

**Cumberland County ROSC Council
Meeting Minutes**

August 28, 2026

5:30 p.m.

**Calvary Tabernacle
Zoom**

Attendees In-Person: Kristina Drum- Cumberland County ROSC Council Coordinator

Attendees on Zoom: Angie Hunt- Regional Council Manager: Region 11, Birth to Five, Sara Ruholl-Families/Parents, Madison Butler- Prevention Specialist, Hour House Prevention

Minutes

Agenda Item: Introductions of attendees & ice breaker

Meeting Summary: The meeting focused on updates and discussions related to community programs, events, and surveys in the region. Angie from Birth to Five Illinois shared information about their organization's mission to assess and address gaps in early childhood services. Kristina and Sara coordinated logistics for upcoming events, including a candlelight vigil, Paint the Town Purple activities, and a mental health first aid training. They also discussed the distribution and promotion of Narcan and the need for more community engagement. The conversation included concerns about the repetitive nature of the annual survey and its effectiveness in identifying new community needs, with Sara expressing frustration over the lack of visible change despite consistent data collection. Madison offered support for upcoming events and shared insights from her work in prevention. The conversation ended with plans to coordinate further for the vigil and other community activities.

Angie Hunt, Regional Council Manager for **Birth to Five Illinois**, provided an overview of the organization and its work to strengthen early childhood services throughout Illinois. Birth to Five Illinois launched in 2021 and works to identify available early childhood programs, understand the needs expressed by local families, and bring families, community members, and leaders together to address gaps in services.

Angie explained that **Region 11 serves Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby counties** and includes two councils: An **Action Council**, made up of community stakeholders invested in early childhood, and a **Family Council**, composed of parents and caregivers of children age eight and younger who provide valuable insight into the needs of local families.

Birth to Five Illinois works to ensure **equitable access to early childhood services for all children and families** by gathering community input and using it to help inform policy, funding, and service development. Angie also highlighted the organization's commitment to **family expertise, racial and social equity, and collective impact**, emphasizing the importance of including family and community voices in decision-making at the local, regional, and state levels.

Laundry Days: Our next **Laundry Day** will be held on **August 26** from **1:00–5:00 p.m.** at **Greenup E-Z Laundry**. Laundry Days will continue on the **fourth Wednesday of each month**.

Upcoming Events: The **Annual Candlelight Vigil** will be held on **August 28 at 7:30 p.m.** at the gazebo on the Courthouse Square in Toledo. In preparation for Recovery Month, purple ribbons will also be placed around the light poles in Courthouse Square on Friday. We are also partnering with the **Illinois Faith & Recovery Collaborative** to host a **Mental Health First Aid & Suicide Prevention Training** on **October 29 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.** The training will be held at the **Village of Toledo**, and lunch will be provided.

Recovery Month Activities: Kristina and Sara discussed plans for September, including video contributions from three PLEs who have agreed to make a video, with a need to recruit two more people.

ROSC Community Survey: The survey has been approved by the state and will be taken to Laundry Day, though they are still seeking creative ways to encourage diverse participation beyond people in recovery. The team discussed challenges with survey distribution, particularly at the YMCA where staff showed resistance to participation. Sara expressed concerns about using the same survey questions repeatedly, questioning whether it effectively identifies new needs or simply confirms existing ones.

Kristina confirmed the raw survey data is due December 30th, and the team discussed plans to collect responses during upcoming training sessions in October, potentially targeting various community groups including pastoral staff, EMTs, and first responders.

They acknowledged that while the survey questions must remain consistent to maintain grant funding eligibility, they need to better explain to residents how their participation leads to tangible results and changes.

DOPP Sites: The council went over the list of Drug Overdose Prevention (DOPP) Sites and discussed the goal of adding one more this quarter. Sara

. Reminders/Tasks:

- Kristina will email Madison with the time to help decorate the square on Friday.
- Sara will look at her schedule and confirm a time to meet on Friday.
- Check with Kirbside to see what drink they will do for Recovery Month.
- Sara to get school people involved in the ROSC meetings.
- Sara & Dustin will check the solar lights to ensure they work properly.

Next Meeting: **September 22, 2026 5:30 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle & Zoom**

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