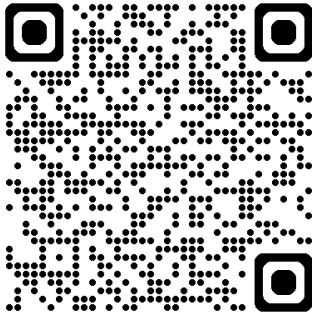
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Where to find past meeting minutes: <https://www.govst.edu/ROSC-GSU/ROSCC>

Coles County ROSC Facebook Page:



Next Coles County Council Meeting**

Date: February 2nd, 2025

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Where: LifeSpan Center or Zoom