

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: June 24, 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, **Megan Janes**-BASE Program with Hour House, **Jason Rudolph**- Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Outreach, **Lara Davis**-Human Rights Authority, **Angie Hunt**-Birth 2 Five, **Michelle Hibbard**-Rosecrance, **Johanna Gonzalez**- IDHS DBHR ROSC Coordinator, **Mariah Witmer**- Community Educator with HOPE East Central Illinois

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Douglas County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Ken Holland**- Community Member, **Felicia Ledferd** – Community Member, **Mandi Gilliland**-ERBA and Salvation Army Tuscola, **Diane Zell**-NAMI, DART/ Deflection, **Lisa Edwards**- Douglas County Coroner

Guest speaker: **Lara Davis, Human Rights Authority Disability Rights Manager**

The mission is to safeguard the rights of person with disabilities under the Guardianship and Advocacy Act.

They are the investigative branch of the agency. Promoting systemic improvements to disability rights protections. Ensuring compliance with rights regulations. They are unique in the use of regional panels. They are investigating possible rights violations by service providers.

Lara talked us through making a complaint, information about the panels, investigative methods, substantiated findings, and a few case examples.

To reach Lara with any questions or for more information: Lara.Davis2@Illinois.gov

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

- Update for transitional housing –The open house was great! Linda is taking applications and has started to interview applicants. The next Transitional Housing Meeting is July 8rd 10 am at PJ's Place in Tuscola.
- The next meeting of the Recovery Court Team is June 30th at 10:30am located at the Douglas County Courthouse. No word back yet on the ICJA ARI grant application that was submitted.

Opioid Settlement Funds

- Fentanyl test kits are available at our free Narcan (Naloxone) sites. There are also some gas gift cards, Dial a Ride tokens, cell phones/phone cards, and some recovery books available. If you need any of these items please let Lyndsey or Kandis know.

Open Discussion: There was some discussion on what can be done now that we do not have the behavioral health services in the county that we once did. The idea of a 708 board was mentioned. Here are the links that were shared to information about that: <https://acmhai.org/> , <https://www.advocatefor708.org/>

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 **July 21st** at 6 pm located at 209 E. Van Allen in Tuscola.

Navigator Community Group

- Community education 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!
- Kandis also shared that some of the inmates at the Jail have been connected to MAR (Medication Assisted Recovery) and are having great success.

Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events

- **Free Laundry** event in Villa Grove is happening June 26th from 4pm -6pm or until funds are out and Free Laundry July 31st at the Arcola Laundromat from 4pm-6pm or until funds are out.
- **Vigil for Overdose Awareness August 31st at the Courthouse in Tuscola starting at 7:30 pm.** We are looking for anyone willing to speak at the Vigil.

Next Council Meeting: July 22nd 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.