

Moultrie County ROSC Council

June Meeting Minutes

When: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Online (via Zoom) and Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library

Who: Josh Forbes (Meeting facilitator and minutes)

Attendees in-person:

- Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator – Josh Forbes
- Moultrie County ROSC Council Navigator – Kandis Mills
- Moultrie County Center for Counseling – Brittany Kelley

Zoom attendees:

- Spotlight speaker – Drug Court graduate - Monica Rodriguez
- Region 4 ROSC Technical Assistant – Toni Randall
- Family Guidance Center – Kristin Davis
- ROSC Council Supervisor – Jenna Hays

Spotlight Speaker: Monica Rodriguez

Monica started out by explaining the approval process for the Drug Court program. Considering the severity of her offense, she was looking at a seven-year prison sentence. Monica stated that she wasn't approved for Drug Court immediately. She continued by explaining how she sat in Champaign County Jail for six months before being approved for the Drug Court program. She described that after seven months of being on Drug Court, she relapsed. She went on to say she took full accountability for her actions and told on herself. Drug Court decided to give Monica a second chance, since she was honest and held herself fully accountable. Monica said, "it was a humbling experience". Monica said she visited the New Leaf treatment center in Peoria, IL, and she said it was life-changing. She had access to her phone while in treatment, but she had to do

what they called a clean sweep and delete all using friends and contacts. Monica said “Healing was everything”. She went on to say she got out of treatment and literally turned a new leaf.

Monica continued by saying, while she was in treatment, she was introduced to a recovery fellowship. She said now that she had learned about the disease of addiction in treatment, Drug Court, and the tools of recovery, she was beginning to see things differently. Monica said that MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy) provided a positive outlook, and Drug Court held her accountable with weekly meetings every Monday. Monica also mentioned she was in a women’s sober living facility, but didn’t give an exact time frame for how long. Monica said Drug Court changed my life for the better. Monica said after coming back to her parents’ house from the sober living facility, her stepfather was diagnosed with brain cancer. Monica continued by saying how she had an overwhelming sense of gratitude because of the process of recovery and the accountability of Drug Court, she could be present in her family’s life.

Monica went on to say that as of May 16th, 2026, she had celebrated three years of sobriety, and she couldn’t have done it without Drug Court, MRT, and the recovery fellowship she still attends to this day; she is extremely grateful. Josh thanked Monica for her courage and testimony. Josh then asked if anyone in attendance had any questions for Monica. Kandis then asked, what was the hardest phase of Drug Court? Monica answered, saying, phase one was the hardest because of all the appointments, and finding the balance to do so, and the time management. Kandis asked, how long did the phases last? Monica replied by saying, about four to five months, she recalls. Josh asked Monica, are there any basic principles or rules for Drug Court? Monica answered by saying, yes, be honest, be on time, and try your best.

Priority Project Overview:

- Increase awareness of available recovery resources and make them accessible to individuals in recovery by June 30th, 2026.

Josh said that they have put the order in for the Moultrie County ROSC Council resource guide, and are waiting for it to be delivered via mail. Josh continued by saying he has distributed a prototype module of the resource guide to the Moultrie county Health Department, the Moultrie County Probation Office, and the Moultrie County Center for Counseling. Josh also said he has been keeping a log of how many resource guides have been distributed.

- By June 30th, 2026, collaborate with key Moultrie County stakeholders – including the Sheriff’s Office, jail administration, the state’s attorney’s office, probation, local healthcare/MAR providers, and PLE’s – to assess the feasibility, resources, and protocols needed to implement MAR within the Moultrie County Jail.

Josh said he was happy to announce that he and Kandis met with the Moultrie County Jail administrator and the MAR Learning Collaborative, Rich Vandenhuevel and his colleague, along with the Moultrie County Jail nurse, and the Moultrie County Sheriff on Thursday, May 28th. The Moultrie County Jail is on board with MAR (Medication Assisted Recovery). They said they are moving forward with the

Learning Collaborative and scheduling monthly meetings. Mr. Vandenhuevel agreed to be one of the panelists for the MAR panel coming up in the fall of this year.

- By June 30th, 2028, assist in finalizing a Drug Court program in Moultrie County. Including stakeholder agreements, program framework, resource alignment, and readiness for launch.

Josh said he has met with the Moultrie County State's Attorney and the Moultrie County Probation Department to further explore the facilitation of a Drug Court program and what barriers need to be addressed. The State's Attorney and the Moultrie County Probation Department have expressed both of their concerns in the matter of not having a treatment provider in their area. Josh continued by saying he was in the process of putting together a Drug Court panel for fall of this year, and the State's Attorney, the Moultrie County Sheriff, and the Moultrie County Probation Department all said they would attend.

Navigator update:

Kandis said, she would like to see more people in attendance at her education groups on Monday's at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Josh said he is continuing to see inmates at the Moultrie County Jail every Monday.

Upcoming event:

- **Recovery Grub-Fest:**

Josh was grateful to announce the Recovery Grub-Fest, a **free**, family-friendly, fun-filled day. An event open to all community members will be held on Saturday, June 20th from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm at Wyman Park in Sullivan. We are beyond grateful to bring live music, recovery resources from surrounding areas, and create your own tie-dye t-shirt, including food trucks and other vendors. We're also having a special guest celebrity appearance by Shawn Woods to give the community a chance for autographs and a photo opportunity.

- **Candlelight Vigil:**

Josh said we will be having the Moultrie County ROSC Council Candlelight Vigil Friday, August 28th, at Wyman Park from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. Anyone can attend.

- **Free Laundry Day update from Thursday, May 28th**

May Laundry Day – Sullivan Wash and Fold.

ROSC Council Coordinator: Josh Forbes
ROSC Council Navigator: Kandis Mills
Sponsor: Norris and Son Tree Service (Lovington)

Washes Completed: 24

Dries Completed: 25

Total Individuals Served: 24

Next Laundry Day: Thursday, June 25th

Sullivan Wash and Fold.

9:00 am – 12:00 (or until funds run out)

Sponsored by: The Highway Church of Christ

Questions/Comments/Announcements:

Contact emails:

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Where to find past meeting minutes: <https://www.govst.edu/ROSC-GSU/ROSCC>

Next Moultrie County ROSC Council Meeting*

Date: Tuesday July 7th, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library & Zoom