

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: March 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: **Misty Robinson**-Hour House CORS Program, **Matthew Hales**- Newman Library, **Allison Wessels**-Case Manager with RACES (Rape, Advocacy, Counseling & Education Services), **Toni Randall**-ROSC Technical Assistance Region 4, **Marcia Ramsey**-Dial A Ride, **David King**-Carle Addiction Recovery Center, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Center

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator, **Brian Zeifang**- Director at Jesus is the Way Ministry, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Jason Pantier**- Douglas County Probation, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Outreach, **Leanna Morgan**-B.A.S.E. Program Coordinator with the Hour House, **Mandi Gilliland**-ERBA and Salvation Army Tuscola, Lisa Edwards-Douglas County Coroner, **Summer Phillips**-Douglas County Health Department, **Andy Brandenburg**-CORS Program Coordinator with Hour House

Guest speaker: **Brian Zeifang Director at Jesus is the Way Ministry in Rantoul**

The organization started in 1977 and residential aftercare program part of the ministry started in 1997. They are located in the old Holiday Inn building in Rantoul. They are a faith based 501(c)3 nonprofit so they rely on donations from the community. The program capacity is ten and have about 10-20 go through the program per year. Participants can stay up to 12 months. They get referrals through word of mouth but also from visiting area prisons two times per year. Brian started in 2022 and is doing his best to continue the mission and make improvements along the way. Those in the program are aware of the guidelines and expectations before coming into the program. Each person has an interview and check of background before being accepted into the program. They are not working for the first five months and are to focus on themselves, reentry and their recovery. They are not allowed visitors until after 60 days and do not have their own phone for first four months. There are volunteer opportunities, anger management class, recovery meetings and Bible study for everyone in the program to attend. The ministry does provide transportation for the for the first two weeks. As far as employment Brian is helping to form more relationships in the community with second chance employers.

For more information you can contact Brian at brian@jitwministries.org and take a look at their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076400585289>

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

- Update for transitional housing –there is a cleanup day on April 18th from 9am-5pm and all are welcome to come and help. Lunch will be provided. Next Transitional Housing Meeting is April 1th 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.

- Two new sites are in place to offer free Narcan/Naloxone to anyone. One is Sav More Pharmacy in Tuscola and Sav More Pharmacy in Atwood. Summer shared that the Carle location in Tuscola now has Narcan/Naloxone for those in need.

Opioid Settlement Funds

- Fentanyl test kits are available at our free Narcan sites. If you need any please let Lyndsey or Kandis know. There are also some gas gift cards, cell phones/phone cares, and some recovery books available.

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 **April 21st** at 6 pm location tbd. We will be making some crafts for the residents at the Nursing facility in Newman and everyone is welcome to join us.

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 some good news! Since our last meeting she has a group attendee who has earned their certificate in medical coding and is going to have more employment opportunities now.

Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events

- Free Laundry event in Villa Grove is happening April 18th from 10am -Noon or until funds are out
- Douglas County ROSC Council is co-hosting the Job Fair at the Arcola Center on April 29th from 12pm-2pm.
- June 6th free family event in Villa Grove at Community Rec Center. More details to come.

Next Meeting: April 22nd, 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.