

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: February 25, 2026 **Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

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

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Attendees:

Online: **Barb Gibson**- Community Member/PAL Group, **Matthew Hales**- Newman Library, **Allison Wessels**-Case Manager with RACES (Rape, Advocacy, Counseling& Education Services), **Toni Randall**-ROSC Technical Assistance, **Camille Gordon**-HOPE of East Central Illinois, **Megan Janes**- B.A.S.E. Program with the Hour House, **Leanna Morgan**-B.A.S.E. Program Coordinator with the Hour House, **David King**-Carle Addiction Recovery Center, **Josh Forbes**-Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Center, **Michelle Hibbard**-Community Outreach with Rosecrance

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Brody Good** – Douglas County Probation, **Jason Pantier**- Douglas County Probation, **Tamee Adams**-Douglas County Jail, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Outreach, **Jenna Slaughter**-Workforce Office Tuscola

Guest speaker: **Barb Gibson who is a member of PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) Group**

Barb shared with the council about how she got involved with the PAL Group about three years ago. The group is based out of Phoenix, AZ and was started in 2006 by Michael Speakman. She spoke about how there is a meeting every day of the week that people are welcome to attend. Parents, spouses, and siblings 18 years of age and older are welcome. Everyone does spend some of the time during group working on a lesson and some of the time sharing and supporting one another. There is an optional book that people can purchase and attend the group is free. Barb has found the group very beneficial to her. She has been exploring the idea of starting a local group for those in Douglas County and the surrounding areas to attend. She is looking at possible spaces that can be used for in person attendance. After that is set up she will be able to start her training to then be able to host the meetings.

For more information: <https://palgroup.org/>

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

- Update for transitional housing –the flooring was installed in the sleeping area of the house. And some new ceiling fans were installed. Linda is always on the lookout for any grant opportunities. She can also present at groups about the mission of her organization. Next Transitional Housing Meeting is March 4th 10am at PJ's Place.
- The next meeting of the Drug Court Team is March 31st. Brody Good is now the Drug Court Coordinator. Mr. Blundell from the state office of problems solving courts plans to attend the March meeting to help offer guidance and answer questions. The team is to be reading up on the statutes, trainings, and reviewing an example of a Drug Court participant handbook that has been provided by Brody. Brody is also meeting with AOIC Grants Manager Lynn Moore to go over a few potential grant opportunities.

- Lyndsey is meeting with Dave King from the Carle Addiction Recovery Center for assistance on hosting another free community MAR and Harm Reduction session within the next few months.

Opioid Settlement Funds

- Fentanyl test kits are available at our free Narcan sites. If you need any please let Lyndsey or Kandis know. Testing strips have also been distributed to some of the local law enforcement offices.

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. All are welcome! Next meeting is on **March 17th** at 6 pm in person at **Zest for Life Center**- 610 E Harrison Street (Front), Villa Grove. We will be having a **Sober St. Patrick's Event** during this meeting time! All are welcome.

Navigator Community Group

- Community education group during March will be **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds Coffee & Events in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm in person or zoom**. All are welcome!
Kandis shared with the council that since our last meeting she has had two people accept the offer of treatment!
Kandis also shared that a person she has been working with was nominated for an award given by a community action agency! The nominee and their family have worked so very hard during their recovery journey! The family is excited to attend the award ceremony coming up in May!

Upcoming Douglas County ROSC hosted or partnered events

- Free Laundry event in Villa Grove is happening February 28th from 10am -Noon or until funds are out. Free Laundry in March will be in Arcola.
- Douglas County ROSC is co-hosting the Job Fair at the Arcola Center on April 29th from 12pm-2pm.

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