

Date: Monday, May 4th, 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), **Christopher Gibson** (Person with lived experience), **Trevor Gibson** (Family member), **2 family members** present in support of our spotlight speaker

Zoom attendees:

Brandy Schlanser (Community Outreach & Recovery Support Recovery Navigator), **Toni Randall** (Region 4 Statewide ROSC Technical Assistant), **Andy Brandenburg** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support Coordinator), **Amy Evans** (Hour House), **Carlee Parks** (SAIL), **Tammi Clancy** (Hour House), **Stephanie Burton** (Dial-A-Ride), **Shayla** (Christopher's family support), **Patty** (Christopher's family support), **Kristin Davis** (Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Coordinator), **Rachel Klocke** (Jersey County ROSC Council), **LaSienna Burton** (CUPHD Prevention Specialist), **Michelle Hibbard** (Rosecrance), **Amber Clark** (Veteran's Affairs Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator)

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees. During introductions, **Skylar** asked everyone to answer the ice breaker question which was: Have you seen any of the Star Wars movies & who is your favorite character? There were quite a few who had never seen Star Wars & quite few who had & hearing about each person's favorite character was the perfect start to the meeting.

Ayla shared an upcoming workshop aimed toward the teen population & what their needs are in the community. She will share the flyer & **Skylar** will share with the council when it is available.

Amber shared a new resource that everyone was eager to take note of! Rosecrance is opening a Behavioral Health Urgent Care center. It is an emergency department available for mental health and substance use crisis. On May 29th there will be an open-house from 11:00am to 1:00pm & anyone is welcome. Amber shared that the hours right now are 8:00am to 8:00pm with hopes of expanding to a 24-hour resource. She was going to confirm what days of the week this service would be open. Anyone can reach out for help regardless of their insurance status.

Spotlight Speaker

Christopher Gibson- a community member with lived experience.

Chris shared some of his life story with the council. He touched on his childhood, his introduction to substances, what life was like when using & what brought him to his recovery journey. He gave us a wonderful summary of what his life has become since beginning his recovery journey & his gratitude for his support system & the recovery community.

Many individuals thanked **Chris** for sharing his story with us & gave some encouraging words.

Committee & Navigator Updates

Skylar gave an update for both the transportation committee & housing committee.

The Ride into Recovery Committee will finalize the template that **Skylar** has begun creating with suggestions with other members of the committee. She also mentioned planning an event to kick off the volunteer transportation list & do a general training. (Narcans, liabilities, etc.)

The housing committee was very small last month but the members present discussed the template **Skylar** has been working on to assist & reassure landlords who are hesitant to rent to those with a criminal background.

She also informed the ROSC Council of a powerful homelessness forum she was able to attend put on by Coles County Regional Planning. She also discussed the need for assistance in multiple facets at the local Salvation Army. The CORS program & ROSC Council have volunteered to be present to guide those in need of resources and education to the appropriate help.

Megan shared that for the month of May, her recovery education groups will be walking groups. If there happened to be any rain days, the participants would meet under the pavilions available at each park.

Priority Projects

Skylar shared some minor updates with the ROSC Council. Skylar has continued communication with the jail administrator discussing times & dates to resume recovery education groups.

The ROSC Council came up with a few churches to reach out to for transportation needs. Skylar will begin reaching out to the churches.

Events

Transportation & Housing Committee Meeting

The next committee meetings will take place in Charleston at the library on May 11th in the genealogy conference room.

Free Laundry Day

The next free laundry day will be at Easy Wash Laundry on the Corner of Division and State Street, in Charleston, IL, 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!

Skylar recently presented the ROSC Council concept, events & goals with a local church out of Cooks Mills. Multiple members were interested in helping out with future Free Laundry Days.

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.

Candlelight Vigil

The council decided on having the Candlelight Vigil on August 28th. **Skylar** shared that she has a wonderful speaker in mind. **Gary** suggested that we host it at the Crossroads Community Church. He also stated that one of their pastors, Nick, would be a great speaker.

Next Steps & Closing

Skylar reminded everyone of the next meeting date & thanked everyone for their attendance & participation.

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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: June 1st, 2026

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

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