

Date: Monday, July 6th, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Skylar Miller, Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator

Attendees:

In-person:

Skylar Miller (Coles County ROSC Council Coordinator), **Taylor Jones** (Coles County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator), **Stephanie Burton** (Dial-A-Ride), **Gary Stephens** (Wingman Ministries), **Annie Barber** (Community Member & Recovery Ally)

Zoom:

Brandy Schlanser (Community Outreach & Recovery Support Recovery Navigator), **Toni Randall** (Region 4 Statewide ROSC Technical Assistant), **Andy Brandenburg** (Community Outreach and Recovery Support Coordinator), **Carlee Parks** (SAIL), **Kristin Davis** (Region 4 Substance Use Prevention Integration Coordinator), **LaSienna Burton** (CUPHD Prevention Specialist), **Angie Hunt** (Birth to Five), **Kendra King** (Prevail), **Lisa Cook** (AHP Senior Program Manager), **Carmen Richey** (Hour House Women's Services Counselor), **Amber Clark** (Veterans Affairs), **Amy Evans** (Hour House BRIDGE Program CPRS/Doula), **Olivia Jenkins** (Hour House Prevention)

Welcome & Introductions

Skylar welcomed attendees. During introductions, Skylar got everyone warmed up with the ice breaker question which was: What did you do for the fourth of July?

Updates

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

The Ride into Recovery Committee has their Transportation Initiative Training coming up and it will be held at the Hour House Adolescent Outpatient Office on July 30th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

The wavier and liability guide that will be used for volunteers has been approved for use.

Skylar will be speaking at the Mattoon Rotary in September to see if anyone is willing to be a part of the transportation initiative.

The next committee meeting will be from 12:00pm to 12:30pm on July 20th, 2026 at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library in the genealogy conference room. The date was moved because Skylar will be out of town on the 13th.

At the most recent housing committee meeting, Sam with Coles County Regional Planning discussed their project goals. They reviewed regional data to find trends, service gaps and capacity issues while engaging stakeholders like people with lived experience, landlords, and service providers. Skylar wants to partner with Regional Planning to work with landlord's rather than reinventing the wheel or oversaturating them with duplicate meetings and surveys.

Sam plans to host focus groups to discuss challenges for landlords and how we could alleviate their stressors while also providing education. Sam suggested surveys for landlord who cannot attend and is willing to include

information from Skylar. Skylar is also going to send the landlord template to Sam to see if they have any suggestions. Skylar asked how she can help Coles County Regional Planning and Sam just asked her to share information from their Facebook page.

As for our new recovery navigator, we have Taylor Jones. She is the new navigator for Coles and Shelby Counties. Taylor introduced herself by telling us she has lived experience, is a drug court graduate out of Shelby County and she has three wonderful daughters. Skylar mentioned that she is already on top of things and is really happy to have her.

ROSC Council Input Request

Skylar asked the ROSC Council for input on Recovery Month because it is going to be here sooner than we think. She stated that she has requested that Sarah Bush light-up purple for the month of September but she has not received a response yet. She also recalls EIU was not responsive last year. Carmen offered to reach out to some contacts to ask them to light up. Skylar told the ROSC Council about the purple lightbulbs being given out at the Candlelight Vigil. She's going to order more than what she's already received because the ROSC Council believes that we may need more. We talked about purple drinks. The JAC and Milk and Honey are already on board and The Council suggested I reach out to 7 Brew, Starbucks, and Ginger Ale's.

We discussed events in surrounding counties and Skylar mentioned supporting those throughout September. Annie mentioned the fundraiser for PJ's place in October. Skylar told Stephanie about an idea another coordinator had about showing a recovery related movie at the Lifespan center. Skylar mentioned that she was uneasy due to selection of all recovery movies she's seen. Stephanie said that she would have to have her director review the movie content. Annie mentioned that she thinks that there will be a live performance of Bill W. @ Doudna in September. Kristin confirmed and sent over information to Skylar about that performance and is going to connect Skylar with someone who may be able to work with her on possibly getting prices worked out. A few other council members mentioned possibly getting the courthouse light-up, and if not that maybe surrounding buildings on the square would do it individually. Skylar said with the light-up purple she wants to do a social media campaign to go with it. Amy mentioned lighting up ALL Hour House locations. Andy volunteered to help switch out purple lightbulbs at Outpatient locations. Skylar is going to bring this information to the Hour House Recovery Month planning committee meeting.

Community Member Spotlight

Annie Barber shared her experience with losing her daughter to substance use. She gave information on how she got introduced to the idea of having a 5k in remembrance of her daughter, Emily. The focus on this run is going to be to reduce the demand for drugs in our community by utilizing prevention and equipping people with positive skills. She talked about her experience with Celebrate Recovery, her children, her other family member in recovery. She wants to do a 3K and 1-mile walk with emphasis on a resource fair. Eventually, she would like to use the funds to sponsor/scholarship people in recovery who want to take part in things that bring people life and light. Yoga, taekwondo, social emotional skills, etc. She made note that she doesn't know everything and she doesn't want to step on any toes. She just wants to help make change and remember her daughter. Kristen and Olivia both offered to talk with Annie about what is available for prevention in Coles County. Annie invites anyone who can bring light and life to join in the event.

Events

Transportation & Housing Committee Meeting

The next committee meetings will take place at the Charleston Carnegie Public library from 12:00 to 1:00pm on July 20th, 2026 in the genealogy conference room.

Ride into Recovery Training

July 30th, 2026 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at 513 N 13th St in Mattoon, IL 61938.

Free Laundry Day

The next Free Laundry Day will take place on August 6th from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Mattoon at 320 Lakeland Boulevard.

Candlelight Vigil

August 27th, 2026 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Crossroads Community Church in Charleston with purple light bulb pick up for Light Up Purple directly following.

Next Steps & Closing

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

Contact emails:

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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: August 3rd, 2026

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Where: LifeSpan Center or Zoom