Meeting Minutes

Douglas County ROSC Council Transitional Housing Subcommittee
Date: October 7, 2026 **Time**: 10:00 AM-11:00AM
Location: In-Person at PJ's Place Tuscola, IL

Attendees In Person:

- **Kandis Mills-**Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Andy Brandenburg** -CORS Program Coordinator with the Hour House, **Josh Forbes**- Douglas County ROSC Council Navigator, **Mark Mayer**-Community Member and facilitator, **Ben**- PJ's Place, **Nick**-PJ's Place, **Barb Gibson**, PALS leader/community member, **Ken**-community member, **Rob Wentz**-STYLE/JOAT

Updates since last meeting:

- Mark let the group know that there are currently three beds available at PJ's Place. The group of guys who are there now are getting along well. They have had some hiccups but now it's back to normal. There have been several recent inquiries about PJ's Place. Mark said he has not had any inquiries for women's housing. Two guys who were home at the time shared with the group about their experience. The guys once again expressed to the group how thankful they were to be at PJ's Place. They talked about how being in the country setting has helped their mental health and being in the quiet of nature has such a benefit to their recovery. There is always something to do, like in the rec room or outside. There is a garden also. They are getting along with others and trying to help each other out in any way they can. They did talk about how hard transportation is for many of them but they are finding ways to get around. A new resident came to Pj's Place-**Doug**, the horse-he is getting broken so people can ride him or ride on a cart or buggy.
- October 3rd was the 5k fundraiser-everything went well and it brought in a significant amount of funds. Motorcycle ride on September 19th went well also with several bikes in attendance.

Open discussion:

More local meetings for the guys at PJ's Place are needed. They have all gotten really involved in one of the local 12 step meetings. STYLE is held every Tuesday at PJ's Place and is open to other men also. We all talked about other means of fundraising. A grant has been applied for and we are waiting final approval for it.

Barb Gibson, PALs facilitator and community member spoke about the new group starting on October 29 at the Northline Christian Church. Barb brought business cards and flyers to hand out and is encouraging parents of Addicted loved one to become involved for support.

If anyone has winter clothing or cold weather gear, they can donate to PJ's Place (men's small-2xl)

Next Steps for PJ's Place/housing subcommittee:

- Thinking about any future fundraising activities.
- Continue STYLE meetings every Tuesday evening on site.
- Potentially Pj's Place pairing with ROSC with tables at any upcoming events.
- Linda/Mark continue to review applications and conducting interviews as they come in.
- Will continue to keep eyes open for grants or other fundraisers to support sustainability.

Next Meeting Details—November 4th at 10:00 AM **Location**: In-Person at PJ's Place