Moultrie County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Meeting purpose. The ROSC Council welcomed Eric Splechter as the new Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator and shared updates on recovery supports, community programs, and priorities for the coming weeks.

Meeting Details

Date: November 3, 2026 at 3:30 pm. **Hybrid only due to library construction
Facilitator: Josh Forbes, substituting for the Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator who was out sick
New ROS Council Coordinator introduced: Eric Splechter

Introductions and Attendance

Participants introduced themselves and stated what agency they are from.

Josh Forbes-Moultrie/Douglas ROSC Council Recovery Navigator

Eric Splechter- new Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator

Nathan Nichols-Central IL Public Transit

Justin Couve-PLE

Toni Randall, Region 4 Statewide ROSC Technical Assistant

Kristin Davis-Family Guidance Center

Angie Hunt and Ty Patterson-Birth to Five Illinois

Amber Clark- Veteran's Administration Community Outreach

Tera Couve-PLE

Mariah Witmer-HOPE Community Educator

Megan Ballard-Drug Court graduate and recovery navigator for Coles County Drug Court/Hour House

Discussion and Updates

ROSC Council transition and recovery supports

The meeting served as an introduction for Eric. Members discussed opportunities to support recovery in Moultrie County, including continued community education, medication-assisted recovery (MAR) information, and exploring whether a drug court could be established locally. Initial conversations about drug court have taken place with the state's attorney and Moultrie County Probation. Members also discussed lessons from a visit to Champaign County's Problem-Solving Court and the possibility of starting Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Celebrate Recovery meetings in Lovington.

Free laundry days

Josh announced upcoming free laundry days on November 19 in Sullivan and November 21 in Lovington. Justin confirmed a $100 donation from Moultrie County Pest Control. Recent events served 25 people: Sullivan recorded 19 washes and 15 dries; Lovington recorded 16 washes and 9 dries. Josh and Eric will seek additional community sponsors.

Drug court experience/Spotlight Speaker

Megan described choosing drug court while facing a possible lengthy prison sentence for a Class X felony. She said the program helped her build accountability, responsibility, and self-love through therapy, weekly court appearances, and meetings. She highlighted the structure and support in Phases 1 and 2 and the role they can play in helping participants build stable, productive lives in recovery. She emphasized the importance of being a peer and providing peer support for those in the drug court program and the community. She explained how it has allowed her to have a full circle turnaround in her life going from a person in the grips of addiction and now working to help others that have been in the same or similar situations.

Community announcements and resources

Mariah announced Hope's final survivor letter-writing event at Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library in Sullivan. Amber from the VA explained the Compact Act program, which can provide eligible veterans experiencing an acute mental health or suicidal crisis with up to 30 days of inpatient and 90 days of outpatient care. She will be at the Senior Center for people to ask questions at dine with a Doc. Tera from CEFS invited nominations for the CEFS Christmas program serving children in Moultrie County.

Community education and deliverables

Community education sessions continue on Mondays at Sweet Vail Coffee Shop until library reopens to the public. Members discussed the community resource guides and the Moultrie County ROSC survey, with November 30 identified as the deadline for survey distribution and completion.

Upcoming Events/Activities

We will be co-hosting the annual Santa's Little Helper event with DOVE, Inc. in December. The date is TBD at this time.

Free Laundry Days in Sullivan and Lovington in November and December.

Action Items

- Send the digital Moultrie County ROSC survey link to community members who have not yet responded and continue survey outreach before the November 30 deadline.
- Continue providing community education and MAR resources.
- Explore the next steps for a potential Moultrie County drug court.
- Contact community businesses and organizations about sponsorships for Free Laundry Days in both towns during outreach.
- Attend drug court in Shelby County to gain knowledge of a successful drug court.
- Preparation for the new year Strategic Plan.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library in Sullivan. Eric will chair the meeting.

Past Meeting Minutes can be found at the Governor's State University website https://www.govst.edu