

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: August 26, 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: **Nick Spidle**- BASE Program with Hour House, **Matthew Hales**- Newman Library, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Michelle Hibbard**-Rosecrance, **Carrie McKinzie**-Gateway Foundation, **Kayla Riggs**-Director Pretrial Success Program, **Misty Robinson**-CORS Program with the Hour House, **Summer Phillips**-Douglas County Health Department

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Toni Randall**- Statewide ROSC Region 4 TA, **Leanna Morgan**-BASE Program Coordinator with Hour House, **Andy Brandenburg**-CORS Program Coordinator with Hour House, **Jason Pantier**- Douglas County Probation, **Brody Good**-Douglas County Probation, **Ken Holland**-Community Member, **Diane Zell**-NAMI/DART, **Pastor Jill Bunker**-Arthur United Methodist Church

Guest speaker: Kayla Riggs, Director Pretrial Success Program

Kayla explained that she is working to build Local Advisory Councils made up of people including family members of those getting pretrial services. People on the council will be helping to speak up and guide where funds from the state need to be allocated. They will help create reports to be presented to the state showing need for funds. This group only meets every other month for two hours so it does not take much of their time. The next meeting is on September 4th at the Piatt County Mental Health Center. There are currently 14 members in Area 4 that area includes Douglas County.

To reach Kayla with any questions or for more information please call 217-545-7210 or email pretrialsupport@siumed.edu

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

- Update for transitional housing –There are beds available at PJ's Place. The next **Transitional Housing Meeting** is **September 9th** starting at 10 am location will be PJ's Place in Tuscola. On **October 3rd** there is a 5k located at the Tuscola High School starting at 9am and on **September 19th** there is a Motorcycle/Jeep/Anything with wheels run starting at Hometown Grounds Coffee & Events in Tuscola 9am. Please let others know about these events.
- The Recovery Court Team continues to meet monthly and work on the participant handbook, policies and procedures. The paperwork is ready to be signed related to the grant that was awarded to Douglas County Recovery Court and then the funds will be received.

- **Opioid Settlement Funds**

There are only a few items remaining to distribute from these funds.

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. All are welcome! **Next STYLE meeting** is on **September 15th** at 6 pm at PJ's Place in Tuscola.

Navigator Community Group

- Community Wellness group will be **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds Coffee & Events in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm in person** or zoom option is available. All are welcome!

Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events

- **Free Laundry** event in Arcola is happening September 25th from 4pm -6pm or until funds are out.
- **Vigil for Overdose Awareness** August 31st at the Courthouse in Tuscola starting at 7:30 pm.

Open discussion

The council members did have some discussion about the Housing Panel Event being held at the United Methodist Church in Tuscola in November. This group is working to come up with possible solutions related to different housing issues in Douglas County.

Matt reminded everyone that the Odd Market will be held on September 19th. For information contact the Tuscola Odd Fellows Lodge #316 on Facebook.

Carrie McKinzie shared with us that Gateway Foundation has changed their name and logo but that those are the only changes. The new name is Alpharus Health.

Jason R. let us know there is a peer position open at the Champaign Health Department.

Next Council Meeting: September 23rd. 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.