

Meeting Minutes

Douglas County ROSC Council Transitional Housing Subcommittee

Date: September 9, 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, **Andy Brandenburg** -CORS Program Coordinator with the Hour House, **Rob Wentz**- Community Member **Mark Mayer**-Community Member, **Ben S.**- PJ's Place, **Nick**-PJ's Place, **Mariah Witmer**-HOPE of East Central Illinois, **Misty Robinson**-CORS Program with Hour House, **Sarah Dulske**-BASE Program with Hour House

Updates since last meeting:

- Linda let the group know that there are currently beds available at PJ's Place. There have been a couple of new applicants and their paperwork is being reviewed.
- Linda stated that she has applied for a community grant and is waiting to hear back.
- Doug the horse has been donated to the house and a saddle has been donated for a while until the resident leaves.

Open discussion:

A men's general recovery support session for those with lived experience is happening on Tuesdays 6pm at PJ's Place thanks to the support of Misty from CORS and Rob a community volunteer.

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. If there are not more sponsors and participants soon the race may need to be cancelled.

The motorcycle/jeep/vehicle ride is on September 19th. Sign-ups will be at Hometown Grounds Coffee & Events in Tuscola at 9 am. Vehicles will then leave Tuscola at 10am following sign ups. The ride will stop at Buford's, Shae's, Warrior Pub, and then end at PJ's.

T-shirts and other PJ's Place items will be on sale at time of sign ups. Sale Street will be closed that day so staging area for the vehicles will be on the street to the north of Sale Street in the parking lot just north of the American Legion building.

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.
- PJ's Place merchandise will be on sale at the Odd Market on September 19th until the ride gets closer to finishing.
- Winter items are needed for the residents at PJ's Place and will get some donations from the community wide garage sale on September 19th. Contact Linda if you would like to donate 217-369-8001.

Next Meeting Details—October 7th at 10:00 AM

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