

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: January 28, 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: **Deb Beckmann**-ROSC Statewide Leadership Team, **Bryen Mc Fadden**- Oxford House, **Matthew Hales**-Newman Library, **Allison Wessels**-RACES (Rape, Advocacy, Counseling& Education Services), **Toni Randall**-ROSC Technical Assistance, **Camille Gordon**-HOPE of East Central Illinois

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Recovery Navigator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Andy Brandenburg** – CORS Program Coordinator, **Jason Pantier**-Douglas County Probation, **Tamee Adams**-Douglas County Jail, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Megan Janes**- B.A.S.E. Program with the Hour House, **Lisa Edwards**-Douglas County Coroner, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Outreach, **Brad Ingram**-PJ's Place, **Dean Nelson**-Walnut Grove Christian Church, **Aaron Boothe**-Walnut Grove Christian Church, **Darren Ledbetter**-Walnut Grove Christian Church, **Mandi Gilliland**-ERBA/Salvation Army Tuscola

An email from Summer Phillips with the Douglas County Health Department was shared with the council about a positive experience she had while visiting a local restaurant. Summer stated that she was unsure when we might see a shift in stigma but that the day had finally come. She was able to witness it in a group of local people who were talking at the restaurant. One was talking about how they had Narcan they picked up from a local library and it was to hopefully help save a life. Another person said they their spouse wanted to have Narcan for after an upcoming surgery so they were going to pick some up from the same library. Summer heard the person say this and had some Narcan with her so she left it on the windshield of the person's car (she knew what they drove). Summer wanted everyone to know it takes time and is a group effort to reduce stigma but we are making progress.

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

- Update for transitional housing – working to get the HVAC system installed. Funding is needed to finish this project. If you know of any grants or other ideas to help with the cost let Lyndsey know and she can pass information on. The service agreement with probation is still being finalized. Next Transitional Housing Meeting is February 4th 10am at PJ's Place.
- We hope to have a meeting of the Drug Court Team in February. The team is searching for a coordinator. We do still plan to connect with Mr. Blundell who can help the team with guidance on the start of Drug Court. Lyndsey has been attending other Dug Court sessions in surrounding counties to learn more about how theirs are ran and has spoke with participants to hear about their experience.
- Lyndsey will reach out to the contact at Carle provided by Christine about hosting another free community MAR and Harm Reduction session

Opioid Settlement Funds

- Spanish recovery books were delivered to the Arcola Library. We do have a few more please let Lyndsey know if you need recovery related books.
- Fentanyl test kits are available at our Narcan sites. If you need any please let Lyndsey or Kandis know.

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 February 17th at 6 pm in person at PJ's Place- 710 N County Road 700 E., Tuscola.

Navigator Community Group

- Community education group during January will be **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm in person or zoom**. All are welcome!

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.
- ROSC and CORS is hosting an event in February at Broomtown Café -Hearts, Hope & Hot Coffee. The flyer is on our Facebook page and there are a few spots left.

Next Meeting: February 25th, 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.