

## Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

**Date:** May 27, 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

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### 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, **Toni Randall**-ROSC Technical Assistance Region 4, **Angie Hunt**-Birth 2 Five, **Jenna Slaughter**-Workforce Job Center Tuscola, Michelle Hibbard-Rosecrance, **Johanna Gonzalez**- IDHS DBHR ROSC Coordinator, Sarah Ambrose, Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, **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, **Jason Pantier** - Douglas County Probation, **Mandi Gilliland**-ERBA and Salvation Army Tuscola, **Tamee Adams**-Douglas County Jail Administrator, **Andy Brandenburg**-CORS Program Coordinator with Hour House, **Summer Butterick**, Community Member

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Guest speaker: **Sarah Ambrose, Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant**

An Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant helps to support the social and emotional development of infants and young children by strengthening the capacity of caregivers and programs to respond effectively to their needs. Important to know is that Sarah is not providing any therapy and the services are free.

Sarah shared about the child care trainings offered for providers, parents, and family members or friends. Consultation services offered for six, nine, or even 12 months to help people with burn out and to offer any support. Sarah is working to grow the confidence of caregivers/providers, enhance family relationships, and lower the possibility of a child being suspended or expelled along with reducing turnover in childcare programs.

Sarah is happy to help any families, caregivers, childcare providers with any resources and support.

To reach Sarah and for more information: [sambrose@thebabyfold.org](mailto:sambrose@thebabyfold.org), [Caregiver Connections/The Baby Fold](#)

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

- Update for transitional housing –Open House May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. The next Transitional Housing Meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am at PJ's Place.
- Monday Night MAR will be in Arcola on June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm at the Masonic Lodge.
- The next meeting of the Drug Court Team is June 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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 and learn more. All are welcome! **Next meeting** is on **June 16<sup>st</sup>** at 6 pm 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**. All are welcome!

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### **Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events**

- June 6<sup>th</sup> **Health and Happiness Hangout** in Villa Grove at Community Rec Center. Free and open to everyone.
- Douglas County ROSC is hosing **Monday Night MAR: A Community Conversation About Medication Assisted Recovery, Harm Reduction and Multiple Pathways to Recovery** in Arcola on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm.
- **Free Laundry** event in Villa Grove is happening June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm -6pm or until funds are out

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**Next Council Meeting:** June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.