Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: October 28, 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: **Matthew Hales-** Newman Library, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Michelle Hibbard**-Rosecrance, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Addiction & Recovery Outreach, **Summer Phillips**-Douglas County Health Department, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Center, **Megan Janes**-MAAK Transportation, LLC., **Toni-Randall-** Statewide ROSC TA Region 4, **Amber Clark**-VA Services, **Mariah Witmer**-HOPE of East Central Illinois, **Nicole Oaties-**Community Network Specialist for Champaign-Urbana Health Dept, **Johanna Gonzalez**, Statewide ROSC Coordinator, **Eric Splechter**-Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Misty Robinson**, Douglas County CORS Recovery Navigator

In Person: **Kandis Mills-** Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Rob Wentz-**Community Member, **Josh Forbes-**Douglas County ROSC Council Navigator, **Nick Spidle**, Douglas County BASE Recovery Navigator, **Summer Butterick**, Community Member, **Barbie Gibson**-PAL coordinator, **Leanna Morgan**, BASE coordinator, **Sarah Dulske**, Douglas County Recovery Navigator

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Spotlight Speaker: **Barbie Gibson**, the new coordinator and leader of Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL), served as the meeting's spotlight speaker. She provided an overview of PAL and its support for people whose loved ones are affected by addiction. Gibson shared that, as the parent of a son in recovery, she sought support through PAL to stay connected and better understand what he was experiencing. She shared that PAL meetings are expected to be held monthly and announced that the first meeting was scheduled for October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Northline Community Church in Tuscola, Illinois. Her contact information is: mightyhighassett@yahoo.com

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

- Update for transitional housing –There are beds available at PJ's Place and Linda is currently taking applications. The next **Transitional Housing Meeting** is **November 4th** starting at 10 am location will be PJ's Place in Tuscola
- The Recovery Court Team continues to meet monthly and work on the participant handbook, policies, procedures, and gathering information from treatment providers. If you would like to help with planning, volunteering, or speaking at the upcoming community discussion on Recovery Court please contact Kandis at kandism@hourhouserecovery.org .
- **FY27 Community Survey** is still in progress across the county. We are targeting 1-5% of the population if able. Link is provided on social media and paper copies are available. QR code also available in the community. Survey ends on November 30th. We need everyone's voice!

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 **November 17th** at 6 pm at PJ's Place in Tuscola. A STYLE-like support group meets every Tuesday evening at PJ's Place.

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. New day of **Wednesday** is beginning in November at the coffee shop. All are welcome!

Upcoming and Past Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events

- **Free Laundry** event in Villa Grove is happening October 30th from 4pm -6pm or until funds are out.
- **Sensory Trick or Treat (Sponsored by the Autism Tribe)** took place on October 24th at the Community Building in Tuscola. Resources and goodies were available for the community. What a fun and spooky time!
- **Future free laundry days** are TBD. Sponsors are still needed for future laundry days. Any business or agency who would like to donate, let the coordinator know.

Open discussion

Rob indicated that resources and fundraising is much needed for PJ's Place transitional house. Some attendees gave great ideas on potential fundraising ideas which we will take to the next transitional housing meeting.

Megan reminded everyone of her transportation service in the area named MAAK.

Summer from the Douglas County Health Department announced the upcoming Women's Health Fair that is happening on November 5th at the Arcola Community Center.

Christine updated everyone on the Free Hepatitis C treatment at Outpatient CARC Building at Carle.

Next Council Meeting: November 18th, 2026 (due to the holiday) starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.