

Meeting Minutes

Douglas County ROSC Council Transitional Housing Subcommittee

Date: August 12, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM-11:20AM

Location: In-Person at PJ's Place Tuscola, IL

Attendees In Person:

- **Linda Scribner** – Founder of Be BRAVE, Owner of PJ's Place, **Kandis Mills**-Douglas County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator, **Lyndsey Reedy**, Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Andy Brandenburg** -CORS Program Coordinator with the Hour House, **Josh Forbes**- Douglas County ROSC Council Navigator, **Mark Mayer**-Community Member, **Brendan**- PJ's Place, **Ben**- PJ's Place, **Adam Weinstock** – Chief Deputy - Douglas County Sheriff's Office, **Mariah Witmer**-HOPE of East Central Illinois

Updates since last meeting:

- Linda let the group know that there are currently three beds available at PJ's Place. The group of guys who are there now are getting along well. There have been two recent inquiries about PJ's Place. Linda said she has not had any inquiries for women's housing. Things are running pretty smooth at this time. Linda did ask a couple of the guys who were home at the time to share with the group about their experience.
The guys expressed to the group how thankful they were to be at PJ's Place. They talked about how being in the country setting has helped their mental health and being in the quiet of nature has such a benefit to their recovery. There is always something to do, like in the rec room or outside. They are getting along with others and trying to help each other out in any way they can. They did talk about how hard transportation is for many of them but they are finding ways to get around. They are looking forward to welcoming a horse to the property in the very near future.

Open discussion:

More local meetings for the guys at PJ's Place are needed. They have all gotten really involved in one of the local 12 step meetings. Lyndsey let the group know she has a meeting this week with a local church who is interested in starting a recovery meeting. She is offering the church encouragement, information on ROSC, PJ's Place along with ways ROSC may be able to help get the group started.

October 3rd will be the 5k fundraiser. It will be held at the Tuscola High School. The group was asked to help find sponsors for the event and encourage participants to sign up. Linda has provided a letter to use when asking for sponsors. She is needing many more sponsors and participants. She shared some flyers for the group to pass out. Linda has created a google doc for keeping track of who is a sponsor and who still needs to be asked to sponsor.

The motorcycle ride for PJ's Place is set for September 19th starting at 9am. A flyer has been created along with the list of stops for the event and it is being distributed.

Next Steps:

- Linda can provide a letter to anyone who would like to help ask for sponsorship for 5k.
- Everyone can help spread the word about the 5k and motorcycle ride.
- Andy and/or Misty can show Linda an example of a plan they can work on with the guys.
- Lyndsey will send the group the flyer for the motorcycle ride being held in September.